

CHAPTER 348—H.F.No. 222

An act relating to international trade; establishing a regional international trade service center pilot project; appropriating money for the project and for the Red River trade corridor project.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. REGIONAL INTERNATIONAL TRADE SERVICE CENTER; PILOT PROJECT.

Subdivision 1. ESTABLISHMENT. A regional international trade service center pilot project is established to provide assistance in the area of international trade to businesses in the state. The pilot project shall terminate June 30, 1993. Overall administration of the center shall be provided by the board of directors of the Minnesota World Trade Center Corporation. The commissioner of trade and economic development shall ensure that no service provided under this section duplicates a service provided under other law.

Subd. 2. DUTIES. The regional international trade service center shall have at least the following duties:

(1) to provide timely personalized assistance to businesses exporting or planning to export goods and services and to concentrate on providing direct assistance at the place of business;

(2) to establish and maintain access to a current library and resource center containing material relating to international trade and trade lead information;

(3) to establish contractual relationships with the Greater Minnesota Corporation small business development centers; the Minnesota trade office; and public higher education institutions, their foreign-based campuses, and affiliates, for referrals between these entities and the regional center for technical assistance;

(4) to enter into a formal agreement with the National Association of Small Business International Trade Educators as a state chapter, thus accessing a national pool of small business international trade expertise;

(5) to enter into a formal agreement with the department of trade and economic development that designates the regional center as a field office of the Minnesota trade office;

(6) to provide a calendar of regularly scheduled trade workshops and seminars for regional businesses and establish and act as regional recruiters for a privately funded International Education Academy, in cooperation with the Minnesota trade office, the United States Department of Commerce, small business development centers, the Small Business Administration, and public higher education institutions;

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(7) to conduct annual regional surveys of the international trade service requirements of all existing exporters in the region, to perform a needs assessment of new-to-export companies that are beginning to export or participate in an international trade program, to research regional product and service firms that have export potential and to contact and contract with them for service programs, and to contract with each of the entities in this clause for an annual program;

(8) to design with available local, state, and federal service providers a computer-based service menu and annual service program for each client;

(9) to organize and conduct six regional trade workshops each year to provide international trade and export education and participate in other trade workshops;

(10) to recruit businesses and economic development professionals in the region for the full schedule of United States Department of Commerce foreign trade missions, catalog shows, and foreign international trade fairs;

(11) to establish direct FAX communication links for business communication with United States Department of Commerce overseas posts in 154 countries;

(12) to act as the "hot line" regional export information center for regional businesses, higher educational institutions, and economic development offices, small business development commissions, and chambers of commerce;

(13) to create partnerships with regional higher education institutions to expand international business, trade, and world cultural curriculum; and

(14) to follow up on an individual basis on trade leads.

Subd. 3. STAFF. The center shall have a professional staff that is experienced in providing expert international trade assistance to small businesses with prior experience in the private sector in exporting goods and services.

Subd. 4. MATCHING FUNDS. The center must seek matching money from federal, state, and local public and private sources.

Subd. 5. CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES. The department of trade and economic development shall solicit proposals from vendors who are qualified to provide services required by this section and contract with a qualified vendor after thorough examination of the proposals.

Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION.

(a) \$50,000 is appropriated from the general fund for the biennium ending June 30, 1993, to the Minnesota World Trade Center Corporation board of

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directors for the purposes of section 1. No funds shall be released for the purposes of section 1 until the commissioner of trade and economic development has reviewed the services and determined that they do not duplicate other state services.

(b) \$50,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the regents of the University of Minnesota for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1992, to make a grant to the Red River trade corridor project.

Presented to the governor May 31, 1991

Became law without the governor's signature June 5, 1991

[Revisor's Note: While the governor attempted to veto this chapter, the Ramsey County District Court found the attempted veto to be invalid.]

CHAPTER 349—H.F.No. 635

An act relating to elections; authorizing a mail levy referendum; authorizing certain experimental procedures; setting certain redistricting goals and deadlines; authorizing certain actions by voters; limiting certain special elections; setting times and procedures for certain boundary changes; imposing duties on the secretary of state; changing requirements for polling places; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1990, sections 10A.01, subdivisions 10 and 10c; 10A.02, subdivisions 5, 8, 9, 10, 12, and 13; 10A.065, subdivisions 1 and 5; 10A.20, subdivisions 3 and 5; 10A.25, subdivisions 5, 7, and 10; 10A.255, subdivision 3; 10A.27, subdivision 1; 10A.30, subdivision 2; 10A.31, subdivisions 3 and 10; 10A.324, subdivision 3; 10A.43, subdivisions 1, 3, and 4; 10A.44, subdivisions 1, 4, and 6; 201.091, subdivision 4; 202A.14, subdivision 1; 204B.135; 204B.14, subdivisions 3, 4, and 6, and by adding a subdivision; 204B.16, subdivisions 1 and 2; 205.84, subdivision 2; 205A.12, subdivision 6; and 375.025, subdivisions 2 and 4; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 204B.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1990, section 10A.01, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

Subd. 10. **CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE.** "Campaign expenditure" or "expenditure" means a purchase or payment of money or anything of value, or an advance of credit, made or incurred for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of a candidate or for the purpose of promoting or defeating a ballot question.

An expenditure is considered to be made in the year in which the ~~goods or services for which it was made are used or consumed~~ candidate made the purchase of goods or services or incurred an obligation to pay for goods or services.

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