

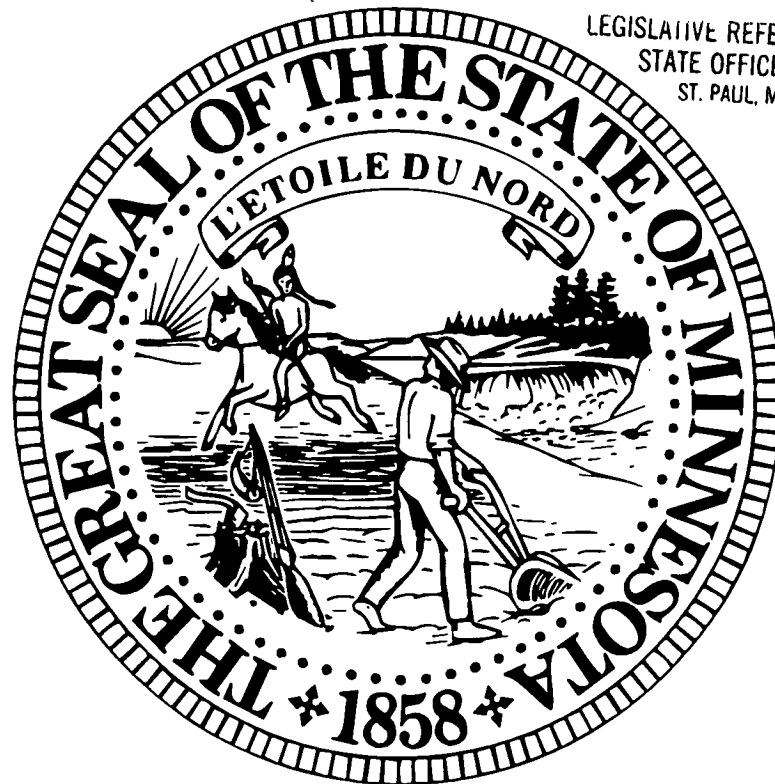
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9530.6610 (adopted).....	2474
9550.0010; .0020; .0030; .0040; .0050; .0060; .0070; .0080; .0090; .0091; .0092; .0093 (adopted).....	2427
9550.0010 s.10,11,13,16,20,21; .0040 s.7; .0050 s.4,7 (repealed) ...	2427
9575.0350; .1500 (adopted).....	2592

Adopted Rules

The adoption of a rule becomes effective after the requirements of Minn. Stat. §§14.14-14.28 have been met and five working days after the rule is published in *State Register*, unless a later date is required by statutes or specified in the rule.

If an adopted rule is identical to its proposed form as previously published, a notice of adoption and citation to its previous *State Register* publication will be printed.

If an adopted rule differs from its proposed form, language which has been deleted will be printed with strikeouts and new language will be underlined. The rule's previous *State Register* publication will be cited.

An emergency rule becomes effective five working days after the approval of the Attorney General as specified in Minn. Stat. §14.33 and upon the approval of the Revisor of Statutes as specified in §14.36. Notice of approval by the Attorney General will be published as soon as practicable, and the adopted emergency rule will be published in the manner provided for adopted rules under §14.18.

Department of Human Services

Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Mental Health Center and Mental Health Clinic Standards

The rules proposed and published at *State Register*, Volume 20, Number 26, pages 1692-1694, December 26, 1995 (20 SR 1692), are adopted with the following modifications:

Rules as Adopted

9520.0790 MINIMUM TREATMENT STANDARDS.

Subp. 3. **Assessment and diagnostic process.** The center shall establish an assessment and diagnostic process that determines the client's condition and need for clinical services. The assessment of each client shall include clinical consideration of the client's general physical, medical, developmental, family, social, psychiatric, and psychological history and current condition. The diagnostic statement shall include the diagnosis based on the codes in the International Classification of Diseases or the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders and refer to the pertinent assessment data. The diagnosis shall be by or under the supervision of and signed by a ~~mental health professional~~ psychiatrist or licensed psychologist. The diagnostic assessment, as defined by Minnesota Statutes, sections 245.462, subdivision 9, for adults, and 245.4871, subdivision 11, for children, must be provided by a licensed mental health professional in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 245.467, subdivision 2.

Board of Teaching

Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to License Fees

The rules proposed and published at *State Register*, Volume 20, Number 40, pages 2403-2404, April 1, 1996, (20 SR 2403), are adopted as proposed.

Department of Natural Resources

Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules; Fall Turkey Season

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above entitled rule has been adopted through the process prescribed by *Minnesota Statutes*, section 84.027, subdivision 13(b). The statutory authority for the contents of this rule is *Minnesota Statutes*, section 97B.711.

Dated: 3 June 1996

Rodney W. Sando

Commissioner of Natural Resources

By Gail Lewellan, Assistant Commissioner of
Human Resources and Legal Affairs

Rules as Adopted

6236.0700 FALL TURKEY SEASON.

[For text of subs 1 to 3, see M.R.]

Subp. 4. **Open areas.** Wild turkey permit areas are open for the fall turkey season as prescribed by the commissioner. The following wild turkey permit areas are open for the 1996 fall season: 339-462; 341-342; 343-347; 344; 345-348; 346; 349; 461; 466-467; and that portion of 464-465 listed as 465 in subpart 6 and described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 12, Steele County and Interstate Highway 35 (I-35); thence along I-35 to U.S. Highway 14; thence along U.S. Highway 14 to CSAH 16; thence along CSAH 16 to State Trunk Highway (STH) 30; thence along STH 30 to CSAH 13, Dodge County; thence along CSAH 13 to U.S. Highway 14; thence along U.S. Highway 14 to STH 57; thence along STH 57 to CSAH 24, Dodge County; thence along CSAH 24 to CSAH 12, Steele County; thence along CSAH 12 to the point of beginning.

[For text of subp 5, see M.R.]

Subp. 6. **Turkey hunt quotas.** Quotas on hunter numbers are established annually by the commissioner for each Wild Turkey Permit Area and time period. Information on these quotas can be obtained in the application and annual hunting regulations. Quotas for 1996 are as follows:

1996 WILD TURKEY PERMIT AREA QUOTAS (FALL)

<u>Wild Turkey Permit Area Number</u>	<u>Time Period and Date</u>	
	<u>A (10/16-20)</u>	<u>B (10/23-27)</u>
<u>339/462</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>35</u>
<u>341/342</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>210</u>
<u>343/347</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>
<u>344</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
<u>345/348</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>
<u>346</u>	<u>195</u>	<u>195</u>
<u>349</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>280</u>
<u>461</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>465</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>466/467</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1250</u>	<u>1250</u>

Grand total=2500

EFFECTIVE PERIOD. The emergency amendments to *Minnesota Rules*, part 6236.0700, subparts 4 and 6, expire December 31, 1996. After the emergency amendments expire, the permanent rule as it read prior to those amendments again takes effect, except as it may be amended by permanent rule.

Official Notices

Pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes §14.101, an agency, in preparing proposed rules, may seek information or opinion from sources outside the agency. Notices of intent to solicit outside opinion must be published in the *State Register* and all interested persons afforded the opportunity to submit data or views on the subject, either orally or in writing.

The *State Register* also publishes other official notices of state agencies, notices of meetings, and matters of public interest.

Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Marketing and Agricultural Development Division

Request for Comments on Planned Amendments to Rules Governing Commodity Councils, *Minnesota Rules, part 1570.0800*

Subject of the Rule. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture requests comments on its planned amendments to a rule governing general polling procedures for commodity council elections. The department is considering a rule amendment that will allow commodity councils to hold elections and referenda by mail.

Persons Affected. The amendments to the rule would likely affect producers of agricultural crops for which a commodity council has been established. The department does not contemplate appointing an advisory committee to comment on the planned amendments.

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 17.58, subd. 4, requires the commissioner to adopt rules to govern the organization, conduct of elections, referenda, and meetings of a council and the administration of a promotional order for any commodity.

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on the planned rule amendments in writing or orally until **4:30 p.m. on August 16, 1996**. The department has prepared a draft of the planned rule amendments. Written or oral comments, questions, requests to receive a draft proposed amendments, and requests for more information on the planned rule amendments should be addressed to: Margaret Savard, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 90 W. Plato Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55107; Phone 612/296-6962, Fax 612/296-6890.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will not be included in the formal rulemaking record when a proceeding to adopt a rule is started.

Dated: 4 June 1996

William L. Oemichen
Deputy Commissioner

Minnesota Early Childhood Care and Education Council

Regular Full Council Meeting Date

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Early Childhood Care and Education Council (ECCE) has scheduled the following meetings. Direct inquiries to: Chris Bremer, Chair, Minnesota Early Childhood Care and Education Council, Honeywell, Inc., Honeywell Plaza, Minneapolis, MN 55408. Phone: (612) 951-2066, TDD MRS 612/297-5353 (Metro) or TDD MRS 800/627-3529 (Greater Minnesota).

Regular Full Council Meeting - September 16, 1996, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., 5th Floor, Veterans Service Building, 20 West 12th Street, St. Paul, MN 55155.

Contact the Council for specific agenda details.

Department of Employee Relations

Notice of Seminar on Minnesota Rulemaking

An Overview and Discussion of State Administrative Rulemaking for Agency Staff.

The seminar will be presented on two dates: Thursday, June 27, 1996, and Wednesday, July 31, 1996. The content of the seminar will be the same on both dates. The seminar will last from 7:45 a.m. until 12 noon and be in Room 10 State Office Building on both dates.

Sponsored by the Department of Employee Relations, the Seminar and materials were created by a committee of experienced agency rulemakers.

Space is limited. For information, call Dave Orren at 612/282-6310. For registration materials, call DOER at 612/296-2380.

Minnesota Health Care Commission

Health Technology Advisory Committee

Notice of: 1) Availability of Preliminary "Autologous Bone Marrow Transplantation (ABMT) or Peripheral Blood Stem Cell Transplantation (PBSCT) after High-Dose Chemotherapy for Breast Cancer" Evaluation Report; 2) Solicitation of Written Comments

The Health Technology Advisory Committee (HTAC) of the Minnesota Health Care Commission is charged under *Minnesota Statutes* 62J.152 with conducting evaluations of specific technologies and their specific use and application. For the purposes of evaluation, the definition of technologies in statute includes "... drugs, devices, procedures, or processes applied to human health care" As part of the evaluation process, HTAC is required to submit a preliminary report to the Minnesota Health Care Commission, and to solicit written comments on the report. Before completing its final comments and recommendations on the HTAC technology evaluation report, the Commission solicits and reviews public testimony on the report.

The Health Technology Advisory Committee (HTAC) of the Minnesota Health Care Commission has completed its preliminary report on the evaluation of "Autologous Bone Marrow Transplantation (ABMT) or Peripheral Blood Stem Cell Transplantation (PBSCT) after High-Dose Chemotherapy for Breast Cancer". Interested individuals or organizations may submit written comments regarding the technology evaluation report within 30 days from the publication of this notice to the attention of Susan Hudson at:

HTAC
121 East 7th Place, Suite 400
P.O. Box 64975
St. Paul, MN 55164-0975
Fax: 612/282-5628

Any written material received by the Minnesota Health Care Commission shall be subject to the requirements of the Minnesota Data Practices Act (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 13).

For information regarding HTAC, or to obtain a copy of the HTAC report on "Autologous Bone Marrow Transplantation (ABMT) or Peripheral Blood Stem Cell Transplantation (PBSCT) after High-Dose Chemotherapy for Breast Cancer", please contact Susan Hudson at 612-282-6374, or via fax at 612-282-5628.

Brief Summary of the Preliminary HTAC Report: Autologous Bone Marrow Transplantation (ABMT) or Peripheral Blood Stem Cell Transplantation (PBSCT) after High-Dose Chemotherapy for Breast Cancer:

Issues of HDC with ABMT and/or PBSCT

- Does HDC with ABMT and/or PBSCT improve survival rates in these breast cancer patients compared with standard-dose breast cancer treatment?
- Do the potential benefits of high-dose treatment outweigh the risks of serious treatment-related complications and death, compared to standard-dose treatment?
- For what subset of patients (considering age, type of cancer, estrogen response, etc.) does HDC have greater promise for long-term survival in women with earlier stages of breast cancer?
- The issues surrounding costs of HDC with ABMT and/or PBSCT are an important consideration, but the clinical effectiveness of the treatment should be addressed first.

Conclusions

1. HDC with ABMT and/or PBSCT is a promising treatment for breast cancer. However, there is controversy as to whether the improved response rates observed after HDC translate into significant health benefits (i.e., improved disease-free status, longer survival, increased likelihood of cure, enhanced quality of life) that justify the increased morbidity and increased mortality.
2. For some patients, high costs are associated with this treatment, compared to standard-dose chemotherapy.
3. Well-designed randomized clinical trials comparing state-of-the-art standard-dose chemotherapy to HDC with ABMT and/or PBSCT, controlling for cancer stage, treatment history, and other relevant patient factors such as age and estrogen receptor status, are necessary to answer the above questions. Except for a small South African study recently presented in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology* (Bezwoda et al., October, 1995), results from these studies are not yet available.
4. The National Cancer Institute is sponsoring randomized, controlled clinical studies with adequate patient populations, strict patient inclusion criteria, and well-defined outcome parameters. Because there is not yet sufficient patient enrollment in these crucial studies, the data needed to determine the long-term effectiveness and safety of HDC with ABMT and/or PBSCT for breast cancer treatment compared with standard therapies for the disease, are not yet available.
5. Whether HDC with ABMT and/or PBSCT can improve patient survival at acceptable levels of morbidity, mortality and costs to the health care system cannot be answered without data from randomized controlled trials.

Many ethical and policy issues on this and other health care interventions remain to be discussed. Until data are available to assist with this discussion, patients, physicians, and payers must use their best judgement on an individual basis, for treatment of the disease.

Minnesota Department of Health

Request for Comments on Planned Amendment to Rules Governing the Collection of Financial, Utilization, and Services Data from Freestanding Outpatient Surgical Centers, *Minnesota Rules*, Chapter 4650

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Department of Health requests comments on its planned amendment to rules governing the collection of financial, utilization, and services data from freestanding outpatient surgical centers. *Minnesota Rules*, chapter 4650, governs the collection of financial, utilization, and services data from hospitals and from freestanding outpatient surgical centers. However, freestanding outpatient surgical centers do not submit data pursuant to the rules because the data elements they submit are set out in a variance to chapter 4650 granted by the Commissioner of Health under *Laws of Minnesota* for 1984, chapter 534, section 11. The Department is now considering rule amendments that will put into rule the data elements now reported by freestanding outpatient surgical centers under the variance provisions.

Relation to Existing Rules Project. In May, 1995, the Department of Health began development of rule amendments to chapter 4650, as these rule amendments apply to hospitals. The Department published a Notice of Solicitation regarding this in the May 15, 1995, *State Register* (19S.R.2250) and an Amended Notice of Solicitation in the July 31, 1995, *State Register* (20S.R.201). Recently, the Department of Health realized that it would be possible to adopt rule amendments applicable to freestanding outpatient surgical centers within the time frame and as part of the rules project related to hospitals. This Request for Comments is intended to supplement and not replace the two previously published Notices of Solicitation.

Persons Affected. The amendments to the rules which are the subject of this Request for Comments would likely affect the owners and administrative employees of freestanding outpatient surgical centers. The Department of Health does not contemplate appointing an advisory committee to comment on the planned amendments affecting freestanding outpatient surgical centers. The Department will take written and oral comments and, if there is an interest in it, the Department will create an advisory committee.

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, sections, 62J.04, 62J.321, 144.55, and 144.695 to 144.703 authorize the Department to adopt rules for: implementing health care cost containment; for research and data initiatives; and health care cost information.

Public Comment/Rules Drafts/Agency Contact Person. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these planned rules in writing or orally until further notice is published in the *State Register* that the Department intends to adopt or to withdraw the rules. The Department has prepared a draft of the planned amendments. Written or oral comments, questions, requests to receive a draft of the rules, and requests for more information on these planned rule amendments should be addressed to: Sharon Mitchell, Minnesota Department of Health, Health Policy & Systems Compliance Division, P.O. Box 64975, St. Paul, MN 55164-0975; telephone: (612) 282-3874; fax: (612) 282-5628. TDD users may call the Department at (612) 623-5522.

Note: Comments received in response to this notice will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the administrative law judge when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The agency is required to submit to the judge only those written comments received in response to the rule when they are proposed.

Dated: 10 June 1996

Anne M. Barry, Commissioner
Department of Health

Minnesota Department of Health

Membership of Rulemaking Advisory Committees

This publication contains the membership of rulemaking advisory committees that commented on rules under active consideration within the Department of Health during the last year. This publication refers to those committees where the membership list has not been published in the *State Register* during the past year. This is being published in the *State Register* to comply with *Minnesota Statutes*, section 14.101, subdivision 2. If you have any questions about this publication, contact Dave Orren by mail at the Minnesota Department of Health, Health Policy and Systems Compliance Division, P.O. Box 64975, 121 East Seventh Place, Suite 400, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0975, by telephone at 612/282-6310, or by e-mail at david.orren@state.health.mn.us. TDD users may call the Minnesota Department of Health at 612/623-5522.

For the Department's Hospital Rules, Chapter 4650, the following organizations participated in work group meetings: Allina Health System; Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center; Cargill, Inc.; Fairview Hospital & Healthcare Services; Foundation for Health Care Evaluation; Gillette Children's Hospital; HealthEast; Healthcare Financial Management Association; Mayo Clinic; Mayo Foundation; Minnesota Department of Health; Minnesota Department of Human Services; Minnesota Hospital & Healthcare Partnership; Minnesota Hospital Association; Minnesota Nurses Association; North Country Regional Hospital; and United Hospital District, Blue Earth.

For the Department's Provider Rules, Chapter 4651, the following organizations participated in work group meetings: Allina Health System; Aspen Medical Group; Delta Dental Plan of Minnesota; Fairview Hospital & Healthcare Services; HealthEast; Kelley Dental Clinic; Mayo Foundation; Metropolitan Orthotics; The Minneapolis Clinic of Neurology; Minnesota Chiropractic Association; Minnesota Dental Association; Minnesota Department of Health; Minnesota Department of Human Services; Minnesota Department of Revenue; Minnesota Medical Association; Minnesota Medical Group Managers Association; Minnesota Nurses Association; Minnesota Otolaryngology; Pike Lake Dental Health Center; Professional Management Midwest; University of Minnesota Rural Health Research Center; and University of Minnesota School of Nursing.

For the Department's Group Purchaser Rules, Chapter 4652, the following organizations participated in work group meetings: Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota; College of St. Catherine; HealthPartners; Insurance Federation of Minnesota; JWB Associates; Mayo Health Plan; Medica/Allina Health Systems; Metropolitan Health Plan; Minneapolis Urban League; Minnesota Department of Health; Minnesota Department of Human Services; Minnesota Health Care Commission; PreferredOne; Prudential; State Farm Insurance; and UCare Minnesota

For the Department's Alcohol and Drug Counselor Licensing Rules, the following persons participated in advisory committee meetings: Dan Cain; Fran Mevissen Day; Scotty Emaunuel; Nancy Fandel; Leslie Hiney; Ina Liljedahl; Duane Reynolds; Jim Marshall; Fernando Mazoleny; Deborah Goldberg; Linda Marshall; Jerry Pederson; and Ed Godfrey.

For the Department's Water and Wastewater Operators Certification Rules, the following persons and organizations participated in work group meetings: two representatives from water supply system operators; Metropolitan Council; a representative from a collection system operator; a representative from a water supply system operator; a representative from a wastewater operator; Minnesota Pollution Control Agency; two representatives from the public; Minnesota Department of Health; and a representative from a municipality.

For the Department's Program Rules regarding the Revolving Loan Program for Water Utility Infrastructure, the following persons and organizations participated in work group meetings: Consulting Engineers Council; two local water utility representatives; Public Facilities Authority; Minnesota Rural Water Association; and Minnesota Department of Health.

For the Department's Food Code Rules that are being developed jointly with the Department of Agriculture, the following organizations participated in work group meetings: St. Louis County; City of St. Paul; Minnesota Grocer's Association; Pillsbury Company; University of Minnesota; Brown-Nicollet Environmental Health; Minnesota Retail Merchants; City of Brooklyn Park; MAMA; Department Of Education, Food & Nutrition; Duluth Technical College; Minnesota Motel Association; Eco Lab; Minnesota Department of Health; and Minnesota Restaurant, Hotel & Resort.

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For the Department's Supervised Living Facility Rules, the following persons and organizations participated in work group meetings: Association of Residential Resources in Minnesota; Association of Retarded Citizens; Governor's Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities; Minnesota Association of Mental Health Residential Facilities; Minnesota Detox Association; Minnesota Medical Association; Minnesota Nurses Association; Ombudsman for Mental Health & Mental Retardation; a provider of residential services; a health information management professional; a registered dietitian; Minnesota Department of Human Services - Licensing Division; Minnesota Department of Human Services - Chemical Dependency Division; Minnesota Department of Human Services - Division for Persons With Developmental Disabilities; Minnesota Department of Human Services - Mental Health Division; and Minnesota Department of Health - Facility & Provider Compliance Division.

For the Department's Nursing Home Rules, the following persons and organizations participated in work group meetings: Minnesota Department of Health - Facility and Provider Compliance Division; Minnesota Department of Human Services - Long Term Care Management Division; State Long Term Care Ombudsman Office; Minnesota Alliance for Health Care Consumers; Minnesota Health and Housing Alliance; Care Providers of Minnesota; Minnesota Nurses Association; Minnesota Nursing Home Medical Directors Association; University of Minnesota - Chair in Long Term Care and Aging; a nursing home resident; and a family member of a resident.

For the Department's Home Care and Hospice Licensure Rules, the following persons and organizations participated in work group meetings: Minnesota Home Care Association; Minnesota Hospice Organization; Minnesota Nurses Association; Public Health Nurses Association; Association of Residential Resources in Minnesota; Office of Ombudsman for Mental Health and Mental Retardation; a home health provider; a county public health administrator; a durable medical equipment provider; Care Providers of Minnesota; Minnesota Health & Housing Alliance; Minnesota Board of Nursing; Minnesota Department of Human Services - Home & Community Based Services; Minnesota Department of Health Environmental Health Division; and Minnesota Department of Health - Public Health Nursing.

For the Department's Health Risk Value Rules, the following organizations participated in work group meetings: Metropolitan Council; Ashland Petroleum; American Plastics Council; Minnesota Department of Agriculture; Koch Refining Co.; Minnesota Medical Association; Minnesota Public Health Association; Dakota County Environmental Health; Cliffs Mining Services Co.; American Lung Association; Minnesota Environmental Coalition—Labor and Industry; Boise Cascade; Popham, Haik, Schnobrich, and Kaufman; NSP; Minnesota Pollution Control Agency; Lake Superior Paper; Minnesota Attorney General's Office; Minnesota Regional Poison Control Center; University of Minnesota School of Public Health; Rust Environmental; Braun Intertec Corporation; Minnesota Chamber of Commerce (3M); Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy; and Minnesota Building & Construction Trades.

For the Department's Wellhead Protection Rules, the following organizations participated in work group meetings: American Institute of Professional Geologists; Association of Minnesota Counties; American Water Works Association; Consulting Engineers Council; League of Minnesota Cities; League of Women Voters; Manufactured Home Association; Metropolitan Council; Minnesota Association of County Planning and Zoning Administrators; Minnesota Association of Water Planning Coordinators; Minnesota Association of Townships; Minnesota Board of Water and Soils Resources; Minnesota Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Minnesota Department of Agriculture; Minnesota Department of Natural Resources; Minnesota Environmental Quality Board; Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation; Minnesota Plant, Food, and Chemical Association; and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

For the Department's Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Rules, the following persons and organizations participated in work group meetings: Cass County Public Health WIC Program; Saint Paul - Ramsey County Nutrition WIC Program; Anoka County Health and Environmental Services WIC Program; Polk County Nursing Services WIC Program; Cub Foods; Rainbow Foods; First State Marketing Corporation; Minnesota Pharmacists Association; Hark's Food store; Tom Thumb; Minnesota Grocer's Association; Walgreen Drug Stores; Bee Delivery Incorporated; Minnesota Retail Merchant Association; United States Department of Agriculture - Food and Consumer Services, St. Paul Field Office; Setzer Pharmacy; Minnesota Petroleum Marketers Association; a Hennepin County WIC participant; a Ramsey County WIC participant; a Wright County WIC participant; Rodney Johnson Distributor; Two Inlets Country Store; Minnesota Attorney General's Office; and Minnesota Department of Health.

For the Department's Industrial X-ray Rules, the following persons and organizations participated in work group meetings: Mayo Clinic; University of Minnesota; 3M; Northwest Airlines, Inc.; North Star Imaging, Inc.; Superior NDT Technologies; Bureau of Engraving, Inc.; M.Q.S. Inspections, Inc.; a member of the public; Braun Intertec Environmental, Inc.; Ruffridge-Johnson Equipment Co., Inc.; Minnesota Department of Health; Minnesota Department of Natural Resources; Minnesota Pollution Control Agency; and Minnesota Department of Transportation.

For the Department's X-ray Machine Operator Examination Rules, the following organizations participated in work group meetings: Minnesota Society of Radiologic Technologists; Minnesota Podiatric Association; Chiropractic Examiners; Minnesota Hospital Association; Minnesota Medical Association; Medical Practice Board; Minnesota Chiropractic Association; Minnesota Nurses Association; Minnesota Dental Association; Dentistry Board; State Board of Nursing; Podiatry Board; Clinical Laboratory Association; and Minnesota Department of Health.

For the Department's Asbestos Abatement Rules, the following organizations participated in work group meetings: University of Minnesota; Southwestern Technical College; International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers Local #34; Kane & Johnson Associates, Inc.; AIHA - Upper Midwest Section; Institute for Environmental Assessment Inc.; EnviroBate Inc.; Minnesota Department of Administration; Minnesota Department of Education; 3M; Contractors Association; TimberCraft Remodeling; Northern Minnesota Asbestos Abatement Contractors' Association; Delta Environmental Consultants; NOVA Environmental Services; Minnesota Pollution Control Agency; and Minnesota Department of Health.

Dated: 6 June 1996

Dave Orren, Rule Writer
Department of Health

Minnesota Department of Health, and the Administrative Uniformity Committee

Health Policy and Systems Compliance Division

Notice of Solicitation of Outside Information or Opinions Regarding a Manual for Completion of the HCFA 1500 Paper Health Insurance Claim Form; Per *Minnesota Statutes*, section 62J.52, Subdivision 2 (b)

Introduction. Notice is hereby given that the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the Administrative Uniformity Committee (AUC) are seeking information or opinions from outside sources on a manual for completion of the HCFA 1500 paper health insurance claim form; as developed by the AUC and its Data Definitions work group. The HCFA 1500 form was developed by the Health Care Financing Administration.

The draft manual is a description of the conventions for completing the HCFA 1500 paper claim form. It will be available for comment by interested parties.

Contact Person. AUC and MDH request information and opinions concerning the applicability and functionality of the manual. Interested persons or groups may submit data or views in writing or orally. Written statements should be addressed to Kathleen Kuha at MDH, 121 East 7th Place, Suite 400, St. Paul, MN 55101, fax 612/282-5628, and Internet at Kathleen.Kuha@Health.State.MN.US. Oral statements will be received during regular business hours over the telephone at 612/282-3822 and in person at the above address.

Summary Of Issues. *Minnesota Statutes* 62J outlines the advantages of uniform billing formats to participants in the health care system. Further, the statute requires participants in the health care system to use the HCFA 1500 billing form for physician and allied provider claims. (The HCFA 1450 form, also called the UB92 form, is used for hospital and institutional claims. A similar manual is available for the UB92 form, and may be obtained through the Minnesota Hospital and Health Care Partnership.) The statute requires the AUC and the Commissioner of Health to develop a manual for uniform completion of the form. AUC has convened a Data Definitions work group, consisting of representatives of payers, providers, software vendors and state agencies, which meets on the last Tuesday of each month. The chair of the work group is David Moertel, of Mayo Clinic, Rochester, who may be contacted at 612/284-1762 for further information about the work group.

Specific Issues. The work group has determined that payer practices on several issues vary, and seeks to make these practices uniform if possible. The AUC and MDH seek opinions on the following specific issues:

- Use of last-name suffixes (Jr., Sr., etc.) in the patient's or insured's name.
- How administrative contact names ("Attention: [name]") should be placed on the form.
- If an actual address is not available, should a default be used to complete the form, or is it preferable to leave the space blank?
- If an actual date of illness or injury is not available, should a default be used to complete the form, or is it preferable to leave the space blank?
- When multiple, identical services are provided, may services be grouped; and if so, under what circumstances?

A further explanation of the details of these issues will accompany the draft manual sent out as addressed below.

Official Notices

Public Review Process. MDH will provide copies of the draft manual in paper or electronic http format to persons and organizations interested in reviewing them against their current data requirements. The draft manual will be available as of June 17, 1996. Comments and suggestions for improvements on this document will be accepted at the above address until Friday, August 16, 1996. On or before September 3, 1996, persons or organizations commenting on the draft manual will be invited to a meeting, or a conference call if necessary, to address substantive issues raised. If a functional business requirement has been overlooked, the document may be amended to support that functional need. If no substantive comments are made, there will be no meeting.

How To Obtain The Manual for Completion of the HCFA 1500 Form Document. Persons who wish to obtain a paper copy should call Denine Casserly at MDH, 612/282-5651, or fax a request to 612/282-5628 or write at the address above. The document will also be available for downloading on the World Wide Web at <http://www.mhdi.com>.

Dated: 17 June 1996

Karen W. Cain
Chair, Administrative Uniformity Committee

Anne M. Barry
Commissioner of Health

Department of Health

Public Hearing Regarding the Minnesota Department of Health Application to the Federal Department of Health and Human Services for Federal Fiscal Year 1996 Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant Funding for the Prevention of Sexual Assault

The Minnesota Department of Health will sponsor a public hearing to obtain comment on its application for federal fiscal year 1996 Preventive Health and Health Services block grant funds for the prevention of sexual assault. The draft application for those funds is available for inspection upon request.

The public hearing will be conducted as part of a meeting of the State Preventive Health Advisory Committee held Wednesday, June 26, 1996 at the Minnesota Department of Health, 717 S.E. Delaware Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Public Hearing will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Chesley Room (room 105). Any person or group may submit either written or oral comments at the meeting.

Written comments may be submitted by June 25 to the address below.

For further information contact:

Debra Burns, Section Manager
Health Systems Development
Minnesota Department of Health
121 East Seventh Place
P.O. Box 64975
St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0975
(612) 296-8209

Department of Health

Request for Information (RFI) for Design Concepts for the Development of a Plan to Provide Access to More Affordable Prescription Drugs for Income-Eligible Senior Citizens

The 1996 Minnesota Legislature charged the Department of Health, Human Services, and Administration with developing "a plan to provide prescription drugs at significantly discounted prices to individuals 65 years or older whose income is below 200 percent of the current federal poverty level." It is the desire of these Departments to solicit design concepts for the development of such a plan from all persons, organizations, or other entities wishing to contribute ideas. Alternative plans to a discount program may also be submitted. Further, more than one plan may be submitted, and plans are not required to include governmental participation. Selection of a specific concept for an RFP would be a separate process in the future and selection of a specific concept does not entitle the submitter of that concept to any consideration over any other entity/person which submits proposals in the future.

It is requested that, at a minimum, the following factors be addressed in the response to this RFI:

- 1) The plan must be designed for the specific target population: Individuals 65 years or older whose income is below 200 percent of the current federal poverty level.
- 2) If applicable, explain the amount of discount proposed under the plan and how that discount will be achieved (state funding, manufacturer contribution, pharmacy contribution, other?). If an alternative plan is proposed, how much will the price be reduced, and how will the reduction be achieved?
- 3) The plan should include, as appropriate, a discussion of the:
 - A) Proposed enrollment process
 - B) The role and financial responsibility assumed by each entity involved in the plan (i.e., as applicable, the State, manufacturers, and pharmacists, and consumers)
 - C) Source(s) of reimbursement for costs associated with the plan
 - D) Proposed claims processing process
 - E) Strengths and weaknesses of the plan
 - F) Anticipated support and opposition that the plan will generate (i.e., who will support this plan? who will be opposed? why?)

This RFI has no monetary compensation attached. If a specific concept is chosen as a possible option, the concept may be developed into a formal request for proposal (RFP) if there are any aspects of the plan which will require the assistance of a consultant or vendor. All plans submitted become the property of the Department of Health. The State retains the right to use any and all ideas received in response to this RFI. There is also no obligation on the part of the State to implement any of the proposed plans or to contract with any person, organization, or other entity on the basis that their concept was chosen as a possible option.

Please direct all questions and/or responses to:

Denese McAfee
Minnesota Department of Health
Health Policy & Systems Compliance, Suite 400
P.O. Box 64975
St. Paul, MN 55164-0975

Telephone: (612) 282-6349 Fax: (612) 282-5628

Please mail or fax all responses by 4:00 PM on Monday, July 8, 1996.

A copy of the January 1996 report, "Senior Drug Discount Program: A progress report to the Legislature," along with the 1996 legislation on this topic, is available upon request.

Department of Human Services

Minnesota Board on Aging

Public Comments Sought on Proposed State Plan for Federal Fiscal Years 1997-2000

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Board on Aging seeks public comment on its proposed State Plan for federal fiscal year beginning 10/1/96 through 9/30/2000.

The proposed plan reflects the Board's priorities during the four year period. When approved, the plan qualifies Minnesota for federal funds under the Older Americans Act.

Copies of the proposed State Plan may be obtained by writing to the Minnesota Board on Aging, 4th Floor, Human Services Building, 444 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-3843, or by telephoning its offices at (612) 296-2770. Copies of the plan will also be available for review at the offices of the Area Agencies on Aging.

All interested persons or groups are requested to participate. Comments may be made in writing through Monday, July 15, 1996 at 4:30 p.m., and should be address to:

Minnesota Board on Aging
444 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155-3843
Attn: James Varpness, Executive Secretary

State Board of Investment

Meeting Notice for the State Board of Investment Administrative Committee

The State Board of Investment Administrative Committee will meet on Monday, June 24, 1996 in Conference Rooms A & B of the MEA Building, 41 Sherburne Avenue, St. Paul, MN from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Department of Labor and Industry

Labor Standards Division

Notice of Prevailing Wage Certifications for Commercial Construction Projects

Effective June 17, 1996 prevailing wage rates were determined and certified for commercial construction projects in the following counties:

Clay: NTC Dental Program Remodeling-Moorhead.

Dakota: Thompson Heights School Remodeling-South St. Paul.

Douglas: Alexandria West Arena-Alexandria.

Goodhue: Frontenac Shop Warehouse-Nr Frontenac.

Hennepin: Lehmann Community Center Asbestos Abatement-Minneapolis; Henry High School Asbestos Abatement-Minneapolis; Roosevelt School Asbestos Abatement-Minneapolis; U of M Dance Center-Minneapolis; Valet Car Wash-Mpls Int'l Airport; Wilder Elementary School Roof Replacement Phase 2-Minneapolis.

Itasca: Bovey City Hall Stair Renovation-Bovey.

Kandiyohi: Remodel Bookstore & Student Service Willmar Community Collage-Willmar.

Koochiching: Roof Replacement Grand Mound Interpretive Center-International Falls.

Nobles: Gym Floor Replacement Worthington Community College-Worthington.

Rice: Faribault Ice Arena-Faribault.

St Louis: Chisholm School Sidewalk and Pool Room Renovation-Chisholm; Terrazzo Floor System for Hibbing High School-Hibbing; Kaleva Island Lodge Project Phase II-St Louis County North; Griggs Stadium Siding Replacement-Duluth; Laurentian Environmental Center Lodge Expansion & Renovation-Britt; Jet Fuel Facility Replacement-Eveleth.

Scott: New Prague Area Community Center Project-City of New Hope.

Winona: WSU Sheehan Hall Elevator Modernization-Winona.

Washington: Cottage Grove Ice Arena Remodeling-Cottage Grove.

Copies of the certified wage rate for these projects may be obtained by writing the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, Prevailing Wage Section, 443 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4306. The charge for the cost of copying and mailing are \$1.36 per project. Make check or money order payable to the State of Minnesota.

Gary W. Bastian, Commissioner

Department of Labor and Industry

Labor Standards Division

Notice of Hearing In the Matter of the Proposed Adoption of Amendments to the Rule of the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, Labor Standards Division, Governing Prevailing Wage Determinations

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* (1994) § 14.14, subdivision 1 in the above-captioned matter. The hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 17, 1996 in Room 10 (Ground Floor) of the State Office Building, 100 Constitution Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, and continue until all interested persons and groups have had an opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed amendments to the above-captioned rule. The proposed rules may be modified as a result of the hearing process. You are encouraged to participate if you are in any way affected by these rules.

Subject of Rule and Statutory Authority. The proposed amendments change how the Department implements the prevailing wage statute which provides that persons employed on state funded construction projects be compensated according to the value of the work performed, and that the wages paid to laborers, workers, and mechanics be comparable to similar work in the community. The rules to be amended are for the procedures used to survey contractors and other interested parties in order to determine the minimum prevailing wage rates required on state funded construction projects. The purposes of the proposed amendments are to provide a selection process to ascertain the number and value of projects utilized in the wage survey; to make wage determinations for commercial-type construction projects once each calendar year; to define the area for highway-type and heavy-type wage determinations as multi-county regions; to expand the existing list of trade and occupations used to determine prevailing wage rates; to provide a method to determine prevailing wage rates for labor classifications new to the construction market; and, to provide a method to determine prevailing wage rates for labor classifications being used on a project, but not represented in the wage determination.

The Department has both general and specific rulemaking authority to adopt these proposed amendments. *Minnesota Statutes* § 175.171 (2) provides the Department's general rulemaking authority. Specific statutory authority regarding prevailing wages is found in *Minnesota Statutes* § 177.41 to 177.44.

The proposed amendments were published in the *State Register* on Monday, November 13, 1995 at 20 S.R. 1148. Copies will also be available at the door on the date of the hearing. One free copy of the proposed amendments may be obtained by contacting:

Erik Oelker
Labor Standards Division
Department of Labor and Industry
443 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4304
Phone: (612) 296-6452
Fax: (612) 215-0104

Any person may present views on the proposed rules in one or more of the following ways: by submitting written data to the administrative law judge at any time before the close of the hearing; by submitting oral or written data at the hearing; and by submitting written material to the administrative law judge during the comment period following the hearing. Statements may be submitted without appearing at the hearing.

Written material may be submitted and recorded in the hearing record for five working days after the public hearing ends. This comment period may be extended for a longer period not to exceed twenty (20) calendar days if so ordered by the administrative law judge at the hearing. The written material received during this period shall be available for review at the Office of Administrative Hearings. The Department of Labor and Industry and any interested persons may respond in writing to any new information submitted within three business days after the comment period ends. Any written material or responses submitted must be received at the Office of Administrative Hearings no later than 4:30 p.m. on the final day. No additional evidence may be submitted during this three-day period.

The Department of Labor and Industry requests that any person submitting written views or data to the administrative law judge prior to the hearing or during the comment period also submit a copy of the written information to Erik Oelker, Labor Standards Division, Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, 443 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55155-4304.

Official Notices

The rule hearing procedure is governed by *Minnesota Statutes*, (1994) sections 14.14 to 14.20 and by parts 1400.0200 to 1400.1200 of *Minnesota Rules*. Questions regarding procedure may be directed to the administrative law judge. The administrative law judge assigned to preside over the hearing is:

Allen E. Giles
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings
500 Flour Exchange Building
310 Fourth Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55416
Phone: (612) 349-2549

NOTICE: Any person may request notification of the date on which the administrative law judge's report will be available, after which date the Department may not take any final action on the rules for a period of five working days. If you desire to be so notified, you may so indicate at the hearing. After the hearing, you may request notification by sending a written request to the administrative law judge. Any person may request notification of the date on which the rules were adopted and filed with the Secretary of the State. The notice must be mailed on the same day that the rules are filed. If you want to be so notified you may so indicate at the hearing or send a request in writing to the Department at any time prior to the filing of the rules with the Secretary of State.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a statement of need and reasonableness is now available for review at the Department of Labor and Industry and at the Office of Administrative Hearings. This statement of need and reasonableness includes a summary of all the evidence and argument which the agency anticipates presenting at the hearing justifying both the need for and the reasonableness of the proposed rules. Copies of the statement of need and reasonableness may be reviewed at the Department of Labor and Industry or the Office of Administrative Hearings and copies may be obtained from the Office of Administrative Hearings at the cost of reproduction.

Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 10A requires each lobbyist to register with the State Ethical Practices Board.

Questions regarding lobbyist registration should be directed to the Ethical Practices Board, 625 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55101-2520, telephone (612) 296-5615.

Dated: 3 June 1996

State of Minnesota

Gary W. Bastian, Commissioner
Department of Labor and Industry

Office of the Ombudsman for Mental Health and Mental Retardation

Notice of Meeting of Advisory Committee

The Ombudsman for Mental Health and Mental Retardation Advisory Committee will hold a general meeting from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 1996. The meeting will be held in Suite 400, Conference Room 1, Metro Square Building on 7th and Robert Street, St. Paul.

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Public Notice for the State Disposal System (SDS) Permit Program

Draft SDS General Permit to Discharge Treated Wastewater from Metal Finishing Industries to Publicly Owned Treatment Works

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) proposes to issue a general permit covering metal finishing industries in the state of Minnesota discharging process wastewater to Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTWs). This general permit will cover approximately 30 facilities which are covered by the Federal Metal Finishing Point Source Category Regulation (40 CFR 433) and discharge to POTWs which have not been delegated authority to administer Federal pretreatment regulations. The general permit has a duration of approximately five years.

This permit regulates the process discharge to a POTW from a metal finishing industry in the state. A general permit will only be issued in cases where:

- a) The discharge consists of process wastewater subject to the pretreatment requirements of the Metal Finishing Point Source Category Regulations (40 CFR 433). The Facility may discharge wastewater not regulated by the National Pretreatment Standards for the Metal Finishing category, but only as provided in the following criteria.
- b) The Monitoring Point at which compliance with the permit limits is determined contains only wastewater subject to the Metal Finishing Category Pretreatment Standards.
- c) If any of the constituents of Total Toxic Organics (TTO) are used, a Toxic Organic Management Plan (TOMP) must be submitted and the certification option for TTO compliance must normally be used for routine reporting.
- d) The facility discharges to a Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) which has not been delegated by the MPCA to administer National Categorical Pretreatment Standards.
- e) The facility discharge must be acceptable to the POTW receiving the discharge and the POTW's acceptance must be documented. If the POTW does not approve the discharge, the facility will not be permitted.

This general permit establishes effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, and other conditions on facilities which discharge treated metal finishing wastewater. The Commissioner's determination that the general permit should be issued is tentative. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments upon the proposed permit action. The public comment period commences June 17, 1996, and terminates July 17, 1996. Comments should be submitted in writing to: Randall W. Dunnette, Point Source Compliance Section, Water Quality Division, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55155-4194.

Any comments received no later than the last day of the comment period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations.

If you would like to receive a copy of the draft general permit, fact sheet, or public notice please contact Roberta Stadler at (612) 296-7379.

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Commissioner's Office

Public Notice of Proposed Issuance of Minnesota XL Permit and Revocation of the MPCA Permits to be Replaced by the Minnesota XL Permit

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that the Commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) proposes to issue a MinnesotaXL permit to 3M Company for tape and coating manufacturing and related support activities in Hutchinson, Minnesota. You are also notified that the MPCA Commissioner proposes to revoke, at the same time that the MinnesotaXL permit is issued, numerous MPCA permits that apply to 3M Hutchinson because the MinnesotaXL permit covers their subject matter. Finally, you are notified that the MinnesotaXL permit will contain variances to several MPCA rules (listed in the proposed permit). The facility address is: 3M-Hutchinson, 915 Highway 22 South, Hutchinson, MN 55350-2927.

The proposed MinnesotaXL permit would satisfy 3M-Hutchinson's obligation to obtain from the MPCA, for the facility as described above, an Air Emission Part 70 Permit under *Minnesota Rules* ch. 7007, a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/State Disposal System Permit for Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activity and with Construction Activity under *Minnesota Rules* ch. 7001, a Hazardous Waste Generator's License under *Minnesota Rules* 7045.0225, a Hazardous Waste Feedstock Approval under *Minnesota Rules* 7045.0125, subp. 5, and a Liquid Storage Facility Permit under *Minnesota Rules* chs. 7001 and 7100.

This is the first permit the MPCA has proposed under the state and federal regulatory reform experiment known as "Project XL." The MPCA was authorized by the 1996 Minnesota legislature to issue MinnesotaXL permits under *Minnesota Statutes* chapter 114C, the Environmental Regulatory Innovations Act. Under Project XL, the MPCA has developed a simpler, less burdensome permit that is designed to achieve the following goals:

- A. Achieve environmental performance that is superior to requirements in current and developing future environmental regulations;
- B. Achieve superior environmental performance while allowing the permittee increased operational and administrative flexibility to reduce costs;
- C. Encourage pollution prevention and environmental innovation; and
- D. Facilitate stakeholder involvement in developing and monitoring performance under the permit.

Official Notices

In addition to the proposed permit, a Final Project Agreement describes the project and explains the basis for the permit action proposed by the MPCA, outlines the permittee's pollution prevention goals and the measurements being made to evaluate the success of the Project XL experiment, includes a list of the permits that the MPCA proposes to revoke when it issues the proposed permit, and includes a list of the variances to *Minnesota Rules* that the MPCA proposes to grant in the proposed permit. Although the Final Project Agreement also lists the federal regulations that need to be waived, the MPCA does not have the authority to waive federal regulations. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reviewing the proposed permit and Final Project Agreement and will need to take independent federal action in order to approve the 3M Hutchinson project. The MPCA has also developed a Technical Support Document that explains the basis for the air quality limits in the proposed permit.

The proposed permit establishes environmental release limits and requirements that include: facility-wide emission limits on regulated air pollutants from the facility, an extended time requirement on the accumulation of hazardous waste and requirements that govern stormwater discharges from the facility. The proposed permit also requires the development of an Environmental Management System, which will be a comprehensive set of environmental practices and processes designed to assure compliance and to track and improve environmental performance at the 3M Hutchinson facility. The proposed permit will last for ten years.

Copies of the proposed MinnesotaXL permit, draft Final Project Agreement and Technical Support Document are available upon request from the MPCA contact person listed below. Additional materials relating to the MPCA's proposed action are available for inspection at the MPCA, Air Quality Division, 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155.

The MPCA contact person is:

Andrew Ronchak
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
520 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4194

Telephone: (612)296-3107
FAX: (612)297-7709
TDD: (612)282-5332
email: andrew.ronchak@pca.state.mn.us

The MPCA will hold a public informational meeting on the proposed permit on June 11, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Hutchinson Middle School. The address of the Hutchinson Middle School is 1365 South Grade Road (southwest side of Hutchinson). The purpose of the public informational meeting is for the MPCA to describe the proposed permit and Final Project Agreement, and answer questions as well as solicit comments from the public.

For persons with access to the internet the proposed MinnesotaXL permit, draft Final Project Agreement and Technical Support Document are available at the following location:

<http://www.pca.state.mn.us>

The preliminary decision to issue the MinnesotaXL permit, grant the rule variances listed in the permit and revoke the other MPCA permits is tentative. There are four procedures for public participation in the MPCA's consideration of this matter. First, interested persons may submit written comments on the MPCA's proposed action. Interested persons who submit comments must explain: 1) the person's interest in the MPCA's proposed action; 2) a statement of the action the person wishes the MPCA to take, including specific references to the section of the proposed permit the person believes should be changed; and 3) the reasons supporting the person's position, stated with sufficient specificity to allow the MPCA to investigate the merits of the person's position. Second, interested persons may request that a public information meeting be held. Third, interested persons may petition the MPCA for a contested case hearing, which is a trial-like proceeding conducted by an Administrative Law Judge. Petitions for a contested case hearing must meet the requirements of *Minnesota Rules* part 7000.1800, a copy of which is available from the MPCA contact person.

Fourth, interested persons may also request to appear before the MPCA Citizens' Board prior to the MPCA taking this proposed action. If no one requests an appearance before the MPCA Citizens' Board or requests a contested case hearing, then the MPCA Commissioner will make the final decision on this proposed action as allowed under *Minnesota Statutes* chapter 114C.

The public comment period starts on May 30, 1996 and ends on June 29, 1996. Comments, requests to appear before the MPCA Citizens' Board and requests for a public information meeting or contested case hearing submitted to the MPCA contact person during the comment period will be considered by the MPCA Commissioner. The MPCA will issue a final determination on this proposed action in a timely manner after the expiration of the public comment period.

Dated: 29 May 1996

Charles W. Williams
Commissioner
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Minnesota Tax Court

Requests for Comments on Planned Amendment to Rules Governing Tax Court Procedures, *Minnesota Rules* parts 8160.0010 through 8610.0150

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Tax Court requests comments on its planned amendment to rules governing Tax Court procedures. The Minnesota Tax Court is proposing to revise its court rules of procedure to reflect current practices in the Tax Court as they have evolved, to conform closer to the rules of procedure applicable to district courts, and to eliminate unnecessary rules that duplicate many statutory provisions. In addition to substantive changes, reorganization and grammatical changes are proposed to improve clarity and to conform with current style requirements. In this process, the Minnesota Tax Court proposes to repeal its existing rules of procedure and have the proposed rules replace the existing rules in their entirety. The substantive changes proposed include motion practice before the Tax Court similar to Rule 115 of the General Rules of Practice for District Courts, defining who may represent taxpayers in Tax Court (including persons who are not attorneys or who are not licensed to practice in Minnesota) and costs and disbursements.

Person Affected. The amendment to the rules would likely affect taxpayers who contest real property taxes, taxpayers who contest an order of the Commissioner of Revenue and any other litigants or their counsel who file a petition or appeal with the Minnesota Tax Court. The proposed rules establish procedures for litigants to follow in Tax Court.

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, Section 271.06, subd. 7 authorizes the Tax Court to adopt rules.

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these proposed rules in writing or orally until 4:30 p.m. on August 1, 1996.

Rules Drafts. The Tax Court has prepared a draft of the proposed rules. The Minnesota Court will send a copy of the proposed rules to anyone who requests a copy.

Contact Person. Requests to receive a copy of the proposed rules, written or oral comments, questions or requests for more information on these proposed rules should be addressed to:

Sue Wozniak
Tax Court Administrator
Minnesota Tax Court
Minnesota Judicial Center
25 Constitution Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55155
(612) 296-2806

Alternative Format. Upon request, this Request for Comments can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, Braille or cassette tape. To make this request, please contact the contact person at the address or telephone number above-listed.

Dated: 11 June 1996

Diane Kroupa, Judge
Minnesota Tax Court

Department of Transportation

Notice of Public Meeting Regarding Rail Line for Possible Acquisition

The Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Transportation hereby gives notice that the State of Minnesota is listing a rail line for possible acquisition through the State Rail Bank Program.

This notice is published pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, Section 222.63, Subdivision 3, in accordance with the rules governing the State Rail Bank Program, *Minnesota Rules* 1991, parts 8830.5800-8830.5860.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation has scheduled the following public meetings:

WED., JUNE 19, 1996, 7:00 p.m., Peoples Natural Gas Bldg., 301 2nd Street NW, in Bemidji for Beltrami County.

THURS., JUNE 20, 1996, 7:00 p.m., Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Citizen Center, First Avenue and Main Street in Clearbrook for Polk and Clearwater Counties.

State Grants

1. The rail line is own by CP Rail Systems (Soo Line) and is known as the Bemidji to Gully line, approximately 40 miles in length.
2. The rail line is located in Beltrami, Clearwater and Polk Counties.
3. The identified potential future uses for the rail line are: transportation purposes, transmission line (example fiber optics), or a recreational trail.
4. The Bemidji to Gully line, abandoned May 6, 1996, is a section of the Bemidji to Plummer rail line.

The agency requests information and opinions concerning said acquisition. Written statements should be directed to:

Melvin Loesch
State Rail Bank Coordinator
Office of Railroads & Waterways
Minnesota Department of Transportation
Mail Stop 470, 925 Kelly Annex
395 John Ireland Boulevard
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-1899

Oral statements of information will be taken at the Public Meetings. Any written or recorded material shall become the property of the state of Minnesota.

State Grants

In addition to requests by state agencies for technical/professional services (published in the State Contracts section), the *State Register* also publishes notices about grant funds available through any agency or branch of state government. Although some grant programs specifically require printing in a statewide publication such as the *State Register*, there is no requirement for publication in the *State Register* itself.

Agencies are encouraged to publish grant notices, and to provide financial estimates as well as sufficient time for interested parties to respond.

Department of Economic Security

Rehabilitation Services Branch

Notice of Availability of Funds for Extended Employment Programs

A Request for Proposals defining program requirements and funding guidelines for Extended Employment Program funding in State Fiscal Year 1997 will be available to interested parties on 7/1/96. The Extended Employment Program includes Supported Employment and Center-based Employment which provide ongoing employment support services to workers with severe disabilities.

To be an Extended Employment Program provider, a community rehabilitation program must be certified by the Rehabilitation Services Branch of the Department of Economic Security in accordance with *Minnesota Rules* 3300.1950 to 3300.3050, as consistent with 1995 *Minnesota Laws* Chapter 224. Any city, town, county, non-profit organization or combination of these which operates or proposes to operate a public or non-profit Extended Employment program may apply for funding. Applications are required for funding Extended Employment programs currently receiving state Extended Employment funds, and are also required for new or expanded programs.

Persons or parties who wish to obtain a Request for Proposals for Extended Employment Program Funding for State Fiscal Year 1997 may contact:

David Sherwood-Gabrielson, Director
Extended Employment Program
Rehabilitation Services Branch
390 North Robert Street - 1st Floor
St. Paul, MN 55101

Phone: (612) 296-9150 FAX: (612) 297-5159

Complete applications must be postmarked July 31, 1996 or delivered to the above address by 4:30 p.m. on that date.

Professional, Technical & Consulting Contracts

Department of Administration procedures require that notice of any consultant services contract or professional and technical services contract which has an estimated cost of over \$10,000 be printed in the *State Register*. These procedures also require that the following information be included in the notice: name of contact person, agency name and address, description of project and tasks, cost estimate, and final submission date of completed contract proposal. Certain quasi-state agencies are exempted from some of the provisions of this statute.

In accordance with *Minnesota Rules* Part 1230.1910, certified Targeted Group Businesses and individuals submitting proposals as prime contractors shall receive the equivalent of a 6% preference in the evaluation of their proposal. For information regarding certification, call the Materials Management Helpline (612)296-2600 or [TDD (612)297-5353 and ask for 296-2600].

Department of Administration

Request for Proposal to Operate the Capitol Child Care Center

The Minnesota Department of Administration, Real Estate Management Division, is requesting proposals from qualified individuals or organizations to contract with the State of Minnesota to operate the Capitol Child Care Center.

The State of Minnesota will provide the building, utilities, custodial services and ground maintenance at no cost to the vendor. The vendor will be expected to operate the child care program at market rates. It is expected that savings to the vendor through the State's provision of the facility and certain services will be reflected in the wages, benefits and working conditions of the center staff.

A mandatory briefing session and site inspection will be held on Wednesday, July 10, 1996 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Proposals must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. CST on Friday, August 2, 1996.

A copy of the Request of Proposal may be obtained from the Real Estate Management Division, 309 Administration Building, St. Paul, MN 55155, 612/296-6674.

Department of Corrections

Proposals Sought for HIV/STD Educator

Individuals to provide education and discuss prevention of the transmission of HIV/STD within the Minnesota adult correctional facilities. Contractor will work with the peer counselors and community based outreach workers to develop institution based HIV/STD prevention and risk reduction programs.

Forward cover letter and resume by June 30, 1996, to

Mr. Jim Losinski
HIV/STD Program Coordinator
Minnesota Department of Corrections
1450 Energy Park Drive
Suite 200
St. Paul, Minnesota 55108-5219

Questions may also be directed to Jim Losinski at the above address or by phone at 612/603-0012.

Professional, Technical & Consulting Contracts

Department of Health

Interagency Long Term Care Planning Committee

Request for Proposals for Exceptions to the Nursing Home Moratorium

Purposes

The Interagency Long Term Care Planning Committee (INTERCOM) is accepting proposals from nursing homes and boarding care homes requesting an exception to the nursing home moratorium. The Commissioner of Health, in coordination with the Commissioner of Human Services, may approve such requests under conditions listed in *Minnesota Statutes*, §144A.073. These conditions refer to four categories of exceptions which are defined as:

- (a) "Conversion" means the relocation of a nursing home bed from a nursing home to an attached hospital.
- (b) "Relocation" means the movement of licensed nursing home beds or certified boarding care beds as permitted by state statute to promote equitable access across the state or to move the beds to another site.
- (c) "Renovation" means extensive remodeling of, or construction of an addition to, a facility on an existing site with a total cost exceeding ten percent of the appraised value of the facility or \$200,000, whichever is less.

(NOTE: *Minnesota Statutes*, § 144A.071 ALLOWS PROJECTS WITH COSTS LESS THAN \$562,664 OR 25% OF THE FACILITY'S APPRAISED VALUE TO PROCEED WITHOUT APPLYING FOR AN EXCEPTION UNDER THIS PROCESS.)

- (d) "Replacement" means the demolition, delicensure, reconstruction, or construction of an addition to all or part of an existing facility.
- (e) "Upgrading" means a change in the level of licensure of a bed from a boarding care bed to a nursing home bed in a certified boarding care facility.

Administrative Rules

Proposed rules governing procedures for exceptions to the nursing home bed moratorium were published in the May 25, 1995 *State Register*, and notice of their adoption was published in the *State Register* on August 21, 1995. They became effective August 28, 1995.

Proposed rules governing the physical plant of nursing homes (for new construction and existing buildings) were published in the January 2, 1996 *State Register*. They are expected to be adopted within the next few months, and will be in effect when construction on the approved moratorium exceptions projects will begin.

Appropriation Available

The amount of the legislative appropriation available for the total additional costs to the medical assistance program for this Request for Proposals (RFP) is \$215,397.

Eligibility

A proposal for an exception to the moratorium may be submitted by an organization or individual authorized by a facility's governing board or management to prepare and submit a proposal to INTERCOM.

Method for estimating proposal cost

The method that INTERCOM will use in evaluating proposals for approval or disapproval for estimating the cost of a proposal will be as follows:

Replacement, remodeling proposals - No beds transferred

- Method for estimating Proposal Cost:
 - Use Rule 50 methodology for rate setting and reasonableness principles as in past Moratorium rounds.
- For Property, the proposer shall:
 - Estimate construction cost of project
 - Determine amount to be financed with debt versus equity
 - Use interest rate as provided in *Minnesota Statutes*, §144A.071, subdivision 5a.
 - Determine term of debt
 - Indicate single bed room election and change number of single bed rooms

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- For Operating, the proposer shall:
 - Project cost increases for purposes of estimating the cost impact of the proposal.
 - If operating cost savings are projected, the Department of Human Services (DHS) will evaluate the estimates for reasonableness. DHS will also monitor and evaluate the projects implementation to determine whether projected savings are realized and use information in rule making or future requests for proposals.

Bed Transfer Proposals

- Projections of property costs - see above

Also:

- Property rate at transferring facility adjusts for de-licensure of beds. The proposer must indicate intention for:
 - Assigning cost to single bed room election subject to change upon projection and indicate change in number of single beds at either location.
 - Note : Aggregate investment per bed limit applies as in *Minnesota Statutes*, §256B.431, subdivision 3a, paragraph (d);
- Occupancy incentive - Possible cost impact to be evaluated:
 - If low occupancy, below 95% property cost not reimbursement may get reimbursed after the transfer.
 - If below occupancy 93% occupancy, Leave Days will be reimbursed if above 93% after the transfer.
- For proposals to transfer beds from one (or more) facilities to an *existing* facility, whether or not that facility is located in the same geographic group:
 - Operating cost/savings projections on a line item basis will not be permitted at either the transferring or receiving facility. Any cost changes will assume to be "a wash" between the facilities.
 - Also, the estimated operating cost increase at the receiving facility shall be determined as shown in the example that follows:

# of beds added		13
# days in year	x	365
% Occupancy at receiving facility	x	97.0%
% Medical Assistance Occupancy Rate at the receiving facility	x	62.1%
Weighted Average Total Payment Rate	x	<u>\$89.25</u>
		\$255,098

- For proposals to transfer beds from one (or more) facilities to a *new* facility, whether or not that facility is located in the same geographic group:
 - *Minnesota Rules*, Part 9549.0075 (Rule 50) interim/settle-up rate procedures will apply upon project completion, however, for purposes of estimating proposal operating costs, the estimates must use the reimbursement limits appropriate to the geographic group and facility type.
- Community Alternative Savings Estimates
 - No savings estimates can be made relating to the admissions to the beds transferred to the new location.
 - No savings estimates can be made if a facility's licensed but non-Medical Assistance (MA) certified beds are transferred.
 - If the transferring facility's occupancy during the most recent desk audited cost report year is at or above 98%, the facility will be considered fully occupied.
 - If the transferring facility's occupancy is less than 98%, no savings can be estimated for the number of beds transferred, except that if the number of beds to be transferred exceeds [(One minus Facility's % Occupancy) X the number of licensed beds before the transfer] then that excess may be used in the estimation of cost/savings.
 - Cost/Savings attributable to transfers to another nursing home to determined from the difference in Case Mix "A" rates for the transferring facility as compared with the Geographic Groups average for that facility type.

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- Savings attributable to transfers to Community Alternatives shall be determined at 50% of the transferring facility's Case Mix "A" rate. *The proposer must indicate their ability and probability of transferring "displaced" residents to community alternatives beyond its current community discharge levels. (Use most recent Quarter's information).* For purposes of estimating savings from such transfers, the maximum number of resident transfers to community alternatives permitted will be 60% of the transferring facility's percent of case mix "A" residents (days).
- MA cost/savings will be factored by the facility's MA Occupancy percentage.

Criteria for Review

The following criteria shall be used in a consistent manner, equally weighed, to compare, evaluate, and rank all proposals submitted:

- 1) the extent to which the proposal furthers state long-term care goals designed to maximize independence of the older adult population, and to ensure cost-effective use of financial and human resources;
- 2) the cost effectiveness of the proposal;
- 3) the extent to which the proposal promotes equitable access to long term care services in nursing homes across the state;
- 4) the extent to which the proposal improves the health and safety of residents;
- 5) the extent to which the proposal promotes the comfort or quality of life of residents;
- 6) the extent to which the applicant demonstrates a history of quality care provided in the facility; and
- 7) the extent to which the project reduces the need for waivers from regulations.

Procedure for Receiving Application Materials

The complete request for proposals, including instructions, format and necessary forms, is available upon written or facsimile request to :

Pat Robertson
Minnesota Department of Health
Facility and Provider Compliance Division
P.O. Box 64900
393 North Dunlap Street
St. Paul, MN 55164-0900
Fax # (612) 643-2593

Review and approval of proposals

INTERCOM has appointed an advisory review panel composed of representatives of consumers and providers to review proposals and provide comments and recommendations to INTERCOM. INTERCOM must submit recommendations for approval or disapproval of projects to the commissioner of Health no later than November 12, 1996. The commissioner of health must approve or disapprove a project within 30 days after receiving the committee's recommendations, or no later than December 12, 1996. The commissioner of health must send a written notice of approval or disapproval to the proposer no later than December 22, 1996.

Questions Concerning the RFP

Any questions relating to the RFP process may be submitted by prospective applicants in writing to Linda Sutherland (see address below). **NO ANSWERS WILL BE PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO PHONE CALLS.** Each question must cite the particular RFP page to which it refers. Copies of all questions and their answers will be provided to all prospective applicants who have requested Application materials. Only responses in writing by Linda Sutherland will be considered official. Responses to questions will be mailed July 10, July 29, and September 4, 1996. The closing date for the receipt of questions will be 4:30 p.m., August 30, 1996.

Technical assistance in completing the application forms is available from Bill Bergum at Care Providers of Minnesota at 612/854-2844, or Duane Elg at Minnesota Health and Housing Alliance at 612/645-4545.

Procedures for Submitting Proposals

No proposals submitted by facsimile machine will be accepted. Five written copies of the completed proposal must be received no later than **4:30 p.m., September 13, 1996** by:

Linda Sutherland
Minnesota Department of Health
Facility and Provider Compliance Division
P.O. Box 64900
393 North Dunlap Street
St. Paul, MN 55164-0900

Department of Human Services

Performance Measurement Division

Request for Proposal for Executive Information System

The Department of Human Services is soliciting proposals from qualified parties to develop an executive information system and supporting architecture. The scope of the proposal should include system integrator services, hardware and software, and health care data analysis services to develop a range of reporting and data analysis tools. The Department's immediate need is to produce timely reports of health care. The system will be used to analyze service patterns and utilization, forecasting, and to provide information to support reform decisions. The Department is planning a phased implementation and expects to have the first phase of this system operational by January 1997. The goal is to build basic reporting capabilities first for health care claims and encounter data and to develop enhanced internal analytical capabilities with expanded data sets over the next five phases of development. The project is expected to last two years. The system will eventually be used to analyze the whole business of human services in Minnesota.

This request for proposal does not obligate the state to complete the project, and the State reserves the right to cancel the solicitation if it is considered to be in its best interest. All proposals must be submitted no later than 3:00 p.m. on July 15, 1996.

For a copy of the Request for Proposal, please contact:

Bill Batcher
Department of Human Services
444 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155-3847
(612) 296-6837
(612) 297-4698 (fax)
bill.batcher@state.mn.us

Department of Human Services

St. Peter Regional Treatment Center

Notice of Request for a Proposal for Psychiatric Services

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the St. Peter Regional Treatment Center, Residential Facilities Administration, Department of Human Services, is seeking services which are to be performed as requested by the Administration of the St. Peter Regional Treatment Center. The following contract will be written for the period August 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997.

1. Psychiatric services needed to serve the needs of the clients at St. Peter Regional Treatment Center.

Responses must be received by July 15, 1996. Direct inquires to:

Cindy Zahratka, Contract Coordinator
St. Peter Regional Treatment Center
100 Freeman Drive
St. Peter, MN 56082
Phone: (507) 931-7715

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Legislative Coordinating Commission

State Office Buildings in the Capitol Area

Notice of Request for Proposals for Professional and Technical Services to Evaluate Office Space Needs in the State Capitol Area

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Legislative Coordinating Commission is requesting proposals to evaluate what new facilities are needed for the Department of Revenue, which of those facilities should be located in or near the capitol area, which of those facilities should be located in Greater Minnesota, and how the facilities in the capitol area and a new Support Services Facility for the Department of Administration fit into the State's strategic plan for construction of office buildings in the capitol area. The evaluation must determine the added costs and benefits, if any, of building in the St. Paul central business district over building in the capitol complex, as well as the cost to the state of not building in the St. Paul central business district. The evaluation must be completed and reported to the chairs of the Senate Finance Committee, the House Ways and Means Committee, and the House Capital Investment Committee by October 15, 1996.

\$75,000 has been allocated for this evaluation.

A copy of the request for proposals may be obtained from:

David Lund, Director
Legislative Coordinating Commission
85 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155
Phone: (612) 296-1121
Fax: (612) 296-1321
e-mail: dlund@commissions.leg.state.mn.us
Internet: <http://www.leg.state.mn.us/leg/lcc/lcc.htm>

Proposals must be received in the Director's office no later than 12:00 noon on July 8, 1996.

Department of Natural Resources

Division of Forestry

Notice Request for Consulting Services Needed for School Forest Program

Background about School Forests

School forests provide a natural setting for students to learn about the environment. In these outdoor classrooms, they can learn firsthand about the complex interrelationships between soil, water, air, trees, wildlife, and people. With the knowledge and guidance of professional natural resource personnel and teachers, they can learn how to care for and manage the state's natural resources.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Division of Forestry is looking for a contractor to help maintain its School Forest Program. Consulting services will be used from August 1, 1996, through June 30, 1997. Contractor must have an education background and working experience with natural resource and environmental education programs.

Services needed by the Division of Forestry include, but are not limited to: setting up active school forest communities in designated school districts, in-servicing educators and resource people for forestry-related environmental education programs, guiding the content and writing of the "DiaLOGue" newsletter, and attending environmental education meetings and conferences as directed.

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Estimated dollar amount: \$14,000. This includes salary, travel and lodging, and miscellaneous expenses like postage, supplies, and telephone.

For more information contact:

Meg Hanisch
Public Affairs Specialist
DNR Forestry
500 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155-4044
(612) 296-5958

This is the only person designated to answer questions regarding this request for interested contractors.

Interested parties should submit letter of interest and resume to the aforementioned contact person by Friday, July 12, 1996.

Dated: 10 June 1996

Gerald A. Rose, Director
Division of Forestry
Department of Natural Resources

Department of Transportation

Operations/Maintenance Division

Notice of Availability of Contract for Professional Services

The Department of Transportation is requesting proposals to conduct quantitative market research to better understand how customers (Minnesota drivers) rank the importance of the department's maintenance, and the different products and services we provide. This survey, as a follow-up to a November 1994 survey, will identify possible seasonal impacts and customer perceptions of changes in products and services.

The agency has estimated that the cost of this project need not approach but shall not exceed \$30,000.00.

It is anticipated that the contract period will begin August 1, 1996 and continue through December 31, 1996.

For further information, or to obtain a copy of the completed Request for Proposal, contact Mark Wikelius, Office of Maintenance, 395 John Ireland Blvd., MS #700, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, 612/296-1103.

Proposals must be received at the above address no later than 12:01 PM on July 8, 1996.

This request does not obligate the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation to complete the work contemplated in this notice, and the department reserves the right to cancel this solicitation. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice shall be borne by the responder.

Non-State Public Bids, Contracts & Grants

The *State Register* also serves as a central marketplace for contracts let out on bid by the public sector. The *Register* meets state and federal guidelines for statewide circulation of public notices. Any tax-supported institution or government jurisdiction may advertise contracts and requests for proposals from the private sector.

It is recommended that contracts and RFPs include the following: 1) name of contact person; 2) institution name, address, and telephone number; 3) brief description of project and tasks; 4) cost estimate; and 5) final submission date of completed contract proposal. Allow at least three weeks from publication date (four weeks from date article is submitted for publication). Surveys show that subscribers are interested in hearing about contracts for estimates as low as \$1,000. Contact the editor for further details.

City of St. Paul

Notice of Request for Proposals for Architectural Services for Design and Construction of St. Anthony Park Library Expansion and Hazel Park Neighborhood Recreation Center

The City of Saint Paul is currently seeking proposals from interested firms for two separate projects involving Architectural Services for design and construction of Saint Anthony Park library expansion and Hazel Park Neighborhood Recreation Center, as detailed below:

RFP-18025-3 SAINT ANTHONY PARK LIBRARY EXPANSION

The City is seeking professional architectural services for the design and construction of an expansion of the Saint Anthony Park Branch Library located at 2245 Como Avenue. This library was built in 1917 as one of the last Carnegie Libraries built in the United States, and was added to the National Historic Register in 1984. Scope of services shall consist of the full range of services generally identified with the design and construction of a library building to include, but not be limited to the following: Consultation with owner and others; interior design and layout; schematic design; construction cost estimating; design development and preparation of working drawings and construction specifications; assist owner in obtaining bids from contractors and in awarding construction contracts; review and approval of shop drawings, samples, product data, contract payments and other submittals; construction observation.

Timeline: Proposals to be submitted by July 3, 1996 with contract commencement in September 1996, and construction completed by Fall of 1997.

Interested parties are to contact the Joint Purchasing Division, Room 280 City Hall/Court House, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd., Saint Paul, MN 55102, 612-266-8900 for proposal documents, referencing RFP 18025-3.

RFP 18024-3 HAZEL PARK NEIGHBORHOOD RECREATION CENTER

The City is currently seeking proposals from interested firms for the design and construction consulting services necessary for the Hazel Park Neighborhood Recreation Center, to be constructed at 919 Hazel Avenue, Saint Paul. Services are to include those listed above, and are detailed in the proposal documents.

Timeline: Proposals are to be submitted by June 26, 1996 with construction to commence in 1997.

Interested parties are to contact the Joint Purchasing Division as detailed above, referencing RFP-18024-3.

Metropolitan Airports Commission

Architectural Firms Invited to Submit Qualifications for Projects at the Commission's Airports

The Metropolitan Airports Commission invites a Submittal of Qualifications from architectural firms to provide consulting services for architectural projects at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (except for the Lindbergh Terminal Complex) and for the Commission's system of reliever airports.

Deadline for receipt of the Qualifications submittal is July 1, 1996.

A copy of the invitation is available from Robert J. Vorpahl, Metropolitan Airports Commission, 6040 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN (612/726-8127).

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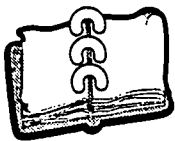
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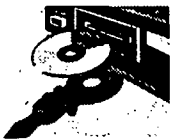
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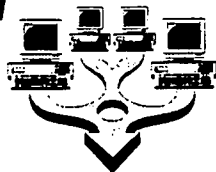
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