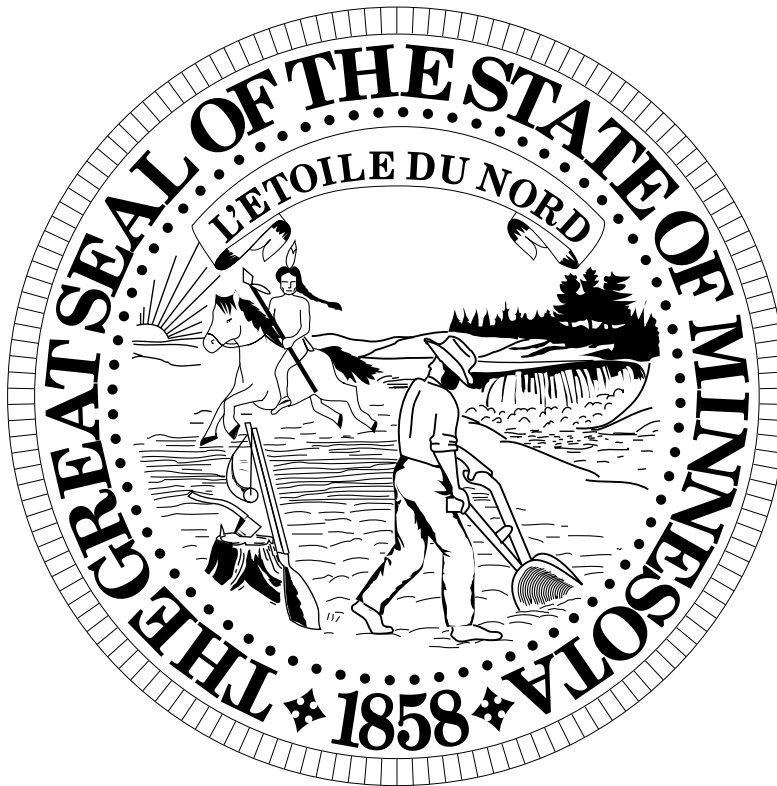


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Department of Agriculture

Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Seed Potatoes

The rules proposed and published at *State Register*, Volume 25, Number 13, pages 728-729, September 25, 2000 (25 SR 728), are adopted as proposed.

Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Participation in the Graduate Preceptorship Program

The rules proposed and published at *State Register*, Volume 25, Number 4, pages 110-111, July 24, 2000 (25 SR 110), are adopted as proposed.

Department of Labor and Industry

Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Workers' Compensation; Medical Fee Schedule

The rules proposed and published at *State Register*, Volume 25, Number 6, pages 212-486, August 7, 2000 (25 SR 212) and *State Register* Volume 25, Number 8, page 560, August 21, 2000 (SR 25 SR 561), are adopted with the following modifications:

5221.0500 EXCESSIVE CHARGES; LIMITATION OF PAYER LIABILITY.

Subp. 2. **Limitation of payer liability.** A payer is not liable for health care charges which are excessive under subpart 1. If the charges are not excessive under subpart 1, a payer's liability for payment of charges is limited as provided in items A to F.

A. If the medical fee schedule applies to the service according to part 5221.4000, subpart 3, the payer's liability shall be limited to the maximum amount allowed for any service, article, or supply in the medical fee schedule in effect on the date of the service, or the provider's usual and customary fee, whichever is lower.

5221.4000 APPLICATION SCHEDULE; INSTRUCTIONS.

Subp. 3. **Applicability.** The medical fee schedule applies to a charge for a particular health care service if:

C. the billing code for the service is listed under the appropriate provider group designation for the health care provider that rendered the service.

5221.4035 FEE ADJUSTMENTS FOR MEDICAL/SURGICAL SERVICES.

Subp. 7. **Coding and payment for assistant-at-surgery.** Part 5221.4020, subpart 2, item J, and column 10 in parts 5221.4030 to 5221.4060 describe codes subject to the assistant-at-surgery payment restrictions. An assistant-at-surgery must use the appropri-

ate CPT or HCPCS modifier in accordance with their provider type. Payment for a physician assistant-at-surgery is not allowed when payment is made for cosurgeons or team surgeons for the same procedures. For procedures with an indicator oof 0 (where medical necessityis established) or 2 in column 10 the maximum fee for an assistant-at-surgery is as follows:

B. If the assistant surgery service is performed by a provider who is not a physician, but who has advanced training to act as an assistant-at-surgery consistent with their scope of practice, ~~10.4~~ 13.6 percent of the global surgery fee is paid. This is paid in addition to the global fee paid to the surgeon.

RENUMBERING INSTRUCTION. Minnesota Rules, part 5221.4030, subpart 2b, item J, as proposed at 25 SR 212, will add subitems as follows:

<u>Subitem</u>	<u>Procedure Codes</u>
<u>(1)</u>	<u>A</u>
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REPEALER. Minnesota Rules, parts 5221.4030, subpart 2a; 5221.4033, subpart 2a; 5221.4034; 5221.4040, subpart 2a; 5221.4050, subpart 2a; and 5221.4060, subpart 2a, are repealed for services provided on or after the effective date of these rules January 1, 2001. Part 5221.4030, subpart 2b, item J, subitem (2), the procedure codes numbered D0120 to D9999, as proposed at 25 SR 212, are repealed.

EFFECTIVE DATE. The amendments to *Minnesota Rules*, parts 5221.4030; 5221.4032; 5221.4033; 5221.4040; 5221.4041; 5221.4050; 5221.4051; 5221.4060; 5221.4061; and 5221.4070 are effective for services provided on or after ~~the effective date of these rules~~ January 1, 2001.

Minnesota Rules, parts 5221.4035 and 5221.4062 are effective for services provided on or after ~~the effective date of these rules~~ January 1, 2001

ERRATA

Corrections to agency errors in rules or in following the rulemaking processes, as well as incomplete notices, mislabeled rules, incorrect notices and citations will appear in this section. Whenever an error is corrected in this section, it's corresponding rule number(s) will also appear in the *State Register's* index to rulemaking activity, **Minnesota Rules: Amendments and Additions.**

Department of Children, Families, and Learning

Division of Special Education

Proposed Permanent Rules Relating to Special Education

NOTICE OF HEARING (with corrected location)

Please note a location correction has been identified in the proposed rule notice published on December 11, 2000, in the *State Register*, Volume 25, Number 24 (25 SR 1092 and 25 SR 1093)

Proposed Rules Governing Special Education, *Minnesota Rules*, Chapter 3525

KEY: PROPOSED RULES SECTION — Underlining indicates additions to existing rule language. ~~Strike outs~~ indicate deletions from existing rule language. If a proposed rule is totally new, it is designated "all new material." **ADOPTED RULES SECTION** — Underlining indicates additions to proposed rule language. ~~Strike outs~~ indicate deletions from proposed rule language.

ERRATA

Public Hearing. The Department of Children, Families and Learning intends to adopt rules after a public hearing following the procedures set forth in the Administrative Procedure Act, *Minnesota Statutes*, §§ 14.131 to 14.20. The Department will hold two public hearings on the above-entitled rules on Monday, January 22, 2001, one beginning at 2:30 p.m. and one beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the Minnesota Department of Health Distance Learning Center, Metro Annex Building, 3rd Floor, 130 East 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. The hearings will be conducted via video conference at the following locations:

Nobles County Court House
Room 111
315 Tenth Street
Worthington, MN

Jefferson High School
Between Rooms 304 and 305
1401 Jefferson Street
Alexandria, MN

All interested or affected persons, including those attending the hearings via video conference in Fergus Falls or Worthington, will have an opportunity to participate by submitting either oral or written data, statements, or arguments. Statements may be submitted without appearing at the hearing. Additional days of hearing will be scheduled if necessary.

Administrative Law Judge. The hearing will be conducted by Administrative Law Judge Steve Mihalchick who can be reached at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 100 Washington Square, Suite 1700, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401-2138, **phone:** (612) 349-2544, and **fax:** (612) 349-2665. The rule hearing procedure is governed by *Minnesota Statutes*, §§ 14.131 to 14.20, and by the rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, *Minnesota Rules*, parts 1400.2000 to 1400.2240. Questions concerning the rule hearing procedure should be directed to the Administrative Law Judge.

Agency Contact Person. The agency contact person is Kristin Asche at the Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning, 1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville, MN 55113, **phone:** (651) 582-8248, **fax:** (651) 582-8725, **email:** kristin.asche@state.mn.us. **TTY** users may call the Department of Children, Families and Learning at (651) 582-8201.

Subject of Rules and Statutory Authority. The subject of the hearing will be the proposed rules governing special education, *Minnesota Rules*, parts 3525.0200 to 3525.4770.

The proposed rules include amendments to part 3525.1333 governing the eligibility criteria for cognitive impairment and part 3525.1335 governing the eligibility criteria for other health impairments as authorized by 1999 *Minnesota Laws*, Chapter 123, § 19. The proposed rules also include, as authorized by 1999 *Minnesota Laws*, Chapter 123, § 20, amendments to part 3525.1329 governing the eligibility criteria for emotional or behavior disorders and the repeal of part 3525.1100, subpart 2, item D, governing parent advisory councils; part 3525.2550, subpart 1 and subpart 2, items A and B, governing conduct before assessment; part 3525.2750 governing educational assessment; part 3525.2900, subparts 1 and 3 governing IEP development and content; and part 3525.3300, item A and items C through V governing contents of notice. The repeals described above are mandated by the Legislature because the rule provisions are duplicative of state statute or federal statute and regulation.

The proposed rules also include a new definition of “cultural liaison” at part 3525.0200, subpart 1h; a new definition of “extended school year (ESY) services” at part 3525.0200, subpart 2e; new language governing the provision of ESY services at 3525.0755; the repeal of part 3525.1510 governing personnel variances; amendments to the hearing provisions at parts 3525.3700 through 3525.4770; and technical changes and corrections throughout the chapter to update statutory and rule references, clarify existing language, and comport the rules with federal law and regulation.

A copy of the proposed rules is published in the *State Register*. A free copy of the rules is available upon request from the agency contact person listed above or from the agency website at <http://cfl.state.mn.us/rulemaking/>.

Statement of Need and Reasonableness. A Statement of Need and Reasonableness is now available for review at the agency offices and at the Office of Administrative Hearings. This statement contains a summary of the justification for the proposed rules, including a description of who will be affected by the proposed rules and the fiscal impact of the proposed rules. The statement may be reviewed and copies obtained at the cost of reproduction from either the agency or the Office of Administrative Hearings.

Public Comment. All interested or affected persons, including representatives of associations and other interested groups, may participate by presenting their views on the proposed rules either orally at the hearing or in writing at any time before the close of the hearing record. All evidence presented must relate to the proposed rules. Written materials may be presented to the Administrative Law Judge to be recorded in the hearing record for five working days after the public hearing ends. This five-day comment period may be extended for a longer period not to exceed 20 calendar days if ordered by the Administrative Law Judge at the hearing. Following the comment period, there will be a five-working-day response period during which the agency and any interested person may respond in writing to any new information submitted. No additional evidence may be submitted during the five-day response period. All comments and responses submitted to the Administrative Law Judge must be received at the Office of Administrative Hearings no later than 4:30 p.m. on the due date. All comments or responses received will be available for review at the Office of Administrative Hearings.

The agency requests that any person submitting written comments or materials to the Administrative Law Judge prior to the hearing or during the comment period also submit a copy of the written comments or materials to the agency contact person at the address stated above.

Alternative Format/Accommodation. Upon request, this Notice can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, Braille, or cassette tape. To make such a request or if you need an accommodation to make this hearing accessible, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

Modifications. The proposed rules may be modified as a result of the rule hearing process. Modifications must be supported by data and views presented during the rule hearing process, and the adopted rules may not be substantially different than these proposed rules. If the proposed rules affect you in any way, you are encouraged to participate.

Adoption Procedure After The Hearing. After the close of the hearing record, the Administrative Law Judge will issue a report on the proposed rules. Any interested person may ask to be notified of the date when the judge's report will become available, and can make this request at the hearing or in writing to the Administrative Law Judge. Any interested person may also ask to be notified of the date on which the agency adopts the rules and files them with the Secretary of State, or ask to register with the agency to receive notice of future rule proceedings, and can make these requests at the hearing or in writing to the agency contact person stated above.

Lobbyist Registration. *Minnesota Statutes*, Chapter 10A, requires each lobbyist to register with the State Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board. Questions regarding this requirement may be directed to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board at: Suite 190, Centennial Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, **phone:** (651) 296-5148 or (800) 657-3889.

Order. I order that the rulemaking hearing be held at the date, time, and location listed above.

Republished with location correction 11 December 2000

Christine Jax, Ph.D.
Commissioner

Executive Orders

The governor has the authority to issue written statements of orders, called Executive Orders, as well as Emergency Executive Orders. The governor's authority is specified in the *Constitution of the State of Minnesota*, Article V, and in *Minnesota Statutes* 4.035. Emergency Executive Orders, for protection from an imminent threat to health and safety, become effective immediately, are filed with the secretary of state, and published in the *State Register* as soon as possible after they are issued. Other Executive Orders become effective 15 days after publication in the *State Register* and filing with the secretary of state. Unless otherwise specified, an executive order expires 90 days after the date the governor who issued the order vacates office.

Office of the Governor

Executive Order #00-10: Governor's Citizen Advisory Commission on Redistricting

I, JESSE VENTURA, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Minnesota requires that new legislative and congressional district boundaries be redrawn after each decennial census; and

WHEREAS, the courts have been involved in every redistricting plan drawn since the 1950s; and

WHEREAS, the fairness and accuracy of how the districts are drawn will affect citizens, geographic regions, interest groups and political parties;

WHEREAS, the extent to which these groups are represented will have significant implications for policy and budgetary decisions made in the next ten years; and

WHEREAS, all citizens have an interest in ensuring that the districts are fair, balanced and competitive;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order the creation of an eleven-member advisory commission including representatives from:

- The DFL, Green, Independence and Republican parties;
- Nonpartisan citizen groups Common Cause and the League of Women Voters;
- Minority groups; and
- Urban, suburban and rural geographic areas

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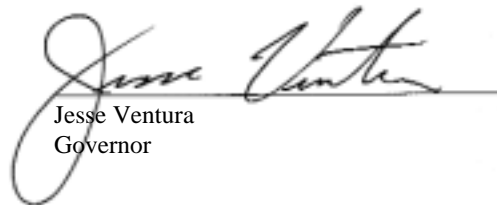
The commission will recommend a redistricting plan to the Governor that will fairly represent the citizens of Minnesota.

The Director of the Minnesota Planning Agency will chair the advisory commission and the agency will provide staff support to the commission.

This Order shall be reviewed by the Governor, in consultation with the affected agency or agencies, every two years in order to assess its reasonableness and need.

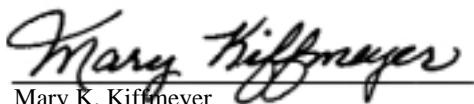
Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* 2000, section 4.035, subd. 2, this Order shall be effective fifteen (15) days after publication in the *State Register* and filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with *Minnesota Statutes* 2000, section 4.035, subd. 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this fifth day of December 2000.



Jesse Ventura
Governor

Filed According to Law:



Mary K. Kiffmeyer
Secretary of State

Appointments

Minnesota Statutes, Section 15.06, Subd. 5 requires a notice of the designation of a commissioner or acting commissioner, or the assumption of office by a temporary commissioner, shall be filed with the president of the senate and the speaker of the house with a copy delivered to the secretary of state and published in the next available edition of the *State Register*.

Department of Veterans Affairs

Notice of Appointment of Commissioner

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, Section 15.06, Subd. 5, that Governor Jesse Ventura appointed Jeffrey Olson to the office of commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs effective January 3, 2001. He succeeds Commissioner Bernie Melter. This appointment carries with it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled.

The laws and rules governing the Department of Veterans Affairs are:

- *Minnesota Statutes*, Chapters 196, 197, 198
- *Minnesota Rules* 9050

Commissioner Olson is a resident of Washington County, Congressional District Six. He can be reached at the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Service Bldg., 2nd Floor, 20 West 12th Street, St. Paul, MN 55155. **Phone:** (651) 296-2783. Internet home page: <http://www.mdva.state.mn.us>

Official Notices

Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* §§ 14.101, an agency must first solicit comments from the public on the subject matter of a possible rulemaking proposal under active consideration within the agency by publishing a notice in the *State Register* at least 60 days before publication of a notice to adopt or a notice of hearing, and within 60 days of the effective date of any new statutory grant of required rulemaking. The *State Register* also publishes other official notices of state agencies and non-state agencies, including notices of meetings and matters of public interest.

Board on Aging

Notice of Meetings

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 2001 meetings of the Minnesota Board on Aging will be held at 9:00 a.m., at 444 Lafayette Road, Human Services Building, Conference Room 5F, St. Paul, Minnesota on the following dates:

February 16, 2001	July 20, 2001
March 16, 2001	September 21, 2001
April 20, 2001	October 19, 2001
June 15, 2001	December 6, 2001 (1-4 p.m.)

For additional information please call (651) 296-2770 or (800) 882-6262.

Department of Agriculture

Minnesota Rural Finance Authority

Notice of Public Hearing on the Issuance of an Agricultural Development Revenue Bond Under *Minnesota Statutes*, Chapter 41C

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on January 5, 2001, at 9:00 a.m., in Room 145 Department of Agriculture Building, 90 West Plato Boulevard, St. Paul, Minnesota, on a proposal that the Minnesota Rural Finance Authority (the Authority) issue its revenue bond under *Minnesota Statutes*, Chapter 41C, in order to finance the purchase of a 160 acre farm site with tillable land located in Section 25, Ewington Township, Jackson County, Minnesota on behalf of Mark D. and Darcy J. Murphy, a married couple (the Borrower/s). The maximum aggregate face amount of the proposed bond issue is \$130,000.00. The revenue bond will be a limited obligation of the Authority, payable solely from the revenue pledged to the payment thereof. No holder of such revenue bond will ever have the right to compel any exercise of the taxing power of the State of Minnesota to pay the bond or the interest thereon, nor to enforce payment against any property of the Authority or the State of Minnesota, except the revenues specifically pledged to the payment thereof. Before issuing the revenue bond, the Authority will enter into an agreement with the Borrower whereby the Borrower will be obligated to make payments at least sufficient at all times to pay the principal of and interest on such revenue bond when due. All persons interested may appear and be heard at the time and place set forth above, or may file written comments with the Executive Director of the Authority prior to the date of the hearing set forth above.

Dated: 6 December 2000

Jim Boerboom
RFA Director

Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board

Notice of Request for Comments on Completed Application in the Matter of the License Application of Kanabec Hospital Ambulance Service, Mora, Minnesota

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (hereinafter "EMS RB") has received a completed application from **Kanabec Hospital Ambulance Service, Mora, Minnesota**, for a new type of service, part-time advanced ambulance service.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* 144E.11, subd. 3, each municipality, county, community health board, governing body of a regional emergency medical services system, ambulance service and other person wishing to

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make recommendations or comments concerning the disposition of the application shall make written recommendations or comments opposing the application to the EMSRB within 30 days or by January 18, 2001, 4:30 p.m. Written recommendations or comments opposing the application should be sent to: Mary Hedges, Executive Director, EMSRB, 2829 University Ave. SE, # 310, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414-3222.

If fewer than six comments opposing the application are received during the comment period, and the EMSRB has determined, after considering the factors in *Minnesota Statutes* 144E.11, subd. 6, that the proposed service is needed, the applicant will be exempt from a contested case hearing, pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* 144E.11, subd. 4. If six or more recommendations or comments in opposition to the application are received during the comment period or the EMSRB denies the application, the applicant shall be given the option of immediately proceeding to a contested case hearing or trying to resolve the objections within 30 days, pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* 144E.11, subd. 5(a)(b). If the applicant is unable to resolve the objections within 30 days, or if the applicant initially requests a hearing, a contested case hearing will be scheduled and notice of the hearing given pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* 144E.11, subd. 5(c)(e).

Dated: 8 December 2000

Mary F. Hedges
Executive Director

Department of Health

Health Policy and Systems Compliance Division

Managed Care Systems Section

Entities Designated as Essential Community Providers

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Department of Health designated the following entities as Essential Community Providers (ECPs), pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, section 62Q.19:

Northwest Youth and Family Services, 3490 Lexington Avenue North, Suite #205, Shoreview, Minnesota 55126

St. David's Child Development and Family Services (includes sites in Minnetonka, Richfield, and Brooklyn Park), 3395 Plymouth Road, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55305.

Questions may be directed to Tom Johnson by **phone:** (651) 282-6333; **email:** tom.johnson@health.state.mn.us; or, by mail at Minnesota Department of Health, Managed Care Systems Section, P.O. Box 64975, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0975.

Department of Labor and Industry

Labor Standards Unit

Notice of Prevailing Wage Determinations for Commercial Projects

On December 18, 2000, the commissioner determined and certified prevailing wage rates for Commercial construction projects in each of 87 counties statewide.

Copies may be obtained by writing the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, Prevailing Wage Section, 443 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4306 or by calling (651) 296-6452. The charges for the cost of copying and mailing are \$.65 per page. Make check or money order payable to the State of Minnesota.

Gretchen Maglich
Commissioner

Department of Labor and Industry

Labor Standards Unit

Notice of Correction to Highway/Heavy Prevailing Wage Rates

A **correction** has been made to the Highway/Heavy Prevailing Wage Rates certified 10/23/00, for **Group 5**, in **Region 07**.

Copies of the certified wage rates for these Counties may be obtained by writing the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, Prevailing Wage Section, 443 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4306, or **phone:** (651) 296-6452. Charges for the cost of copying and mailing are \$.65 per page. Make check or money order payable to the State of Minnesota.

Gretchen B. Maglich
Commissioner

Office of the Ombudsman for Mental Health and Mental Retardation

Notice of Meeting

The Ombudsman for MH/MR Advisory Committee will hold a meeting from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., on Thursday, December 21, 2000. The meeting will be held in the Annex Room 1 at the Metro Square Building, on 7th and Robert St., St. Paul.

Department of Public Safety

State Fire Marshal Division

Request for Comments on Planned Amendment to Rules Governing Fire Protection Systems, *Minnesota Rules*, Chapter 7512

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Department of Public Safety requests comments on its planned amendment to rules governing fire protection systems. Generally, these rules relate to how journeymen sprinkler fitters, managing employees and contractors are licensed and regulated. Specifically, the Department is considering rule amendments that add or clarify definitions, clarify certain regulatory provisions concerning requirements of journeymen, managing employees, and contractors, repeal obsolete language such as requirements referencing past dates, explore issues pertaining to legislation which allow an owner / occupant of a one or two family dwelling to install a residential sprinkler system without a contractor's license or journeyman sprinkler fitter certificate, repeal language relating to fee payment dates, and clarify competency requirements for persons performing a review of fire protection system plans and the inspection of systems.

Persons Affected. The amendments to the rules would likely affect: sprinkler contractors; journeyman sprinkler fitters; apprentice sprinkler fitters; local fire and building officials; and the general public.

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 299M.04, requires the Department to "adopt permanent rules for operation of the council; regulation of municipalities; permit; filing; inspection; certificate and license fees; qualifications; examination and licensing of fire protection contractors; certification of journeymen sprinkler fitters; registration of apprentices; and the administration and enforcement of this chapter."

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these planned rules in writing until further notice is published in the *State Register* that the Department intends to adopt or to withdraw the rules. The Department has appointed an advisory committee to comment on the planned rules. Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, section 14.101, subd. 2, the agency is publishing the names of the members of this committee.

Ed Gnifkowski	Journeyman Sprinkler Fitter
Steve Hernick	Minnesota State Building Codes and Standards Division
Steve Hinson	American Fire Sprinkler Association - North Central Chapter
John Hoppe	National Fire Sprinkler Association - Minnesota Chapter
Greg Johnson	Minnesota Building Officials
George Magdahl	Residential Fire Sprinkler Task Force

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Kevin McGinty	Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association
Alan Moore	Minnesota Society of Professional Engineers
James Shull	Journeyman Sprinkler Fitter
Ronald Peil	National Fire Sprinkler Association - Minnesota Chapter
Michael Winiecki	American Fire Sprinkler Association - North Central Chapter
Jeff Meinzer	Fire Marshals Association of Minnesota

This rulemaking advisory committee will have no other duties.

Rules Drafts. The Department has not yet prepared a draft of the planned rules amendments.

Agency Contact Person. Written comments, questions, requests to receive a draft of the rules when it has been prepared, and requests for more information on these planned rules should be directed to: Robert Dahm, Bureau Chief - Information, Licensing and Response, Minnesota State Fire Marshal Division, 444 Cedar Street, Suite 145, St. Paul, MN, 55101, **phone:** (651) 215-0505, **fax:** (651) 215-0451, **email:** Robert.Dahm@state.mn.us. **TTY** users may call the Department at (651) 282-6555.

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 such a request, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

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 rules after they are proposed.

Dated: 30 November 2000

Charles R. Weaver, Jr., Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

State Rehabilitation Council

Meeting Dates 2001

The State Rehabilitation Council will meet on the following dates at the designated location. For more information on locations not listed please contact the Minnesota Department of Economic Security at: **phone:** (800) 328-9095; (651) 296-0535 or **TTY:** (800) 657-3973, **phone:** (651) 296-3900.

January 24, 2001 - MDES Annex, Room 204C
February 28, 2001 - MDES Annex, Room 204C
March 28, 2001 - MDES Annex, Room 204C
April 25, 2001 - Location TBA
May 23, 2001 - Location TBA
June 27, 2001 - Location TBA
August 22, 2001 - Location TBA
September 26, 2001 - Location TBA
October 24, 2001 - Location TBA
December 5, 2001 - Location TBA

Department of Transportation

State Aid for Local Transportation Group

Appointment of a State Aid Variance Committee

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioner of Transportation has appointed a State Aid Variance Committee who will conduct a meeting on Wednesday, December 20, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room 9, Arden Hills Training Center, 1900 West County Road I, Shoreview, Minnesota, 55126.

This notice is given pursuant to *Minnesota Statute 47K.705*.

The purpose of this open meeting is to investigate and determine recommendations for variance requests from minimum State Aid roadway standards and administrative procedures as governed by *Minnesota Rules* for State Aid Operations 8820.3300 adopted pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* Chapters 161 and 162.

The agenda will be limited to the following:

1. **Petition of the City of Rochester** for a variance from *Minnesota Rules* 8820.9936 as they apply to a construction project on Municipal State Aid Street No. 145 (Fox Valley Drive), located approximately 900 feet west of 23rd Avenue Southwest in the City of Rochester, Minnesota, so as to permit construction of a roundabout with a horizontal design speed of 20 mph, in lieu of the required 30 mph minimum design speed.
2. **Petition of the City of Prior Lake** for a variance from *Minnesota Rules* 8820.9936 as they apply to the proposed construction of Ring Road, from Franklin Road to Trunk Highway No. 13 in the City of Prior Lake, Minnesota, so as to permit two 25 mph horizontal curves at the intersections of Ring Road with Tower Street and Duluth Avenue, in lieu of the required 30 mph minimum design speed.

The Cities previously listed are requested to adhere to the following time schedule when appearing before the Variance Committee:

10:00 a.m. City of Rochester
10:20 a.m. City of Prior Lake

Dated: 7 December 2000

Julie A. Skallman
State Aid Engineer
State Aid for Local Transportation

Department of Transportation

State Aid for Local Transportation Group

Petition of the City of Prior Lake for a Variance from State Aid Requirements for DESIGN SPEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Prior Lake City Council has made written request to the Commissioner of Transportation pursuant to *Minnesota Rules* 8820.3300, for a variance from rules as they apply to the proposed construction of Ring Road, from Franklin Road to Trunk Highway No. 13 in the City of Prior Lake, Minnesota.

The request is for a variance from *Minnesota Rules* for State Aid Operations 8820.9936, adopted pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* Chapter 161 and 162, so as to permit two 25 mph horizontal curves at the intersections of Ring Road with Tower Street and Duluth Avenue, in lieu of the required 30 mph minimum design speed.

Any person may file a written objection to the variance request with the Commissioner of Transportation, Transportation Building, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155.

If a written objection is received within 20 days from the date of this notice in the *State Register*, the variance can be granted only after a contested case hearing has been held on the request.

Dated: 7 December 2000

Julie A. Skallman
State Aid Engineer
State Aid for Local
Transportation

State Grants & Loans

In addition to requests by state agencies for technical/professional services (published in the State Contracts section), the *State Register* also publishes notices about grants and loans available through any agency or branch of state government. Although some grant and loan 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 and loan notices, and to provide financial estimates as well as sufficient time for interested parties to respond.

Department of Administration

Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities

Notice of Cosponsorship Funds for Leadership Training Conferences

The Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD Council) is pleased to announce the availability of a total of \$20,000 in cosponsorship funds for training conferences in Minnesota. Conferences should focus on leadership training and the development or strengthening of personal leadership skills, and marketed to people with developmental disabilities and their families as the primary audience. A maximum of \$2,000 may be awarded to an agency/organization that meets eligibility criteria.

Conferences must be held no later than September 10, 2001.

Eligible applicants: Minnesota associations/organizations of parents, people with developmental disabilities, advocates, providers, or professionals; Minnesota chapters of national organizations; or national organizations that are holding a conference in Minnesota. The DD Council reserves the right to award less than the maximum of \$2,000 to an applicant association/organization, refuse to cosponsor a conference, or withdraw the availability of funds at any time.

Application deadline: Monday, January 22, 2001 at 4:30 p.m.

For additional information or to request an application form, please contact:

Mary Jo Nichols
Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities
370 Centennial Office Building
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155
Phone: (651) 282-2899
Toll free: (877) 348-0505
TTY: (651) 296-9962
Email: admin.dd@state.mn.us

Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning

Notice of Grant Availability for Technology Literacy Challenge Fund

The Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning (CFL) hereby announces the availability of Technology Literacy Challenge Fund Grants. These grants originate with the U.S. Department of Education and are distributed by CFL to schools in Minnesota. Eligible applicants include individual Minnesota school districts (which include charter schools), groups of Minnesota school districts, and school district cooperatives. The grant program addresses the four national goals for education technology, which are:

1. All teachers will have the training and support they need to help all students learn through computers and through the information superhighway;
2. All teachers and students will have modern computers in their classrooms;
3. Every classroom will be connected to the information superhighway; and
4. Effective and engaging software and on-line resources will be an integral part of every school curriculum.

The CFL will accept applications in the following categories:

1. Teacher technology training and staff development projects aligned to the International Society for Technology in Education Standards (ISTE) in support of the Minnesota Profile of Learning.
2. Data development projects that provide school districts with readily accessible school and district level data that assists schools and school districts with educational planning, instructional strategies, budgeting, and decision-making.

3. Innovative technology projects that focus on best practices for the application of technology to student learning aligned to the ISTE standards and in support of the Minnesota Profile of Learning.

Approximately \$4 million in grant funding will be available.

The request for proposal (RFP) and application materials will be available on December 20, 2000. The RFP can be obtained from the CFL web site at <http://cfl.state.mn.us>. Copies of the RFP and further information can also be obtained from Gary Farland at (651) 582-8772 or **email:** gary.farland@state.mn.us, and Mary Mehsikomer at (651) 582-8827 or **email:** mary.mehsikomer@state.mn.us

Minnesota Historical Society

Historic Preservation Grant Application Deadlines

The Minnesota Historical Society announces a winter grants cycle for one federally funded grant program and one state funded grant program to assist historic preservation and local history projects. The state funds were allocated to the Minnesota Historical Society in the 1999 Legislative Sessions.

Certified Local Government Grant Program: Cities with local historic preservation ordinances, commissions, and programs certified by the State Historic Preservation Office and the National Park Service are eligible applicants. It is anticipated that at least \$94,808 will be awarded.

There are six areas of eligible program activity for this grants cycle. They are: 1.) Comprehensive Planning; 2.) Survey; 3.) Evaluation; 4.) Local Designation Forms; 5.) National Register Nomination Forms; and 6.) Public Education. Projects that will receive special priority are those that: promote surveys in areas of known development activity in order to reduce project delays; promote continuing development of data for planning use; reflect the goals and strategies in the 2000 statewide preservation plan; result in local designations; and involve properties associated with the history of heretofore under-documented groups or communities (ethnic or racial minorities for example, but also other groups defining themselves as communities).

Instructions regarding the full range of eligible activities and information on the project selection process and selection criteria are found in the F.Y. 2001 CLG Grants Manual. To request a complete application package or for further information contact Mandy Skypala at (651) 296-5478, **email:** the Grants Office - mandy.skypala@mnhs.org, or write to the Grants Office, Minnesota Historical Society, 345 West Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55102-1906.

State Grants-in-Aid: The primary recipients are regional, county, and local nonprofit organizations whose primary purpose is historic preservation and/or interpretation. Other applicants may include units of government. Approximately \$90,000 of state funds will be awarded. An additional \$25,000 of federal National Park Service funds will be available specifically for the development of historic structures reports which is an eligible project activity in the historic properties category. Grant recipients must match grant funds on at least an equal basis. This program has been supporting projects conducted by local and county organizations that interpret and preserve Minnesota's history since 1969. Project categories include: Historic Properties, Artifact Collections, Interpretive Programs, Microform Copies, Oral History, Photographic Collections, Manuscripts, Publications and Research, Museum Environments, and Technology.

To request grant information materials and application forms for this program, or for more information, **phone:** (651) 297-4416, **email:** the Grants Office - david.grabitske@mnhs.org, or write to the Grants Office, Minnesota Historical Society, 345 West Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55102-1906. Application materials can also be downloaded from the Minnesota Historical Society's website at: www.mnhs.org

Deadlines for the winter grants cycle are:

- January 26, 2001: Pre-application due.
- March 2, 2001: Final application due.
- April 5, 2001: Grants Review Committee meets.

These programs receive Federal funds from the National Park Service. Regulations of the U.S. Department of the Interior strictly prohibit unlawful discrimination in departmental Federally assisted programs on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, or disability. Any person who believes he or she has been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility operated by a recipient of Federal assistance should write to: Director, Equal Opportunity Program, U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127.

State Grants & Loans

Department of Human Services

Chemical Health Division

Request for Proposals to Colleges and/or Training Programs to host the 20th Annual Minnesota Indian Institute on Alcohol and Other Drug Studies

The Chemical Health Division of the Minnesota Department of Human Services is soliciting proposals from American Indian human services providers, non-profit organizations, private organizations, and units of government to provide chemical dependency training to American Indian citizens of Minnesota. Proposals must address professional training services. Proposals are due January 27, 2001.

The funded programs should begin on or about May 1, 2001. Approximately \$90,000 is available to fund a grantee for a two year project. The goal of this RFP is to provide a 35 hour education and training program consistent with the requirements for chemical dependency counselor certification in the state of Minnesota. Grant funds under this RFP cannot be used to pay for chemical dependency treatment services.

This request for proposals is contingent on the availability of funds. This request for proposals does not obligate the state to complete the proposed project, and the state reserves the right to cancel the solicitation if it is considered to be in its best interest. The state will not reimburse for the cost of proposal preparation. Eight copies of the proposal must be received by the Chemical Health Division no later than 4:20 p.m. on Friday, January 27, 2001, or have a legible postmark date no later than Wednesday, January 24, 2001. Proposals must follow the Chemical Health grant application proposal format.

Programmatic information concerning this RFP should be directed to Donna Isham, Special Assistant Director, American Indian Programs at (651) 582-1842.

Budget/fund use questions should be directed to Jeffrey Hunsberger, Grants Manager, Chemical Health Division, Minnesota Department of Human Services at (651) 582-1841.

Proposals should be sent to:

Donna Isham, Special Assistant Director
American Indian Programs
Chemical Health Division
Department of Human Services
444 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-3823

Board of Water and Soil Resources

Announcement of Application Period for the 2002 Challenge Grant Program

The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) is accepting applications from Minnesota Counties, Watershed Districts, Metropolitan Watershed Management Organizations (WMOs) and joint powers of these local governments, for grants that accelerate achieving goals listed in a state-approved, comprehensive local water plan. Applications will be accepted through 4:30 pm, on Friday, February 16, 2001. The following is available:

- Local Water Resources Protection and Management Program Grants for implementing a comprehensive local water plan: \$660,000 - \$2,000,000.

County auditors, county water planners and watershed district administrators have been notified of the application period. Any other local unit of government that wishes to be notified must contact the BWSR by writing the executive director at the following address:

Ronald Harnack
Executive Director
Board of Water and Soil Resources
One West Water Street, Suite 200
St. Paul, MN 55107

Application packets that include additional information about these grants can be obtained by contacting Marybeth Block, Local Water Planning Coordinator at (651) 297-7965 or **email:** marybeth.block@bwsr.state.mn.us

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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 \$25,000 be printed in the *State Register*. These procedures also require that the following information be included in the notice: agency name and address, name of agency contact person, description of project and tasks, cost estimate and final submission date and time of completed proposal. Certain quasi-state agencies and MnSCU institutions are exempted from these provisions. In accordance with *Minnesota Rules* 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. Certified Economically Disadvantaged Businesses and individuals shall receive the equivalent of a 4% preference in the evaluation of their proposal. For information regarding certification, call the Materials Management Helpline (651) 296-2600 or [TTY (651) 282-5799.]

Department of Children, Families and Learning

Notice of Request for Proposal to Perform an In-depth Evaluation of Minnesota Charter Schools, their Sponsors and Support Organizations

The Department of Children, Families and Learning is soliciting proposals from qualified vendors to perform an in-depth evaluation of Minnesota charter schools, their sponsors and support organizations. The contractor will meet with an advisory committee to receive feedback on study design and implement their suggested changes and submit monthly progress reports to the charter school staff of the Department of Children, Families and Learning. The contractor will also present an interim report to the advisory committee and accept their feedback before submitting the final report.

The Department has estimated the cost of this project should not exceed \$90,000. The anticipated project period is March 1, 2001 to February 1, 2002.

This request for proposal does not obligate the state to complete the proposed project, and the state reserves the right to cancel the solicitation if it is considered to be in its best interest.

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

Justin Testerman
Learner Options
Department of Children, Families and Learning
1500 Highway 36 West
Roseville, Minnesota 55113-4567
Phone: (651) 582-8505
Fax: (651) 582-8727

Proposals must be received by 3:00 p.m. February 7, 2001. **Fax, email, or late proposals will not be considered.**

Department of Human Services

Community Supports for Minnesotans with Disabilities Division

Community Outcomes Section

Proposals Sought to Conduct Quality Assessment Survey

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS), Division for Community Supports for Minnesotans with Disabilities (CSMD), Community Outcomes Section is seeking via a Request for Proposals (RFP) the professional services from qualified parties with experience for the completion of 350 onsite surveys designed to measure individual satisfaction with services funded by home and community based services (waiver). The surveys will be conducted using the Quality Assessment Survey (QAS), a 12 page tool designed to measure satisfaction and opportunities for making individual choices (i.e., residential, work, health/safety, medical, therapy, pharmacy, and case management) for persons with disabilities who currently receive waiver services.

The project will contain two phases, the first phase will be a pilot test of the QAS. The Contractor will be expected to interview 50 randomly selected persons receiving waiver services at locations where persons with disabilities live and/or work. The Contractor will be expected to provide feedback to CSMD regarding recommended changes to the QAS upon completion of the pilot interviews.

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The second phase of the project will require onsite interviews of 300 randomly selected persons with disabilities receiving home and community based waiver services at locations where persons with disabilities live and/or work. Data obtained from the QAS will be entered into a CSMD developed Access Microsoft data base by the Contractor. A narrative report not to exceed 5 pages summarizing the QAS findings will be submitted upon the completion on the interviews by the Contractor.

The term of the contract shall be from March 1, 2001 to June 30, 2001. It is estimated that this contract will not exceed \$25,000.00.

A complete copy of the RFP can be obtained by contacting:

Gerald Nord, Community Outcomes Supervisor
Minnesota Department of Human Services
Community Supports for Minnesotans with Disabilities
Community Outcomes Section
444 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155-3857
Phone: (651) 582-1937

All proposals must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. Monday, February 12, 2001. **Late proposals will not be considered.** Submit two copies of proposals. Proposals must be delivered in a sealed envelope or package with the responder's name and address clearly written on the outside of the parcel. Fax, email or other electronically transmitted copies will not be considered. It is anticipated that the selection process will be completed by February 20, 2001.

Minnesota Historical Society

Notice of Request for Proposals for Preparation of Historic Structure Report for Dwelling #2 and #3 at the Split Rock Lighthouse Historic Site

The Minnesota Historical Society is soliciting proposals from qualified professionals for a fixed-price contract for the research and preparation of a Historic Structures Report for Dwelling #2 and #3 and the Split Rock Lighthouse Historic Site, located at 3713 Split Rock Lighthouse Road, Two Harbors, Minnesota. The Historic Structures Report is to include documentation of evolution of development and use of the dwellings, physical description, conditions assessment, recommended preservation and restoration treatments including priorities and cost estimates, and a maintenance plan.

The Request for Proposals is available by writing or calling, Chris M. Bonnell, Contracting Officer, Minnesota Historical Society, 345 Kellogg Boulevard West, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55102. **Phone:** (651) 297-5863 or **email:** chris.bonnell@mnhs.org

Attendance is strongly recommended at the pre-proposal meeting that will take place at the Split Rock Lighthouse Historic Site at 1:00 p.m., local time, Wednesday, January 3, 2001.

Proposals must be received no later than 2:00 p.m., local time, January 10, 2001, and be submitted in the format provided for in the Request for Proposals. **Late proposals will not be accepted.**

Department of Natural Resources

Division of Parks and Recreation

Notice of Request for Proposal for Design, Construction and Installation of Prairie Passage Project Non-personal and Self-guided Interpretive Services

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to request proposals to design, construct and install the Prairie Passage interpretive/ informational materials, posters, kiosks, self-guided interpretive trail, roadside stop/ pull-off interpretive signs, and learning trunks.

This project will design, print, produce, construct, assemble and install the Prairie Passage project's non-personal and self-guided interpretive services at Blue Mounds and Camden State Parks and two highway rest stops. This project will write the text, produce the illustrations and photographic images, finalize the designs and layouts, print, create construction drawings and construct, deliver and install the kiosks, signs and markers, posters and brochures, and assemble the learning trunks as described in the RFP Tasks.

Proposals shall be based on the RFP Task to be completed and delivered to the Department of Natural Resources by June 30, 2001 or within 12 months from the date of project authorization. **Proposals must be submitted by 4:30 p.m., January 30, 2001.**

To submit proposals or for additional information, contact:

Robert Beck
Parks and Recreation – Interpretive Services
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
261 Highway 15 South
New Ulm, MN 56073-8915
Phone: (507) 359-6062
Email: *bob.beck@dnr.state.mn.us*

Department of Public Safety

Driver and Vehicle Services Division

Notice of Request for Proposals for Advertising Sales in Driver and Vehicle Services Publications

Request for Proposals: The Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Driver and Vehicle Services Division (DVS), seeks proposals from qualified individuals or firms to sell advertising on commission to defray the costs of publications and printing of the Minnesota Drivers Manual, Motorcycle and Motorized Bicycle Manual, and the Minnesota Commercial Drivers manual. Annual manual quantities are estimated to be 350,000 copies of the Minnesota Drivers Manual; 75,000 copies of the Commercial Drivers Manual; and 50,000 copies of the Motorcycle/Motorized Bicycle Manual.

Contractor's commission is anticipated to be 35% of the net income from the advertisements sold and approved by DPS.

Advertising sales are anticipated to begin January 29, 2001, with manual production and printing commencing after July 1, 2001. Revised manuals to be available by September 1, 2001.

The proposed services will be provided under contract for an initial two-year period with the option of annual renewal at DVS' discretion for up to three additional years. The total contract period will not exceed five years.

Details are contained in a complete Request for Proposals that may be obtained by calling or writing:

Jane A. Nelson
Minnesota Department of Public Safety
Driver and Vehicle Services Division
445 Minnesota Street, Suite 196
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-5196
Phone: (651) 296-2608
Fax: (651) 296-3141
Email: *Jane.Nelson@state.mn.us*

All questions concerning this RFP should be in writing and sent to Jane Nelson by 2:00 p.m. CST on December 26, 2000. All answers to questions will be in writing and sent to all entities requesting a complete RFP. Other state personnel are NOT authorized to discuss this request for proposal with anyone, including responders, before the proposal submission deadline. **Final date for submitting proposals is Tuesday, January 9, 2001 by 2:00 p.m. CST.**

The Department of Public Safety, Driver and Vehicle Services Division reserves the right to issue separate subsequent contracts on this project. DVS is not obligated to respond to any proposals submitted nor is it legally bound in any manner whatsoever by the submission of an RFP. This Request for Proposals does not obligate DVS to complete the proposed project. DVS reserves the right to cancel the solicitation if it is considered to be in the State's best interest. All expenses incurred responding to this notice shall be borne by the responder.

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Public Utilities Commission

Request for Proposals (RFP) for Website Design

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission is requesting proposals for redesigning its current website. Users of the website include commission staff, government entities, businesses, and consumers.

One of the primary technologies identified by the commission is the use of the web to deliver cost effective services to staff and to stakeholders, using mainline industry standard technology.

This RFP does not seek to completely outsource all aspects of the project. The commission anticipates that the project coordinator will work with the successful vendor to perform some of the project tasks, and that knowledge transfer and training will be important components of the services provided.

The project is expected to begin by February 1, 2001, and will be completed April 30, 2001.

A copy of the Request for Proposals can be found on the **website** at www.puc.state.mn.us. Persons interested in obtaining a hard copy may call or write:

Catherine Hennessey
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147
Phone: (651) 296-7940

All proposals must be received not later than 2:30 p.m., local time, January 16, 2001, as indicated by a notation made by the Receptionist, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101-2147.

Late proposals will not be considered. No time extensions will be granted.

This request does not obligate the State to complete the work contemplated in this notice. The State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder.

Department of Transportation

Office of Research and Strategic Services

Notice of Availability of a Contract to Develop and Conduct Research and Implementation Activities

The Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) is requesting proposals to enter into master contracts with multiple research organizations to provide research services for specific issues identified by the Department that require expertise not available in-house. These services will include both basic and applied research and implementation, education and outreach activities. Research topics will be identified from a variety of transportation categories, including but not limited to, the following: materials, pavements, economic issues, bridges, planning, environment, traffic engineering, construction, intelligent transportation systems, design, safety, financing, local roads and maintenance.

Call or write for the full RFP which will be sent free of charge to interested vendors:

Karen Billiar, M.S. 330
Office of Research & Strategic Services
Department of Transportation
395 John Ireland Boulevard, Rm. 175
St. Paul, MN 55155
Phone: (651) 282-2266
Fax: (651) 215-0443

All proposals must be sent to and received by reception staff at the above address **not later than 3:00 p.m., local time, January 15, 2001.**

This Request for Proposal does not obligate the State to complete the proposed project, and the State reserves the right to cancel the solicitation if it is considered to be in its best interest.

Veterans Homes Board

Luverne Veterans Home

Notice of Request for Proposals for Speech Therapy Services

The Minnesota Veterans Homes - Luverne is soliciting proposals for contracts, to provide speech therapy services on the site of the Veterans Home for residents of this nursing care facility.

The Request for Proposal does not obligate the state to complete the project; the State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation if it is considered to be in its best interest.

These contracts may be let for a period of up to two years, with an option to extend for three one-year intervals, beginning January 15, 2001. For details and a copy of the Request for Proposals, contact Anne Stegenga, Business Manager, at (507) 283-1100, or write to Minnesota Veterans Home - Luverne, Attn: Anne Stegenga, Business Manager, P.O. Box 539, Luverne, Minnesota, 56156. **Proposals must be received no later than 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2001.**

Veterans Homes Board

Luverne Veterans Home

Notice of Request for Proposals for Physician Services

The Minnesota Veterans Homes - Luverne is soliciting proposals for contracts, to provide physician services on the site of the Veterans Home for residents of this nursing care facility.

The Request for Proposal does not obligate the state to complete the project; the State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation if it is considered to be in its best interest.

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Veterans Homes Board

Luverne Veterans Home

Notice of Request for Proposals for Mental Health Consultant Services

The Minnesota Veterans Homes - Luverne is soliciting proposals for contracts, to provide mental health consultant services on the site of the Veterans Home for residents of this nursing care facility.

The Request for Proposal does not obligate the state to complete the project; the State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation if it is considered to be in its best interest.

These contracts may be let for a period of up to two years, with an option to extend for three one-year intervals, beginning January 15, 2001. For details and a copy of the Request for Proposals, contact Anne Stegenga, Business Manager, at (507) 283-1100, or write to Minnesota Veterans Home - Luverne, Attn: Anne Stegenga, Business Manager, P.O. Box 539, Luverne, Minnesota, 56156. **Proposals must be received no later than 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2001.**

Veterans Home Board – Fergus Falls

Notice of Request for Proposals for Attending Physician/Nurse Practitioners Services

The Minnesota Veterans Homes - Fergus Falls is soliciting proposals for contracts, to provide Attending Physician/ Nurse Practitioner services for residents and staff of this 85-bed nursing care facility operated by the State of Minnesota, Veterans Homes Board.

The Request for Proposal does not obligate the state to complete the project and the state reserves the right to cancel solicitation if it is considered to be in its best interest.

This contract may be let for a period of up to two years, with an option to extend three years, at one-year intervals, beginning January 15, 2001. For details and a copy of the Request for Proposals, contact Barbara Nitz, Accounting Technician, at (218) 736-0420, or write to Minnesota Veterans Home - Fergus Falls, Attn: Barbara Nitz, Accounting Technician, 1821 North Park Street, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, 56537. **All proposals must be received no later than 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday January 2, 2001.**

Veterans Homes Board – Fergus Falls

Notice of Request for Proposals for Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy Services

The Minnesota Veterans Homes - Fergus Falls is soliciting proposals for contracts, to provide physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy services for residents of this 85-bed nursing care facility operated by the State of Minnesota, Veterans Homes Board.

The Request for Proposal does not obligate the state to complete the project and the state reserves the right to cancel solicitation if it is considered to be in its best interest.

Proposals may be submitted for provision of single services only (e.g. physical therapy services only), or for all services requested.

This contract may be let for a period of up to two years, with an option to extend three additional years, at one-year intervals, beginning January 15, 2001. For details and a copy of the complete Request for Proposals, contact Barbara Nitz, Accounting Technician, at (218) 736-0420, or write to Minnesota Veterans Home - Fergus Falls, Attn: Barbara Nitz, Accounting Technician, 1821 North Park Street, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, 56537. **All proposals must be received no later than 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2001.**

Non-State Contracts & Grants

The *State Register* also serves as a central marketplace for contracts let out on bid by the public sector. The *State 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.

Metropolitan Council

Notice of Request for Proposals (RFP) Project Number 970325/970628

The Metropolitan Council is requesting engineering services proposals for: Engineering Services for the specification and design of a standby generator and its associated equipment at the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant.

<i>Issue Request for Proposals</i>	December 11, 2000
<i>Receive Proposals</i>	January 12, 2001
<i>Evaluate and Rank Proposals</i>	January 19, 2001
<i>Metropolitan Council authorization</i>	February 7, 2001
<i>Contract negotiated, executed, NTP</i>	February 14, 2001

All firms interested in being considered for this project and desiring to receive a RFP package are invited to submit a Letter of Interest to:

Amanda Petersen
Administrative Assistant
Contracts and Procurement Unit
230 East Fifth Street
Mears Park Centre
St. Paul, MN 55101
Fax: (651) 602-1138
Email: amanda.petersen@metc.state.mn.us

Inquiries regarding technical aspects of the project should be directed to Steve Kaukola at (651) 602-1064.

Minnesota Statutes, Sections 473.144 and 363.073, and *Minnesota Rules*, Parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 will be incorporated into any contract based upon the Proposals or any modifications to it. If a contract for the project is awarded in excess of \$100,000, the requirements of *Minnesota Rules* 5000.3530 will be applicable.

University of Minnesota

Notice of Bid Information Service (BIS) Available for All Potential Vendors

The University of Minnesota offers 24 hour/day, 7 day/week access to all Request for Bids/Proposals through its web based Bid Information Services (BIS). Subscriptions to BIS are \$75/year. Visit our web site at bidinfo.umn.edu or call the BIS Coordinator at (612) 625-5534.

Requests for Bids/Proposals are available to the public at no charge each business day from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Purchasing Services lobby, Suite 560, 1300 S. 2nd Street, Mpls., MN 55454.



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