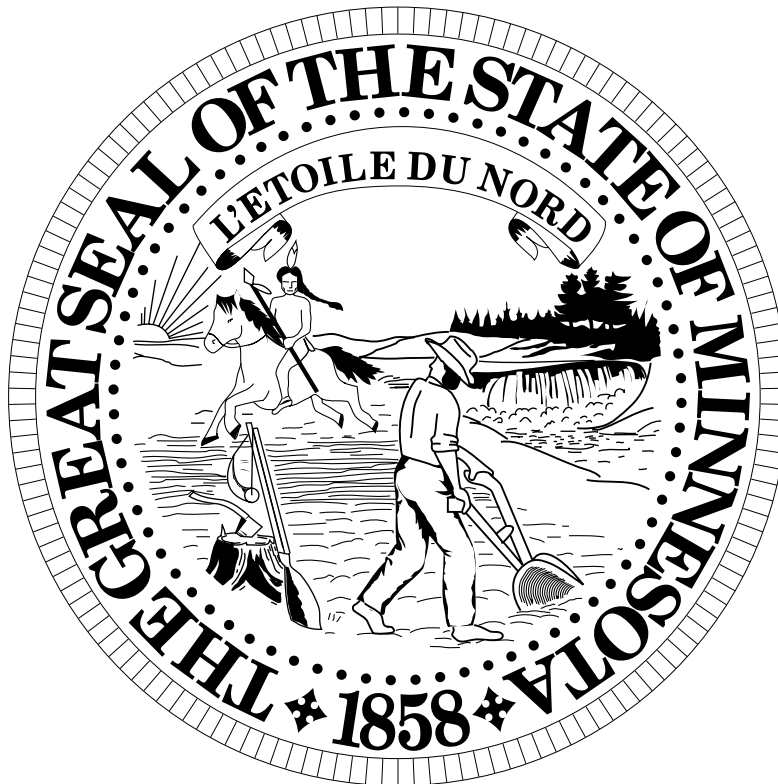


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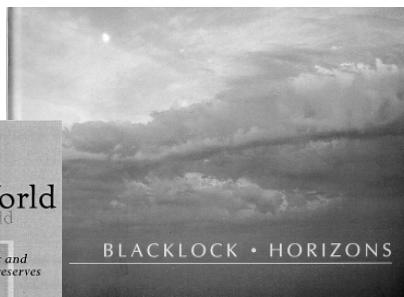
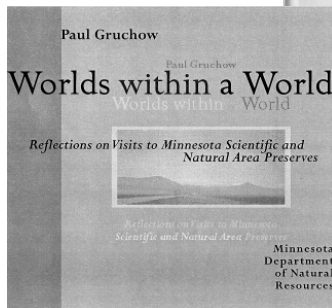
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Department of Revenue

Notice of Appointment of Acting Commissioner

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, Section 15.06, Subd. 5, that Governor Jesse Ventura appointed Dennis Erno acting commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Revenue. Erno replaces Matthew Smith, former commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Revenue, effective October 9, 2002. 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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled.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 Revenue are:

- *Minnesota Statutes*, Chapters 270-299
- *Minnesota Rules* 8000-8199

Acting Commissioner Erno is a resident of Anoka County, Congressional District Six. He can be reached at the Minnesota Department of Revenue, 600 North Robert Street, St. Paul, MN 55146. **Phone:** (651) 296-3403. Internet home page: <http://www.taxes.state.mn.us>

Department of Transportation

Notice of Appointment of Acting Commissioner

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, Section 15.06, Subd. 5, that Governor Jesse Ventura appointed Douglas Weiszhaar acting commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Transportation. Weiszhaar replaces Elwyn Tinklenberg, former commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Transportation, effective October 5, 2002. 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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled.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 Transportation are:

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- *Minnesota Rules* 8800-8870

Acting Commissioner Weiszhaar is a resident of Stearns County, Congressional District Seven. He can be reached at the Minnesota Department of Transportation, 395 John Ireland Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55155. **Phone:** (651) 296-3000. Internet home page: <http://www.dot.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.

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 – on Behalf of Finisher Pig Spaces in Elm Creek Township, Martin County

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on November 1, 2002, 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 following: Construct 600 finisher pig spaces located 3 miles west of Trimont on 185th Street, then 3/4 mile south on 40th Avenue, Section 9, Elm Creek Township, Martin County, Minnesota on behalf of Jeffrey and Bethany Sinn, (the Borrower/s). The maximum aggregate face amount of the proposed bond issue is \$105,000.00. 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: 2 October 2002

Jim Boerboom
RFA Director

Department of Agriculture

Minnesota Rural Finance Authority

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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: 2 October 2002

Jim Boerboom
RFA Director

**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 – on Behalf of 155 Acres of Bare Farmland,
Kintire Township, Redwood County**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on November 1, 2002, 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 purchase the following: Approximately 155 acres of bare farmland located 1 1/2 miles south on 273 from Belview, MN, then go west on 370th Street 1/2 mile, then south on Garden Avenue in Section 19, Kintire Township, Redwood County, Minnesota on behalf of Paul H. and Kimberly K. Milbradt, (the Borrower/s). The maximum aggregate face amount of the proposed bond issue is \$125,000.00. 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: 2 October 2002

Jim Boerboom
RFA Director

**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 – on Behalf of Machinery and Breeding
Livestock in Middletown Township, Jackson County**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on November 1, 2002, 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 machinery and breeding livestock located 3 miles south and 4 miles west of Jackson, MN in Section 5, Middletown Township, Jackson County, Minnesota on behalf of H. William Baker, Jr., (the Borrower/s). The maximum aggregate face amount of the proposed bond issue is \$60,000.00. 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: 2 October 2002

Jim Boerboom
RFA Director

Official Notices

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 – on Behalf of 167 Acres of Bare Farmland in Range 32W, Township 114N, Renville County

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on November 1, 2002, 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 approximately 167 acres of bare farmland located two miles south from Hector on Highway 4 and two miles east on Gravel in the NE 1/4 of Section 2, Range 32W, Township 114N; Renville County, Minnesota on behalf of Bradley Baumgardt, (the Borrower/s). The maximum aggregate face amount of the proposed bond issue is \$141,000.00. 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: 2 October 2002

Jim Boerboom
RFA Director

Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association

Notice of Meeting of the Enrollee Appeal Committee

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association's (MCHA), Enrollee Appeal Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m., on Wednesday, October 23, 2002, at the MCHA Executive Office located at 5775 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 910, St. Louis Park, MN.

This meeting may be closed to the public, if so requested by the appellant, pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* 62E.10, subd. 4.

For additional information, please call Lynn Gruber **phone** at: (952) 593-9609.

Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association

Notice of Meeting of the Public Policy Committee

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association's (MCHA) **Public Policy Committee** will take place on Monday, October 21, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will take place at the MCHA Executive Office, 5775 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 910, St. Louis Park, MN.

For additional information, please call Mary McCaffrey **phone** at: (952) 593-9609.

Minnesota Environmental Quality Board

Power Plant Siting Program

Request for Comments on Possible Amendments to Rules Governing Environmental Review of Large Electric Power Generating Plants and High Voltage Transmission Lines, *Minnesota Rules*, Part 4410.7000 to 4410.7500 and Parts 4410.4300, subparts 3 and 6 and 4410.4400, subparts 3 and 6

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Environmental Quality Board requests comments on its possible amendments to rules governing the environmental review of large electric power generating plants and high voltage transmission lines.

The Board is proposing to amend its rules for environmental review of new proposed power plants and transmission lines that apply when a project proposer has requested the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission to determine that a new facility is needed. The present rules are found in *Minnesota Rules* part 4410.7000 to 4410.7500. The Board is considering repealing those rules and replacing them with parts 4410.7600 to 4410.7690. The Board is also proposing to amend its rules for mandatory environmental review of power plants and transmission lines in parts 4410.4300 and 4410.4400 to make these rules consistent with the other rule changes and with changes proposed for the EQB Power Plant Siting Rules in *Minnesota Rules*, chapters 4400.

Under the proposed amendments, the EQB will prepare an environmental assessment on power plants over 50 megawatts in size and on most high voltage transmission lines with a capacity in excess of 100 kilovolts when the project proposer seeks a determination from the Public Utilities Commission that such a project is needed. The environmental assessment will be submitted to the Public Utilities Commission for consideration by the Commission in determining whether the proposed facility is needed. The PUC may not make a decision on the need for a proposed project until the environmental assessment is completed.

The environmental assessment will describe the human and environmental impacts of a proposed large power plant or high voltage transmission line and of various alternatives to the project. The public would have an opportunity to participate in identifying alternatives to analyze as part of the environmental assessment.

Under the proposed amendments to parts 4410.4300 and 4410.4400, the EQB would continue to prepare an environmental assessment worksheet on small projects (25 to 50 megawatts for power plants and 70 to 100 kilovolt transmission lines) and an environmental impact statement on certain large projects described in EQB rules chapter 4400.

Persons Affected. The amendments to the rules would likely affect electric utilities, other electric power producers, local units of government and landowners.

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 116D.04, subdivision 5a, authorizes the Board to adopt rules pertaining to alternative forms of environmental review.

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these possible rules in writing until 4:30 p.m. on December 6, 2002. The Board does not contemplate appointing an advisory committee to comment on the possible rules.

Rules Drafts. The Board has prepared a draft of the possible rules amendments to *Minnesota Rules*, Chapter 4410. A public review draft of proposed amendments to the Chapter 4410 rules is available on the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board's website: <http://www.mnplan.state.mn.us/eqb/index.html>

Agency Contact Person. Written comments, questions, requests to receive a draft of the rules, and requests for more information on these possible rule amendments should be directed to:

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Email: alan.mitchell@state.mn.us
TTY: users may call the Board at 1-800-627-3529

Deadline for comments is 4:30 p.m., December 6, 2002

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.

Official Notices

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: 7 October 2002

Gene Hugoson, Chair
Minnesota Environmental Quality Board

Department of Labor and Industry

Labor Standards Unit

Notice of Prevailing Wage Determinations for Highway/Heavy Projects

On October 14, 2002, the commissioner determined and certified prevailing wage rates for Highway/Heavy construction projects in each of 10 regions 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 **phone:** (651) 284-5091, or accessing our **website** at: www.doli.state.mn.us. Charges for the cost of copying and mailing are \$.65 per page. Make check or money order payable to the State of Minnesota.

Shirley I. Chase
Commissioner

Metropolitan Council

Public Hearing on Affordable and Life-Cycle Housing Goals Agreements for Communities Initiating Participation in the Livable Communities Housing Incentives Account Program in 2002

Metropolitan Council will hold a public hearing on affordable and life-cycle housing goals agreements for communities initiating participation in the Metropolitan Livable Communities Housing Incentives Account Program in 2002.

The public hearing will be held at **3:30 p.m., Monday, November 18, 2002** as part of the Livable Communities Committee meeting in Room 1A at Mears Park Centre, 230 East Fifth St., St. Paul. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and offer comments. People may register in advance to speak by **phone:** (651) 602-1418 or **TTY:** (651) 291-0904. Upon request, the Council will provide reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities.

The procedure for the hearing will be as follows:

- Persons will be called to speak in the order in which they have signed in. Those preregistered by phone will be called on first.
- Individuals will be asked to limit their remarks to 5 minutes.
- Designated representatives of groups or organizations will be asked to limit their comments to 10 minutes.
- The chair of the hearing may limit the testimony of any person.

You may also submit comments for the official record in one of the following ways:

Mail: Guy Peterson
Metropolitan Council
230 E. Fifth St., St. Paul, MN 55101
Fax: (651) 602-1442
Public Comment Line: (651) 602-1500
Email: data.center@metc.state.mn.us
TTY: (651) 291-0904

Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m., Monday, December 2, 2002.

Due to deadlines established for newly participating communities, a complete report of these housing goals may not be available before November 15, 2002. Call the Council's Data Center **phone** at: (651) 602-1140 or **TTY**: (651) 291-0904 for a copy of the housing goals document.

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.

Minnesota Board on Aging

Notice of Intent to Grant Funds for Statewide Resident and Family Advisory Council Education (RFACE) Services

Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* 144A.3, the Minnesota Board on Aging (MBA) receives a \$5 surcharge on each licensed nursing home and boarding care home bed. These funds must be granted to a statewide, independent, non-profit consumer-sponsored agency to educate and inform resident and family councils about:

1. Care in the nursing home or boarding care home;
2. Resident rights and responsibilities;
3. Resident and family council organizations and maintenance;
4. Laws and rules that apply to homes and residents;
5. Human relations; and,
6. Resident and family self-help methods to increase quality of care and quality of life in a nursing home or boarding care home.

The MBA is currently seeking proposals from non-profit agencies interested in sponsoring Resident and Family Advisory Council Educational (RFACE) services on a statewide basis. The applicant may not be an agency engaged in the provision of nursing home, hospital care or home care services either directly or by contract, or have the responsibility for planning, coordinating, funding or administering nursing home, hospital or home care services pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* 256.974.

The approximate funding available for 2003 is projected to be \$205,315. The successful applicant must be willing and able to expand and enhance the current program. The MBA reserves the right to approve or reject any or all applications. Publication of this announcement does not guarantee that a grant will be let.

Proposals are due by noon on **Friday, November 15, 2002**. Further information and copy of the grant application package is available from:

Sharon Zoesch, State Ombudsman
Office of Ombudsman for Older Minnesotans
121 East Seventh Place, Suite 410
St. Paul, MN 55101
Toll Free: 1-800-657-3591

Minnesota Board on Aging

Notice of Intent to Grant Funds for Twin Cities Metropolitan Area Ombudsman Services for Older Minnesotans

The Minnesota Board on Aging (MBA) operates the Office of Ombudsman for Older Minnesotans pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes 256.974*. The Office of Ombudsman for Older Minnesotans receives and acts on complaints made by nursing home residents, acute care patients, in-home service recipients or their representatives. The Office also recruits, trains and supervises a cadre of volunteers to provide expanded access to the program through regular visits to residents in long-term care settings.

The MBA is currently seeking proposals from public or private non-profit agencies interested in sponsoring a Twin Cities area office to provide ombudsman services to the seven county metropolitan area. The applicant may not be an agency engaged in the provision of nursing home, hospital care or home care services either directly or by contract, or have the responsibility for planning, coordinating, funding or administering nursing home, hospital or home care services pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes 256.974*.

The MBA is requesting applications to provide services in the Twin Cities area including Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington counties. The approximate funding available for the 2003 calendar year includes \$221,791 from federal sources and \$85,000 from state sources. The successful applicant must be willing and able to expand and enhance the current program. A cash match equal to 15% of the total program budget must be provided by the applicant agency. The MBA reserves the right to approve or reject any or all applications. Publication of this announcement does not guarantee that a grant will be let.

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Minnesota Board on Aging

Notice of Intent to Grant Funds for Volunteer Recruitment for the Office of Ombudsman for Older Minnesotans

The Minnesota Board on Aging operates the Office of Ombudsman for Older Minnesotans pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes 256.974*. The Office of Ombudsman for Older Minnesotans receives and acts on complaints made by long-term care residents, Medicare patients and home care recipients or their representatives. This office also provides public education about the health, safety and rights of clients and works with consumers, state agencies, the state legislature and service providers to improve the quality of care and services for consumers.

The Office of Ombudsman for Older Minnesotans recruits, trains and supervises volunteers to provide expanded access to the services of the office. Volunteer Advocates are assigned to make regular visits to long-term care residents to assist in resolving concerns with care or services.

The Minnesota Board on Aging is currently seeking proposals from public or private non-profit agencies interested in providing volunteer recruitment for the Ombudsman Office for the purpose of assigning trained volunteers in registered Housing With Services buildings. The applicant may not be an agency engaged in the provision of nursing home services or home care services either directly or by contract, or have the responsibility for planning, coordinating, funding or administering nursing home care, hospital care or home care services. The applicant agency must be able to contribute local match of at least 15% of the total cost of the project.

The Minnesota Board on Aging has designated up to \$100,000 to be granted for volunteer recruitment activities throughout the state starting January 1, 2003 and ending December 31, 2003. The Board on Aging seeks to fund several projects to cover a majority of the housing with services buildings in the state and to serve both rural and urban areas of the state. To meet this goal, the board is seeking applications that will serve multiple contiguous counties. At least one county to be served must have at least 20 registered housing with services buildings within the county. Those counties with 20 or more registered housing with service providers as of September 20, 2002 are listed below.

County	Number of HWS Establishments
Hennepin	101
St. Louis	53
Ramsey	42
Crow Wing	33
Dakota	30
Kandiyohi	24
Olmsted	25
Anoka	23
Rice	20

The Minnesota Board on Aging reserves the right to approve or reject any or all applications. Publication of this announcement does not guarantee that a grant will be awarded.

Requests for proposals are due by **4:30 p.m., on Friday, November 15, 2002.**

Further information and a copy of the application is available from:

Sherilyn Moe
Office of Ombudsman for Older Minnesotans
121 E. 7th Place, Suite 410
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101
Phone: 1-800-657-3591 or (651) 296-3836
Email: *sherilyn.moe@state.mn.us*

Minnesota Statewide Independent Living Council Minnesota Department of Economic Security

Request for Proposals for Preparation of a Training Curriculum and Youth Leadership Development Program

The **Minnesota Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)**, in collaboration with the **Minnesota Department of Economic Security-IL Section (MDES)**, is seeking proposals from qualified organizations for the preparation of a training curriculum, and the implementation of a replicable "Youth Leadership Development" program. Applications must propose to instruct youth with disabilities who are between ten and sixteen years of age in areas that must include, but are not limited to, the following: – The History of IL, IL Philosophy and the IL Movement, Basics of Disability Laws, Your Rights and Your Responsibilities, Advocacy and Self-advocacy, Self-esteem and the "Dignity of Risk", Defining Independence in Your Own Terms, Exploring and Choosing Options, Assertiveness, Developing Coping Skills, Disability Resources/service-providers, Understanding and Utilizing the "Peer" Approach.

Eligible Applicants: Minnesota's Centers for Independent Living and other non profit organizations serving people with disabilities are encouraged to submit proposals. **Please note** that preference (additional points) shall be afforded to applicant organizations currently meeting all Federal Center for Independent Living (CIL) standards, assurances and indicators, which are described in Section 725 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Funding Source: Federal Title VII Part B of the Rehabilitation Act.

Number of Grants and Grant Amounts: One (1) non renewable grant for up to \$25,000.

Grant Period: January 2003 through December 31, 2003.

Application Deadline: Applications must be postmarked by November 4, 2002. **Applications postmarked after the deadline shall not be reviewed.**

For additional information, or to obtain a copy of the RFP, please contact:

William Bauer, IL Director
Minnesota Department of Economic Security
390 N. Robert St.
St. Paul, MN 55101
Phone: (651) 296-5085
Email: *william.bauer@state.mn.us*

State Contracts

Informal Solicitations: Effective March 1, 2002, informal solicitations for professional/technical (consultant) contracts valued at over \$5,000 through \$50,000, may either be published in the *State Register* or posted on the Department of Administration, Materials Management Division's (MMD) website. Interested vendors are encouraged to monitor the P/T Contract section of the MMD website at www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us for informal solicitation announcements.

Formal Solicitations: Department of Administration procedures require that formal solicitations (announcements for contracts with an estimated value over \$50,000) for professional/technical contracts must be published in the *State Register*. Certain quasi-state agency and Minnesota State College and University institutions are exempt from these requirements.

Department of Administration Office of Technology

Notice of Request for Proposals for Research and Advisory Services Contracts

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Office of Technology of the Department of Administration wishes to enter into master contracts with a variety of information technology research advisory services that can provide technology related research and advisory services for various state agencies.

The State wishes to acquire advice, research and consulting related expertise that supports the state's planning, and subsequent acquisition of information resources. The research advisory services should cross the entire spectrum of computing and telecommunications technologies, including business, management, and governmental perspectives. The expertise should also provide guidance for the State's strategic planning and budgeting activities when decision makers need access to research and analysis that will identify and quantify emerging trends and directions in technology.

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

Steve Gustafson
State of Minnesota
Office of Technology
332 Minnesota Street, Suite E1100
St. Paul, MN 55101-1322
Email: steve.gustafson@state.mn.us

This is the only person designated to receive RFP requests and answer questions regarding the RFP.

The RFP will also be posted on the Office of Technology **website** at: www.ot.state.mn.us

Responses are due no later than **2:00 p.m., CST on Friday, November 15, 2002. Late responses will not be considered.**

Department of Administration

Radio Communications Towers Available for Lease

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State of Minnesota, Department of Administration, herein after referred to as the "State" hereby notifies all interested parties that the Minnesota Department of Transportation, will permit the use of excess space on selected Mn/DOT owned, radio communications towers.

Request to use available space on a specific tower(s) will be on a first come first served basis. All requests will be screened and approved/disapproved by the Minnesota Department of Transportation for structural loading requirements and frequency compatibility with existing and planned State radio systems. To obtain a portfolio containing a complete list of available towers, a sample License Agreement, and a "Use Request Form" (URF) contact:

Minnesota Department of Administration
Real Estate Management Division
309 Administration Building
50 Sherburne Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55155
Phone: (651) 296-6674
Fax: (651) 215-6245

Department of Commerce

Notice of Request for Proposals for Investigation of Qwest Corporation's Current Financial Condition

The Minnesota Department of Commerce (herein "Department") seeks proposals from qualified firms to assist the Department in conducting an investigation of Qwest Corporation's (Qwest) current financial condition to determine the impact on the company, its Minnesota ratepayers and its employees. This investigation may include a review of Qwest transactions, including the sale of Qwest assets, that have either transpired or have not yet been completed, that may potentially have an impact on Minnesota ratepayers. The Department also wishes to investigate whether the financial statements relied on by the Department of Commerce at the time of the Qwest merger with U S WEST were accurate. For a copy of the complete Request for Proposals (RFP) please contact Vickie Alsides, Telecommunications Division Secretary, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN, 55101-2198, (651) 284-4207. Proposals are due **no later than 3:30 Central Daylight time, October 28, 2002.**

Department of Economic Security

Unemployment Insurance Technology Initiative Project (UI TIP)

Request for Information (RFI) to Redesign the State's Unemployment Insurance Business Processes and Technical Systems, Release Date October 8th, 2002

The Minnesota Department of Economic Security (MDES) has initiated a project to re-engineer and redesign the State's unemployment insurance business processes and technical systems. This project is the Unemployment Insurance Technology Initiative Project (UI TIP).

The goal of this re-engineering project is to redefine the unemployment insurance business model to support the needs of MDES' customers in today's environment, while anticipating future growth and change. MDES seeks to eliminate unnecessary business processes and develop a new customer-driven program that is better, simpler and competitive. A new vision for the proposed business model is to create a business environment and service delivery strategy, whereby the customer (be it an applicant or employer) can manage their own account, which will ultimately encompass all aspects of the UI experience: Tax, Benefits, Appeals and Overpayment activity.

As a part of this process UI TIP is releasing an RFI for more information. RFI can be accessed at <http://www.mnwfc.org/rfps/>

There will not be a contract issued as a result of this RFI, however respondents to this RFI will be placed on the list of potential respondents and shall receive an announcement of a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) to be issued in December 2002. The RFP process will be open to all respondents regardless of their decision to participate in this RFI solicitation process.

RFI Expectations

The RFI is designed to:

- Provide prospective respondents with specific information regarding the objectives and expected outcomes of the UI Program redesign/modernization activities specific to UI TIP;
- Utilize the information received in the construction of the RFP;
- Gather preliminary cost figures, implementation strategies and anticipated schedules to "size-up" the project outcomes and deliverables over the next four-six years;
- Openly invite respondents to demonstrate their experience, products and services to the core UI TIP evaluation team; and
- Allow UI TIP evaluation team members the opportunity to review current applications, delivery models or prototypes of UI Tax and Benefits as well as support areas that include Benefit Payment Control (BPC), Legal Affairs, Appeals and Research solutions.

State Contracts

RFI Submittal Timeline

Firms interested in providing information to UI TIP should submit one (1) original and eight (8) copies of the written response to:

Kathy Nelson, UI TIP Project Director
Minnesota Department of Economic Security
4th Floor
390 North Robert Street
St. Paul, MN 55101

Responses must be received **no later than 3:00 p.m., Central Standard Time on Tuesday October 22, 2002.**

Department of Transportation

Program Support Group

Notice Concerning Professional/Technical Contract Opportunities

NOTICE TO ALL: The Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) is now placing additional public notices for professional/technical contract opportunities on Mn/DOT's Consultant Services **website** at: www.dot.state.mn.us/consult

New public notices may be added to the website on a daily basis and be available for the time period as indicated within the public notice.

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.

County Services, Inc.

Request for Proposal for Residential Services for Adults with Serious Mental Illness

Region 7E Adult Mental Health Advisory Committee serves Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs and Pine Counties. To help meet a growing need for all models of residential services for adults with serious mental illness, Region 7E will provide grants in 2003 for residential services. Up to \$300,000 is expected to be available.

Proposals are due November 15, 2002.

For a complete RFP, please contact Mary McKie **phone** at: (763) 263-7207.

Metropolitan Council

Notice of Invitation for Bids (IFB) for an Agilent Mass Selective Detector System Contract Number 02P125

The Metropolitan Council is requesting bids for Compaq Desktop Computer Equipment.

Issue Invitation for Bids	October 14, 2002
Bids Due	October 29, 2002
Award Contract	November, 2002

All firms interested in submitting bids for this contract and desiring to receive a IFB package are invited to make a written request either by email, fax, mail or phone request to:

Sunny Jo Emerson
Administrative Assistant, Contracts and Procurement Unit
Metropolitan Council
230 East Fifth Street
St. Paul, MN 55101
Phone: (651) 602-1499
Fax: (651) 602-1083
Email: sunnyjo.emerson@metc.state.mn.us

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 Proposal 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.

Metropolitan Council

Notice of Request for Proposals (RFP) for Architectural/Engineering Services for Station Area Planning, Station Design, Bidding Related Activities and Construction Support for the Northwest Corridor Project, RFP No. 02P114

The Metropolitan Council is requesting proposals for Architectural/Engineering Services for Station Area Planning, Station Design, Bidding Related Activities and Construction Support for the Northwest Corridor Project. The Northwest Corridor Project is bus rapid transit system that will run from downtown Minneapolis to the City of Rogers, MN. Along the 22-mile corridor, a total of 26 stations (with 51 shelters) and 5 park and ride lots are proposed. The following is the proposed schedule:

RFP Release Date	October 7, 2002
Proposals Due	October 30, 2002
Evaluation of Proposals	November 11, 2002
Contract negotiated, executed, NTP	December 19, 2002

All firms interested in being considered for this project and desiring to receive a RFP package are invited to submit a Letter of Interest with point of contact, name, title, company, phone, fax, mobile, email information to:

Harriet Simmons, Senior Administrative Assistant
Metropolitan Council Environmental Services
230 East Fifth Street
Mears Park Centre
St. Paul, MN 55101
Phone: (651) 602-1086
Fax: (651) 602-1138
Email: harriet.simmons@metc.state.mn.us

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Non-State Contracts & Grants

Metropolitan Council – Metro Transit

Snow Removal at Various Metro Transit Locations

The Metropolitan Council is soliciting sealed bids for Snow Removal at Various Metro Transit Locations in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. Bids are due at **2:00 p.m., on November 1, 2002.**

Bids must be submitted in accordance with the Invitation for Bids document available from:

Metropolitan Council
Metro Transit Purchasing Department
515 N. Cleveland Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55114
Phone: (612) 349-5070

University of Minnesota

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

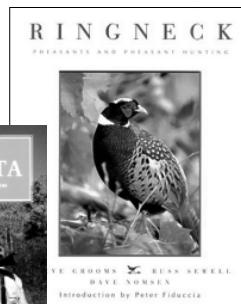
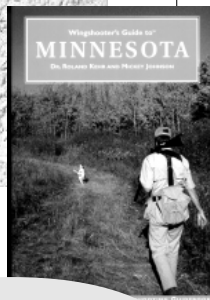
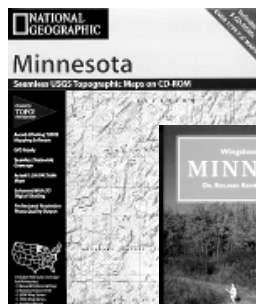
The University of Minnesota offers 24 hour/day, 7 day/week access to all Request for Bids/Proposals through its web based Bid Information Services (BIS). Subscriptions to BIS are \$75/year. Visit our web site at bidinfo.umn.edu or call the BIS Coordinator at (612) 625-5534.

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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