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Department of Agriculture

Rural Finance Authority

Notice of Meeting Schedule, Meeting via Conference Call

FUTURE MONTHLY MEETINGS of the Rural Finance Authority Board are scheduled for 1:00 P.M. at 90 West Plato Blvd. on the following dates in 2005: January 5, February 2; March 2; April 6; May 4; June 1; July 6; August 3; September 7; October 5; November 2; December 7.

Some Members may participate in certain of these meetings by electronic means. In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 471.705 (1997), the Agency, to the extent practicable, will allow a person to monitor those certain meetings electronically from a remote location. If such monitoring shall occur, the Agency may require the person making such a connection to pay for documented marginal costs that the Agency incurs as a result of the additional connection. For additional information, contact Jim Boerboom, M N Dept. of Agriculture, 90 W. Plato Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55107 or call (651) 297-3395.

Jim Boerboom, Assistant Commissioner
Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Department of Transportation

State Aid for Local Transportation Division

Notice of Appointment and Meeting 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 29, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. at the Mn/DOT Arden Hills Training Center, located at 1900 West County Road I, in Shoreview, M innesota, 55126.

This notice is given pursuant to M innesota Statutes, Section 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 M innesota Rules for State Aid Operations 8820.3300 adopted pursuant to M innesota 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 8820.2800, Subpart 2, as they apply to the project number S.A.P. 159-131-05, Traffic Control Signal and Interconnect on CSAH 22 (55th Street NW) at TH 52 West Frontage Road/Clearwater Rd NW in the city of Rochester, M innesota, so as to allow to receive State Aid funds, but plans approved after the opening bids.

2. Petition of the City of Minneapolis for a variance from Minnesota Rules 8820.9956, as they apply to the reconstruction of Como Avenue from 22nd Avenue Southeast to 33rd Avenue Southeast, State Aid project number 141-166-08, in the City of Minneapolis, M innesota, so as to allow vertical clearance from station 52+06.00 to station 52+84.50 of 13'-6" in lieu of 14'-6" as required.
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3. Petition of the City of Robbinsdale for a variance from Minnesota Rules 8820.9936 and State Aid Manual section on Crest Vertical Curves, as they apply to the proposed reconstruction of 27th Avenue between France Avenue and Zenith Avenue, State Aid project number S.A.P. 158-311-01, City project number 30505, in the City of Robbinsdale, Minnesota, so as to allow stopping sight distance of 49 feet and design speed of 15 MPH for the section of the project between McNair Drive and Parkway Boulevard in lieu of required sight distance of 310 feet and design speed of 30 MPH.

9:15 a.m. City of Rochester
9:30 a.m. City of Minneapolis
9:50 a.m. City of Robbinsdale

Dated: December 6, 2004
Julie A. Skallman
State Aid Engineer

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 Human Services
Notice of Request for Proposals — Alternative Payment for Nursing Facility Services

1995 Laws of Minnesota, Chapter 207, Article 7, Section 32 (hereinafter Minnesota Statutes, Section 256B.434) authorized the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services to establish a contractual alternative payment system as an alternative way to pay for nursing facility services under the Medical Assistance (MA) Program. In order to implement this legislation, the Department established the “Nursing Home Contract Project.” The purpose of the Project was to explore a contract-based reimbursement system as an alternative to the current cost-based system for reimbursement of nursing facility services under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.431.

The 2000 Laws of Minnesota, Chapter 245, Article 3, Section 25 established the authority for the Commissioner to implement a performance-based contracting system to replace the current method of setting operating cost payment rates under sections 256B.431 and 256B.434 and Minnesota Rules, parts 9549.0010 to 9549.0080 to be effective July 1, 2001. 2001 First Special Session, Article 5, Section 35(d) states, Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.435, the commissioner must not implement a performance-based contracting system for nursing facilities prior to July 1, 2003. The commissioner shall continue to reimburse nursing facilities under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.431 or 256B.434, until otherwise directed by law. The commissioner will consider proposals from all nursing facilities that have payment rates established under section 256B.431. The commissioner may develop reasonable requirements which, in the judgment of the commissioner, are necessary to protect residents or ensure that the performance-based contracting system furthers the interests of the state of Minnesota. The nursing facility may be required to negotiate with the State any modifications to the proposal as required by the State to make the terms of the proposal more favorable to the State.

The purpose of this RFP is to solicit proposals from eligible nursing facilities to enter into contracts with the Department to provide nursing facility services to MA recipients. Facilities selected to participate in this project will be eligible to contract with the Department for one-year terms.

Requests for copies of the complete RFP, “Alternative Payment for Nursing Facility Services,” should be directed to Bev Milotzky at (651) 296-2673. The original and two (2) copies of the proposal in response to the RFP must be submitted to the Nursing Home Contract Project, Department of Human Services, 444 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-3836, no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 31, 2004.

The State of Minnesota reserves the right to reject any and all proposals submitted.
Department of Human Services
Aging and Adult Services

Notice of Request for Proposals to Expand Home- and Community-Based Services For Older Adults

The Minnesota Department of Human Services, Aging Initiative, is soliciting proposals for state fiscal year 2006 (FY 06) from qualified applicants to expand home- and community-based services for older adults as directed by Minnesota Statutes 256.9754 and 256B.0917, subd.6 and 13. The goal of the Community Service/Community Services Development and Caregiver Support and Respite (CS/SD) grants awarded under this Request for Proposals (RFP) is to help communities rebalance their long-term care service system for persons age 65 years and older and support their families by: 1) Reducing reliance on nursing facility care; 2) Increasing the supply of home- and community-based services; 3) Integrating health and social services; 4) Supporting informal caregivers; and 5) Providing better consumer experiences and administrative efficiencies. DHS will give preference to proposals from communities that have had or will have a voluntary nursing facility closure after December 31, 2003.

DHS is seeking proposals that will: 1) Integrate family, informal and quasi-formal care systems, formal social service systems and health care services; 2) Increase the numbers of older Minnesotans using home- and community-based services in target communities; 3) Increase access to home- and community-based services in target communities; 4) Support families and other informal caregivers; and 5) Coordinate with existing services funded by State, Federal, and other sources. Non-profit agencies, for-profit entities, including nursing facilities, housing owners and service providers, and units of government are possible applicants for these grants.

DHS encourages coordination and collaborations among applicants. In some cases DHS requires the participation of an informal service provider, a county or counties, a health care provider and/or an Area Agency on Aging.

All proposals for FY 06 funds, including current grant recipients, must be made through this RFP process.

Applicant Conferences will be held via video conference Tuesday, January 11, 2005, 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, and Wednesday, January 12, 2005, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Pre-register to attend one of the video conference sites by Noon, January 7 by calling: (651) 296-2770. Registration is required for each person attending.

Information about the video conferences, including the sites, is posted at the following URL:
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The full text of the RFP, which includes requirements that must be met in order to submit a proposal, proposal evaluation criteria and application forms, is available on the Internet at:
http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/groups/aging/documents/pub/dhs_id_038877.hcsp
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State Contracts

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Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

St. Cloud Technical College

Request for Proposals for Various Multimedia Equipment

St. Cloud Technical College is soliciting proposals for the purchase of multimedia projectors and associated ceiling mount kits, Document Visualizers, VCR/DVD combinations, amplified speakers and all associated cabling.

Department: Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

Sealed Proposals for: College-Wide Technology Equipment Upgrades

Will be received by: Nicolette DeIeso, Purchasing Agent
St. Cloud Technical College
1540 Northway Drive
St. Cloud MN 56303
FAX: (320) 308-5027
E-mail: ndeieso@sctc.edu

All responses to this RFP must be received no later than 2:00 p.m. on December 21, 2004.
For a complete copy of the Request for Proposal please visit our website at sctc.edu/rfp or call (320) 308-5512 and one will be mailed.

Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development

Labor Market Information Office

Minnesota Careers 2006: Advertising Sales/Sponsorships

Project Overview

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development/Labor Market Information Unit (DEED/LMI) is seeking proposals from qualified vendors for the sales of advertising and/or sponsorship(s) for the "Minnesota Careers 2006" publication.

"Minnesota Careers" is a career information publication sent to approximately 100,000 high school students every year. Another 35,000 publications are distributed to libraries, Workforce Centers, and other venues, resulting in more than 250,000 impressions per year. The goal of the publication is to promote informed career and educational decision making. It raises awareness of career opportunities, required preparation, occupational outlook, financial aid, education and training options, and other postsecondary options such as military careers and apprenticeship.

"Minnesota Careers 2006" will be approximately 120 pages in length, 8.5 x 10.5 inches, plus a cover. DEED/LMI will provide the informational and editorial content for the publication. Costs include:

- base production/distribution costs of $200,000,
- additional print and mailing costs associated with paid advertising section(s) at $1,500 per page, and
- the vendor’s commission

Project Objective

The goal is to raise sufficient funds to cover the above costs. Any funds in excess of that amount will be used to offset future production costs. Proposals that demonstrate a clear incentive to cover the entire operating cost will be considered favorably. For example, a vendor may propose a variable commission percentage that increases with amounts of funds raised.
The services will be provided under a contract to be completed by April 15, 2005. Final layout must be completed by May 15, 2005 and “Minnesota Careers 2006” will be mailed to users by September 1, 2005. There is a potential annual renewal of this contract.

Persons wishing a copy of the complete Request for Proposal must contact:

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Labor Market Information Office
M N Department of Employment and Economic Development
1st National Bank Building
332 Minnesota Street, Suite E200
St. Paul, MN 55101
Phone: (651) 205.4513
E-mail: patricia.dahlman@state.mn.us

Prospective responders who have questions regarding this request for proposal may contact Ms. Dahlman.

Other personnel are NOT allowed to discuss this request for proposal with responders before the proposal submission deadline. Contact regarding this RFP with any personnel not listed above may result in disqualification.

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

All proposals must be received not later than 2:30 p.m., Central Time, January 14, 2005, as indicated by a notation made by the Receptionist, LMI Office, DEED, 1st National Bank Building, 332 Minnesota Street, Suite E200, St. Paul, MN.

Late proposals will not be considered.

All costs incurred in responding to this RFP will be borne by the responder.

It is anticipated that evaluations will be completed by January 19, 2005 and all responders will be notified of the results.

**Minnesota Housing Finance Agency**

**Housing Tax Credit Program 100 Percent File Review Services**

The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) is currently accepting applications for inspection services related to Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code, and Revenue Procedure 2004-38. The revenue procedure effectively allows owners, upon approval by MHFA, to “Request Waiver of Annual Income Recertification Requirements for the Low-Income Housing Credit” program.

The purpose of this request for applications is to approve inspection entities to perform the required 100 percent file review and certification of compliance. These designated entities will be Authorized Contractors in the State of Minnesota. Property owners will apply to MHFA for authorization to proceed. MHFA will send the list of Authorized Contractors to the owners. The owner will contact the Authorized Contractor of its choice to perform the required inspection. Schedules and fees will be arranged between the property owner and the Authorized Contractor; MHFA will not be a party to the individual transactions.

To request an application, description of services to be performed, and the inspector’s responsibilities you must contact the MHFA office no later 4:30 p.m. Thursday, December 30, 2004.

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For a copy of the complete Request for Proposal contact:

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
400 Sibley Street, Suite 300
Saint Paul, MN 55101
Attention: Maggie Demco

Completed applications must be submitted to MHFA no later than 4:30 p.m. Monday, January 10, 2005. Questions may be directed by e-mail to maggie.demco@state.mn.us or by telephone (800) 657-3701 or (651) 296-9836.

**Department of Public Safety**

**Bureau of Criminal Apprehension - CriMNet**

**Request for Proposals (RFP) for Technology Maturity Evaluation**

Professional/technical services are needed to provide CriMNet with an evaluation of the maturity of CriMNet’s developed technology, due to many changes that have taken place within the CriMNet program. CriMNet is a program of the state to integrate criminal justice information. Much work has been done during the first years of CriMNet towards design and building of technology. This contract is needed to provide CriMNet with a clear written report on the status of CriMNet’s current infrastructure, its production readiness, and...
adaptability to new technologies. This report will be the basis for the state determining the ability of CriMNet technologies to meet future requirements and trends. Project deliverables include a detailed written technology status report, a technology written audit report, and a detailed written report demonstrating the fit and viability of the current CriMNet technology as it pertains to the direction technology is moving.

Details are contained in a complete RFP, which may be obtained by emailing: Oded.Galili@state.mn.us

All questions concerning this RFP should be emailed to Oded Galili at, Oded.Galili@state.mn.us and should be received by Oded Galili no later then 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on December 27, 2004. Answers to questions will be in emailed to all entities requesting a complete RFP. Final date for submitting proposals is 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on January 18, 2005.

Department of Transportation
Engineering Services Division
Notice of Potential Availability of Contracting Opportunities for a Variety of Highway Related Technical Activities (the “Consultant Pre-Qualification Program”)

This document is available in alternative formats for persons with disabilities by calling Robin Valento at (651) 284-3622 for persons who are hearing or speech impaired by calling the Minnesota Relay Service at (800) 627-3529.

Mn/DOT, working in conjunction with the Consultant Reform Committee, the Minnesota Consulting Engineers Council, and the Department of Administration, has developed the Consultant Pre-qualification Program as a new method of consultant selection. The ultimate goal of the Pre-Qualification Program is to streamline the process of contracting for highway related professional/technical services. Mn/DOT anticipates that most consultant contracts for highway-related technical activities will be awarded using this method, however, Mn/DOT also reserves the right to use RFP or other selection processes for particular projects. Nothing in this solicitation requires Mn/DOT to complete or use the Consultant Pre-qualification Program.

Mn/DOT is currently requesting applications from consultants. Refer to Mn/DOT’s Consultant Services web site, indicated below, to see which highway related professional/technical services are available at this time. Following the advertisement of particular category of services, applications will be accepted on a continual basis.

All expenses incurred in responding to this notice will be borne by the responder. Response to this notice becomes public information under the Minnesota Government Data Practices.

Consultant Pre-Qualification Program information, application requirements and application forms are available on Mn/DOT’s web site at: http://www.dot.state.mn.us/consult

Send completed application material to:
Robin Valento
Pre-Qualification Administrator
Minnesota Department of Transportation
Consultant Services
395 John Ireland Boulevard, Seventh Floor North, Mail Stop 680
St. Paul, MN 55155

Note: DUE DATE: APPLICATION MATERIAL WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A CONTINUAL BASIS.

Department of Transportation
Engineering Services Division
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 commodity, project or tasks; 4) cost estimate; and 5) final submission date of completed contract proposal. Allow at least three weeks from publication date (four weeks from the date article is submitted for publication). Surveys show that subscribers are interested in hearing about contracts for estimates as low as $1,000. Contact editor for further details.

City of Frazee

Request for Proposals for Updated City Comprehensive Plan

Summary

The City of Frazee is seeking proposals from planning consultants to update the City’s Comprehensive Plan. The current plan was drafted in 1999 but the plan was not formally adopted by the City Council.

Proposals must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 14, 2005. Please submit six (6) copies of the proposal and any requests for information or a copy of the existing plan to:

Kelcey Klemm, City Clerk
P.O. Box 387
Frazee, MN  56544
Phone:  (218) 334-4991
Email:  frazee@loretel.net

A copy of the full RFP will be sent upon request. All proposals must be signed by a duly authorized individual. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularity in a proposal, and to accept or reject any item or a combination of items.

University of Minnesota

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

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

Request 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 the Purchasing Services lobby, Suite 560, 1300 S. 2nd Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55454.
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