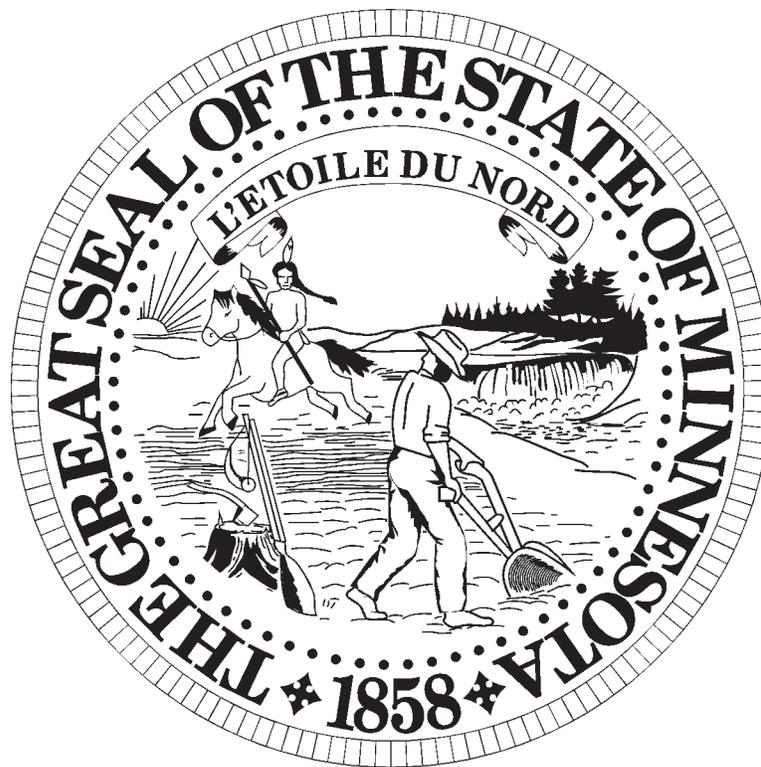


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An agency must first solicit **Comments on Planned Rules** or **Comments on Planned Rule Amendments** from the public on the subject matter of a possible rulemaking proposal under active consideration within the agency (*Minnesota Statutes* §§ 14.101). It does this by publishing a notice in the *State Register* at least 60 days before publication of a notice to adopt or a notice of hearing, or within 60 days of the effective date of any new statutory grant of required rulemaking.

When rules are first drafted, state agencies publish them as **Proposed Rules**, along with a notice of hearing, or a notice of intent to adopt rules without a hearing in the case of noncontroversial rules. This notice asks for comment on the rules as proposed. Proposed emergency rules and withdrawn proposed rules are also published in the *State Register*. After proposed rules have gone through the comment period, and have been rewritten into their final form, they again appear in the *State Register* as **Adopted Rules**. These final adopted rules are not printed in their entirety in the *State Register*, only the changes made since their publication as Proposed Rules. To see the full rule, as adopted and in effect, a person simply needs two issues of the *State Register*, the issue the rule appeared in as proposed, and later as adopted. For a more detailed description of the rulemaking process, see the most current edition of the *Minnesota Guidebook to State Agency Services*.

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Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association Notice of Meeting of the Board of Directors

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association's (MCHA) Board of Directors will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2005, at the MCHA Executive Office, 5775 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 910, St. Louis Park, MN. For additional information, please call Lynn Gruber or Mary McCaffrey at (952) 593-9609.

Minnesota Environmental Quality Board Decision on Invenergy Cannon Falls LLC's Proposed Cannon Falls Energy Center Project: (1) Environmental Assessment and Record Created at the Public Hearing Adequately Addresses Issues Identified in the Scoping Decision; (2) LEPGP Site Designation and LEPGP Site Permit

At its regular meeting on February 17, 2005, the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board determined that the Environmental Assessment and the record created at the public hearing had adequately addressed the issues identified in the Scoping Decision. The Board also designated a site and issued a Site Permit for the proposed 357-megawatt, simple cycle, natural gas fuel-fired power plant. The site approved by the EQB in this Permit is a 55 acre site in the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 6, Township 112 north, Range 17 west, in the Cannon Falls Business Park North.

If you have any questions about this project or would like more information, please contact the MEQB project manager: Bill Storm, 300 Centennial Bldg., 658 Cedar St., St. Paul, MN 55155. Tel: (651) 296-9535; e-mail: bill.storm@state.mn.us

Information about this project may also be obtained on the Energy Facilities section of the EQB web site:

<http://www.eqb.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=7679>

Minnesota Environmental Quality Board Notice of Route Permit for Air Lake-Empire 115 kV HVTL

RE: EQB grants a Route Permit to Xcel Energy and Great River Energy for a 115 kilovolt High Voltage Transmission Line between the Air Lake Substation in Lakeville and the Empire Substation in Empire Township, and a new Vermillion River Substation in Farmington, all in Dakota County.

The Environmental Quality Board voted 10-3, on February 17, 2005, to designate a route and issue a route permit for the proposed 115 kV high voltage transmission line and associated facilities extending from the Air Lake Substation in Lakeville on the west to the Empire Substation in Empire Township on the east for a distance of approximately nine miles.

Xcel Energy and Great River Energy were granted a route permit that specifies a new 115 kilovolt line along CR 50, along the abandoned railway corridor in Farmington, and along 210th Street in Empire Township. The new Vermillion River Substation will be constructed by Xcel Energy in the city of Farmington, adjacent to Eaton Road. The Air Lake and Empire Substations will require only minor modifications to accommodate the new line.

Structures will be single shaft steel poles for the Xcel Energy portion and single shaft wooden poles for the GRE portion, except GRE will use single shaft steel poles where longer spans are necessary. The proposed transmission line is expected to be in service by the summer of 2006.

The Route Permit for the project contains conditions for site preparation, construction, cleanup, restoration, electrical performance standards, and other restrictions. The Permit and other information about this project may be reviewed on the EQB Web Site:

<http://www.eqb.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=6237>

If you have any questions about this project or would like more information, please contact: David Birkholz, Room 300 Centennial Bldg., 658 Cedar St., St. Paul, Minnesota 55155; telephone (651) 296-2878; TTY 1-800-657-3794; fax (651) 296-3698; or e-mail: david.birkholz@state.mn.us

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Minnesota Department of Health

Health Policy, Information and Compliance Monitoring Division

Notice of Adoption of Rules Regarding a Manual for Minnesota Standards for the Use of the Uniform Paper Explanation of Benefits and Uniform Paper Remittance Advice Report; per *Minnesota Statutes*, section 62J.581

Adoption: Notice is hereby given that the “Minnesota Standards for the Use of the Uniform Paper Explanation of Benefits and Uniform Paper Remittance Advice Report,” as proposed at *State Register*, Volume 29, Number 8, page 217, August 23, 2004, (29 SR 217) is adopted with the modifications set out at the end of this Notice.

Manual Available: The “Minnesota Standards for the Use of the Uniform Paper Explanation of Benefits and Uniform Paper Remittance Advice Report,” as defined by the Commissioner of Health, is available on the World Wide Web at:

<http://www.mmaonline.net/auc>

and in the Minnesota’s Bookstore at (651) 297-3000 or (800) 657-3757. If you have any questions, contact Kristin Loncorich at kristin.loncorich@health.state.mn.us or (651) 282-6343.

Description and Statutory Reference: *Minnesota Statutes*, section 62J.581, outlines the standards for the Minnesota uniform health care reimbursement documents. The statute requires all group purchasers, as defined in *Minnesota Statutes*, section 62J.51, to provide a uniform remittance advice report to providers when a claim is adjudicated. The statute also requires group purchasers to provide a uniform explanation of benefits document to patients when the document is provided. Under *Minnesota Statutes*, section 62J.61, the Commissioner of Health is exempt from chapter 14, including section 14.386, in implementing sections 62J.50 to 62J.54, subdivision 3, and 62J.56 to 62J.59. Because the Commissioner of Health has determined that it is unduly cumbersome to publish the entire text of the proposed rules, the Commissioner of Health is publishing this notice of the adopted rule with the modifications to the proposed rule.

Development: The Administrative Uniformity Committee (AUC) and its subcommittee on Explanation of Benefits and Remittance Advice Notice developed this rule. This rule was submitted for public comment in the *State Register*, Volume 29, Number 8, page 217, August 23, 2004. The comment period was from August 23, 2004, until September 22, 2004. The Minnesota Department of Health collected the public comments. Five comments were received. The AUC subcommittee on Explanation of Benefits and Remittance Advice Notice reviewed the comments and made modifications to the rule as listed following this notice.

Required Date of Compliance: The required date of compliance is June 30, 2007.

Dated: March 7, 2005

Dianne M. Mandernach
Commissioner

Modifications:

The rule is adopted with the following modifications from the version proposed in the *State Register*, Volume 29, Number 8, page 217, August 23, 2004:

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HealthCare Administrative Simplification Act (ASA) of 1994. The AUC and its technical advisory group (TAG), consisting of representatives from providers, payers, professional associations, and consumers, have helped develop this implementation guide to further assist in the standardization effort. To remain in compliance with Minnesota State law, medical providers and payers are required to adopt all the conventions addressed in this manual. This manual does not apply to dental payers and providers. This manual has been developed by the Administrative Uniformity Committee (AUC) to help carry out the specifications of the HealthCare Administrative Simplification Act (ASA) of 1994. The AUC and its technical advisory group (TAG), consisting of representatives from providers, payers, professional associations, and consumers, have helped develop this implementation guide to further assist in the standardization effort. To remain in compliance with Minnesota State law, ~~medical~~ providers and payers are required to adopt all the conventions addressed in this manual. ~~This manual does not apply to dental payers and providers.~~

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To remain in compliance with Minnesota state law, ~~medical~~ providers and payers doing business in the state of Minnesota are required to adopt all the conventions addressed in this manual. ~~This manual does not apply to dental payers and providers.~~ The required date of compliance is June 30, 2007. For background information please see page 3.

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The Minnesota Health Care Uniform explanation of benefits and remittance advice shall be provided as a paper document conforming to the data specifications in this manual.

The templates on pages 29, 65, 66 and 123 are included in this rule for illustrative purposes only and not intended to be part of the requirement. Data content requirements and nomenclature are defined with each data element in the rule.

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Usage: This data element is required on all remittance advices ~~until the National Provider Identifier is available.~~ When the National Provider Identifier is required, this data element is optional.

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Usage: This data element is situational. Use at discretion of payer. This data element will contain the National Provider Identifier. When the National Provider Identifier is required, this data element is required and no longer situational.

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Definition: This is a code used to relay informational messages that cannot be expressed with a claim adjustment reason code alone.

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The official ~~2003~~ 2004 version of chapter 62J was obtained from the Revisor of Statutes Web site.

Minnesota Historical Society State Review Board Regular Meeting

A meeting of the State Review Board of the Minnesota Historical Society to consider nominations to the National Register of Historic Places will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2005, in the Cargill Commons, MacMillan Education Wing, Minnesota Historical Society History Center, St. Paul, Minnesota. The State Review Board will meet at 7:00 p.m. for an informational presentation on program activities made by the Preservation Office staff. The meeting will be called to order and consideration of the meeting's agenda will begin at 7:30 p.m. A sign language interpreter is available with one weeks notice, and auxiliary aids are available with two weeks notice. Call (651) 296-5434, or TTY (800) 627-3529. For further information contact the State Historic Preservation Office, Minnesota Historical Society, 345 Kellogg Boulevard West, St. Paul, MN 55102, (651) 296-5434.

Department of Human Services Health Care Purchasing and Delivery Systems Division Health Care Administration Public Notice of Maximum Allowable Costs of Medical Assistance Outpatient Prescribed Drugs

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to recipients, providers of services, and to the public of additions to the state Medical Assistance maximum allowable cost (state MAC) list for certain outpatient prescribed drugs.

At least once each calendar year, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, publishes a federal upper limit (FUL) payment schedule for many commonly prescribed multiple-source drugs. The federal upper limit is set at a rate equal to 150 percent of the published price for the least costly therapeutic equivalent that can be purchased by pharmacists. This FUL payment schedule constitutes the federal MAC list. For many multiple-source drugs that are not on the federal MAC list, the Department establishes a state MAC list. Additionally, the Department imposes a state MAC for many multiple-source drugs that are on the federal MAC list, as long as the savings are at least as much as the savings would be using the federal MAC list.

The Department requires Medical Assistance pharmacy providers to submit their usual and customary costs. Pharmacy providers are reimbursed at the lower of: 1) the federal or state MAC, plus a dispensing fee; 2) the submitted usual and customary charge to the general public; or 3) a discount off of average wholesale price, plus a dispensing fee.

On January 13, 2003 at 27 SR 1117-1130, the Department published the MAC list, listing the federal and state MACs. Additional changes to the state MAC list were published on February 18, 2003 (27 SR 1331-1334), March 3, 2003 (27 SR 1386-1393), April 21, 2003 (27 SR 1583-1584), August 4, 2003 (28 SR 102-103), October 13, 2003 (28 SR 505-506), October 20, 2003 (28 SR 528-529), December 15, 2003 (28 SR 784-785), January 26, 2004 (28 SR 934-935), March 8, 2004 (28 SR 1089-1090), April 5, 2004 (28 SR 1232), April 19, 2004 (28 SR 1313-1314), May 3, 2004 (28 SR 1367-1368), August 9, 2004 (29 SR 173), August 23, 2004 (29 SR 224-225), November 8, 2004 (29 SR 510), November 15, 2004 (29 SR 534-535), February 7, 2005 (29 SR 923-924), and February 14, 2005 (29 SR 951-952).

Effective March 8, 2005, the Department will add the following outpatient prescribed drugs to the state MAC list:

<u>GCN</u>	<u>Drug Name</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>MAC Price</u>
16342	CITALOPRAM	20MG	\$0.158
16343	CITALOPRAM	40MG	\$0.162
16345	CITALOPRAM	10MG	\$0.158

These additions are made to bring Medical Assistance reimbursement to pharmacists more closely in line with the actual acquisition cost of the drugs listed above. The Department estimates that there will be a state savings of \$700,000 for State Fiscal Year 2005 (July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005).

This notice is published pursuant to *Code of Federal Regulations*, Title 42, section 447.205, which requires publication of a notice when there is a rate change in the methods and standards for setting payment rates for Medical Assistance services.

Written comments and requests for information may be sent to Cody Wiberg, Pharm.D., R.Ph., Pharmacy Program Manager, Health Care Purchasing and Delivery Systems Division, Minnesota Department of Human Services, 444 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-3854; **phone:** (651) 296-8515 or **email:** *cody.c.wiberg@state.mn.us*.

Department of Labor and Industry Labor Standards Unit

Notice of Correction to Commercial Prevailing Wage Rates

A correction has been made to the Commercial Prevailing Wage Rates certified 12/27/04, for **Labor Code 424, Tile Setters in Olmstead County**.

A copy with the correction of the certified wage rate for this County 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) 284-5091, or accessing our web site 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.

M. Scott Brener
Commissioner

Metropolitan Council

Notice of Public Hearings on Proposed Transit Fare and Service Adjustments

The Metropolitan Council will hold hearings on proposed fare and service adjustments. Service changes would affect Metro Transit and Metropolitan Council Regional Routes, Metro Mobility and community-based dial-a-ride services. Fare adjustments would apply to all public transit services, including opt-outs such as Maple Grove Transit, MVTA, Plymouth MetroLink and SouthWest Metro. Since many of the proposed service reductions involve major portions of routes or entire routes, Metropolitan Council policy and federal guidelines require that public review and input be considered before major changes in route service are adopted and implemented.

Fare adjustments are scheduled to begin July 2005 with most service changes taking effect September 2005, following Metropolitan Council adoption of recommendations, and as resources, planning and contractual constraints allow.

Seven public hearings will be held April 12-20, 2005:

- **West Metro: April 12 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**
Hopkins Center for the Arts
1111 Main St., Hopkins
Served by Routes 12, 612, 614, 664 express
- **St. Paul: April 13 – 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**
Metropolitan Council – Chambers
230 East 5th St., downtown St. Paul
Served by Routes 21, 53, 54, 61, 63, 64, 65, 70, 74, 361
- **Minneapolis: April 14 – 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.**
Metro Transit – Heywood Chambers
560 Sixth Ave. N, downtown Minneapolis
Served by Routes 5, 19, 24
- **Minneapolis: April 18 – 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**
Minneapolis City Hall – Room 220
350 South Fifth St., downtown Minneapolis

Official Notices

Served by Routes 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14, 16, 17, 18,
19, 24, 25, 27, 55, 94, 250, 260, 465, 535, 675, 681,
690, 694, 698, 724, 755, 756, 766, 774, 795, 852

- **East Metro: April 18 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**
Maplewood Community Center
2100 White Bear Ave., Maplewood
Served by Routes 64, 80
- **North Metro: April 19 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**
Fridley Community Center – Media Room #109
6085 Seventh St. NE, Fridley
Served by Route 10, 854
- **South Metro: April 20 – 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.**
Burnsville City Hall – Lower Level Community Room
100 Civic Center Pkwy., Burnsville
Served by Routes 425, 426, 465

All interested persons are encouraged to attend a hearing and offer comments. Speakers may register in advance by calling the Regional Data Center at (651) 602-1140 or (651) 291-0904 (TTY). Upon request, the Metropolitan Council will provide reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities.

Comments also will be accepted through 5 p.m. on May 1, 2005:

- **By U.S. Mail** to: Regional Data Center
Metropolitan Council
230 East 5th Street
St. Paul, MN 55101
- **By comment card** available on buses and trains
- **By fax** to (651) 602-1464
- **Online** at www.metrocouncil.org
- **By phone** only for hearing impaired [TTY (651) 291-0904]

The Draft Proposal for Fare and Service Adjustments will be available no later than March 30, 2005. The draft proposal can be viewed online at www.metrocouncil.org or requested by calling (651) 602-1140. Copies can be picked up at the Downtown Minneapolis Transit Store, 719 Marquette Ave.; Mall of America Transit Store, 60 East Broadway, Bloomington; St. Paul Transit Store, 101 East 5th St., U.S. Bank Center Skyway Level; and the Metropolitan Council Data Center, 230 East 5th St., St. Paul.

Public Employees Retirement Association

Notice of Meeting of the Board of Trustees Thursday 10 March 2005

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2005, at 9:30 a.m., in the PERA offices, 60 Empire Drive, Room 117, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

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 Housing Finance Agency

Notice of Funds Available and Contingent Request for Proposal for the Bridges Rental Assistance Program

The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) and the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS), Mental Health Division, announces the *anticipated availability* of grant funds through the Bridges Program. The actual availability and amount of funds are contingent upon approval by the 2005 Minnesota Legislature.

Eligible Applicants: An Adult Mental Health Initiative (AMHI) and a housing agency (HA) that is able to administer a Section 8 rental assistance type program may submit a co-application. Priority will be given to partnerships proposing to operate in areas under-served in rental subsidies for persons with serious and persistent mental illness.

Location: Bridges rental assistance is limited to counties in which an existing Section 8 certificate and voucher program is/can be administered under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Amount of Funds: \$3.276 (\$3.4 million in grant funds have been requested for the biennium ending June 30, 2007).

Eligible Uses: Temporary rental assistance payments and security deposits paid directly to landlords on behalf of participants with a serious and persistent mental illness who are eligible for the Section 8 Rent Subsidy Program. Other eligible uses include utility deposits, contract rent for up to ninety days during a medical or psychiatric crisis, payment to utility companies for up to ninety days during medical or psychiatric hospitalization. Administrative fees charged by housing agencies may not exceed \$40 per month.

Eligibility

Requirements: The head of household, or other adult household member has a serious and persistent mental illness and is eligible for a Section 8 subsidy. Gross income of the household is at or below 50 percent of the area median income for the household size as defined by HUD. Participants must be eligible to apply for and accept a federal or other permanent housing subsidy when offered.

Rents may not exceed the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher amount for a unit determined by Fair Market Rent/Payment Standards and any HUD approved exceptions. Rental units must pass Housing Quality Standards.

Reporting: Quarterly payment requests to be submitted to MHFA. Participant data submitted with each quarterly payment request.

Procedures: Applicant should request application packets from Agency by accessing the MHFA website at:

<http://www.mhfa.state.mn.us/multifamily/bridges.htm>

writing or calling:

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
Attention: Bridges, Multifamily Division
400 Sibley Street, Suite 300
Saint Paul, MN 55101-1998
(800) 657-3647, or (651) 297-4455

The deadline for all applicants is **5:00 p.m. Friday, April 22, 2005**. Applications can be submitted electronically to amy.long@state.mn.us or accepted by mail.

Selection Process: All complete proposals, which meet the basic requirements and the selection criteria of the program, and are received by the deadline, will be considered. MHFA/DHS may request clarification of information after reviewing applications.

The MHFA Board should make final selections on May 26, 2005. All applicants are notified of the selections.

It is the policy of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) to further fair housing opportunity in all Agency Programs and to administer its housing programs affirmatively, so that all Minnesotans of similar income levels have equal access to Agency programs regardless of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, status with regard to receipt of public assistance disability, or familial states.

This request for Proposals (RFP) is subject to all applicable federal, state, and municipal laws, rules, and regulations. MHFA/DHS reserve the right to modify or withdraw the RFP at any time and is not able to reimburse any applicant for costs incurred in the preparation or submittal of applications.

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Informal Solicitations: 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) Web site. Interested vendors are encouraged to monitor the P/T Contract Section of the MMD Web site 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.

Colleges and Universities, Minnesota State

Notice of Availability of Request for Proposal (RFP) for Owner Representative Selection for Hagen Hall Renovation at Minnesota State University Moorhead

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, acting as the owner for the State of Minnesota, is soliciting proposals from interested, qualified consultants for Owner Representative services for the above referenced project.

A full Request for Proposals is available on the Minnesota State University Moorhead Administrative Affairs website:
www.mnstate.edu/adminaff click on "Solicitation Announcements."

A project information meeting has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Monday, March 21, 2005 at Minnesota State University Moorhead in the Center for Business Bldg., Room 100. Contact David Crockett, (218) 477-2070, Crockett@mnstate.edu to sign up for the meeting.

Proposals must be delivered to David Crockett or Gwen Johnanson in 208 Owens Hall, Minnesota State University Moorhead, not later than 1:00 p.m. Monday, April 4, 2005. Late responses will not be considered.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities is not obligated to complete the proposed project and reserves the right to cancel the solicitation if it is considered to be in its best interest.

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Request for Proposal for Voice and Voice Mail

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Offers will be received at the Purchasing Office, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, until 2:00 p.m., on April 5, 2005 for the purpose of Voice and Voice Mail system according to the specifications on file at:

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
System Director, Administration, Policy and Planning
1450 Energy Park Drive, Suite 300
St. Paul, MN 55108

Specifications and Request for Proposal forms may be obtained from Beverly Schuft at the address shown above. Electronic copies are available at the following link: <http://www.its.mnscu.edu/rfpphonemove/MNSCUVOICERFPv2.pdf>

Offers are to be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to the Coordinator of Purchasing at the above address and clearly marked:

"RESPONSE TO MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES VOICE AND VOICE MAIL RFP"

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities reserves the right to reject any and all Offers and to waive any informalities contained in such Offers.

Dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, on March 7, 2005

Beverly Schuft, System Director

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Winona State University

Request for Sealed Bids for Video Recording, Editing, Distribution Equipment and Installation for Their STaRS Flume Lab

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Winona State University will receive sealed bids for video recording, editing, distribution equipment and installation for their STaRS Flume Lab.

Bid specifications will be available March 7, 2005 from the Winona State University Purchasing Department, P.O. Box 5838, 205

Somsen Hall, Winona, MN 55987 by calling (507) 457-5067.

Sealed bids must be received by Sandra Schmitt at P.O. Box 5838, or at 175 W. Mark St., Somsen 205-G, Business Office Winona State University, Winona, MN 55987 by 2:00 p.m. March 21, 2005

Winona State University reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities or informalities in bids received.

Department of Commerce

Request for Proposals for Financial Examinations of Insurance Companies

The Department of Commerce is seeking professionals to perform financial examinations of insurance companies domiciled in Minnesota pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* Section 60A.031, in accordance with the NAIC Financial Condition Examination Procedures Manual and procedures developed by the Department. For information, please contact Jaki Gardner, Assistant Commissioner, Insurance/Financial Examinations Division, 85 East 7th Place, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101-2198, (651) 297-7030. Responders are required to have CFE and AFE designations. CPA designation a plus, but not required.

Responses are due by Friday, April 1, 2005.

Department of Education

Notice of Request for Proposals to Conduct Re-Interviews of Families and/or Youth Determined Eligible for Participation in Migratory Education Programs in Minnesota

The Department of Education is soliciting proposals from qualified vendors to conduct re-interviews of approximately 358 families with children identified as eligible for educational services due to their status as migrant students as described in the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Title I, Part C*. The re-interview process is to determine the accuracy of the original eligibility determination. The contractor will work with state staff to determine an appropriate protocol, conduct re-interviews following that protocol with families pre-identified in a sample pool, and then assist Dept. of Education staff in refining the process for on-going annual re-interview of a sample set of families and/or eligible youth.

The Department of Education has estimated the cost of this project should not exceed \$115,000.00

The anticipated project period is April 25, 2005 to November 30, 2005

For a complete copy of the Request for Proposals, please contact: Noemi Treviño, Department of Education, 1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville, Minnesota 555113, telephone 651-582-8233, fax 651-582-8727, E-mail : Noemi.Trevino@state.mn.us

Responses are due by 3:00 P.M. Central Time, March 28, 2005. **Late proposals will not be considered.** Fax or E-Mail proposals will **not** be considered.

This request does not obligate the State to award a contract or complete the work contemplated in this notice. The State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation if it considered to be in its best interest. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder.

Dated: March 7, 2005

Department of Education

Notice of Request for Proposals for the Quality Assurance of Minnesota's Large Scale Testing and Accountability Programs Request for Proposal

The Department of Education is soliciting proposals from qualified vendors to implement for 2006 independent systems to verify the Department's item analysis, scaling and equating, and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) results for the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments – Series II (MCA-II) for Reading and Mathematics (grades 3 – 8); Writing (grade 5); Science (grades 5, 8 and high school); Reading (grade 10); Mathematics (grade 11); the Basic Skills Tests for Reading and Mathematics (initially given in grade 8), and Written Composition (initially given in grade 10); and the Test of Emerging Academic English given to Limited English Proficient students in grades 3-12. These tests partially fulfill the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 and the statewide testing law Minn. Stat. § 120B.30. Virtually all students in the grades involved will take the MCA-IIs;

The Department has estimated the cost of this project should not exceed \$1,300,000.00 over the five-year period of the RFP.

The anticipated project period is July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2010. The initial contract period is expected to be from July 1, 2005 to June

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30, 2006. The Responder must submit a proposal for all tests in the project. For a copy of the complete Request for Proposal, please contact:

Mary Jo Swanson
Minnesota Department of Education
1500 Highway 36 West
Roseville, Minnesota 55113-4567
Phone: (651) 634-2222
Fax: (651) 582-8874
E-mail: *Mary.Jo.Swanson@state.mn.us*

Proposals are due no later than 3:00 p.m. April 29, 2005. Late proposals will not be considered.

The 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.

Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Analysis and Evaluation Office Request for Interest in Business Record Database Systems Having Link on DEED's Website

The Department of Employment and Economic Development is soliciting interest from qualified vendors about business record database systems to which the department could provide a link in conjunction with the department's Enterprise Network System.

The Enterprise Network System (ENS) is a tool that will help users better understand a region's industrial structure and possible growth opportunities. ENS output will include lists of industry growth opportunities categorized by NAICS (North American Industrial Classification System) codes. Business record databases will help users identify businesses operating in the specified industries.

The department will provide a link from DEED's website to those internet-based business record database systems submitting information that meet eligibility requirements as described in this RFI. ENS users will have the opportunity to link to one or more of the business record databases to search for businesses within specified NAICS industrial codes.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a link on DEED's web site connecting users to the vendor's site, the business record database system must be internet-based and searchable by up to six digit-NAICS codes. The user must be able to generally download for each business record:

- 1) company name,
- 2) company parent, if applicable,
- 3) mailing address (e.g., streets address, city, state and zip code),
- 4) NAICS codes associated with the business,
- 5) sales and employment levels,
- 6) organization type (e.g., headquarters, subsidiary, single establishment, etc.),
- 7) company ownership (e.g., private or public), and
- 8) contact information for select individuals employed by company (e.g., name and phone)

In addition, users must be able to link directly to the business record database system. Users must also be able to easily arrange for the use and payment of the system.

DEED is in no way responsible for payment of services provided to users accessing the business database. Users will independently contract with the business database company for business records. However, DEED will monitor vendor database systems and reserves the right to remove the link if the system ceases to meet eligibility requirements. In such cases, DEED will specify problems to vendor in an e-mail to vendor contact.

Proposal Evaluation

All vendors that responses to this RFI displaying evidence of current ability to meet the business record requirements listed above will be shown on DEED's web site. RFI submission must include the site's URL address to which they wish to direct users and a contact (name, e-mail, and street address) for future communication with DEED.

Vendors interest and information must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. Central Standard Time on March 28, 2005.

Respondents are responsible for all costs associated with the preparation and submission of responses to this RFP. All responses to this Request for Information are public, according to *Minnesota Statutes* section 13.03, unless the data provided qualifies for a specific classification under chapter 13.

All submissions and any questions regarding this RFI should be addressed to:

Bob Isaacson
Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development
Analysis and Evaluation
332 Minnesota Street, Suite E200
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1351
Phone: (651) 297-3615
Fax: (651) 215-3841
E-mail: bob.isaacson@state.mn.us

Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Analysis and Evaluation Office Request for Proposals from Vendors Interested in Providing Industry Analysis

Project Overview

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) is seeking proposals from vendors interested in assisting users of the department's Enterprise Network System (ENS) regional industry analysis tool.

Goal

Vendors submitting proposals that meet RFP qualifications will be noted as "certified". DEED will refer to the list of certified vendors when recommending that users of the ENS tool contact a certified vendor for additional assistance in using the tool or tool results. Users will independently contract with certified vendors for actual service delivery.

Sample Tasks

The Enterprise Network System tool will help users better understand a region's industrial structure, possible industry growth opportunities, and business linkages within the region. Tasks for which a user may contract with a vendor may include:

- Use ENS to assess the region's current industrial composition by analyzing production and service processes via the North American Industrial Classification System, or NAICS, codes.
- Create list of industrial production and service processes available in the region despite a high percentage of intermediate inputs produced in the area.
- Work with user to create economic rationale needed to manually adjust the percent of input available in the region to increase or reduce the number of industries provided in the ENS output.
- Complete preliminary analysis on promising ENS output industries to determine industry performance and preliminary suitability for the region. This analysis should lead to a smaller final list of industries. Recent industrial performance as shown by value of shipments, employment and capital investment should be considered as well as the number of input sources (i.e., businesses) in the region for each industry. The analysis may include other production factors and feedback from business stakeholders.
- Complete detailed market feasibility analysis of the final industries identified. Such analysis should include, among other factors, the following for each industry:
 - general description,
 - local competitiveness,
 - market potential,
 - locational fit with region, including labor availability, public and private infrastructure, tax and regulatory structure, among other factors,
 - financial analysis, and
 - other characteristics key to industry performance, especially relative to study region.

The ENS tool can be used in a variety of ways and the actual work contracted may not be identical to steps noted above.

Proposal Content

The following will be considered minimum contents to be included in the proposal:

1. A statement of the tasks to show or demonstrate the responder's view and understanding of the nature of the proposed work.

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2. An outline of the responder's background and experience with examples of similar work done by the responder including references.
3. The location of Service Disclosure Form.

Proposal Evaluation

To be named a certified vendor by DEED, proposals must include evidence of ability to conduct industry analyses (as described above in the Sample Tasks section) and examples of similar work completed for past clients.

All responses received by the deadline will be evaluated by representatives of the Department of Employment and Economic Development. In some instances, an interview may be part of the evaluation process. A 100-point scale will be used to create the final evaluation recommendation. The factors and weighting on which proposals will be judged are:

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| 1. Expressed understanding of project objectives | 10% |
| 2. Qualifications/experience of vendor working on the project | 80% |
| 3. Extent to which services will be performed within the U.S. | 10% |

All proposals must be received no later than 4:30 p.m., Central Standard Time on May 28, 2005.

Respondents are responsible for all costs associated with the preparation and submission of responses to this RFP. All responses to this Request for Proposal are public, according to Minnesota Statutes section 13.03, unless the data provided qualifies for a specific classification under chapter 13.

All proposal submissions and any questions regarding this RFP should be addressed to:

Bob Isaacson
Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development
Analysis and Evaluation
332 Minnesota Street, Suite E200
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1351
Phone: (651) 297-3615
Fax: (651) 215-3841
E-mail: bob.isaacson@state.mn.us

Minnesota Historical Society

Notice of Request for Proposals for Providing Food Services and Special Events Management at the Minnesota History Center

The Minnesota Historical Society is seeking proposals from qualified firms to partner with the Society in providing an innovative, high quality, "signature" on-site restaurant and special events program that will act in synergy with the Minnesota History Center to create a "destination" for museum and library patrons, adjacent businesses, Society staff and volunteers, and discriminating diners.

The Request for Proposals is available by calling or writing Mary Green Toussaint, Contracting & Purchasing Assistant, Minnesota Historical Society, 345 Kellogg Blvd. W., St. Paul, MN 55102. Her telephone number is (651) 297-7007; her e-mail address is:

mary.green-toussaint@mnhs.org

A **MANDATORY** site examination and informational meeting will be held at the Minnesota History Center's 3M Auditorium on *Monday, March 21, 2005 beginning at 9:00 a.m.* This meeting will provide a valuable opportunity for potential vendors to examine the facilities and ask questions concerning this Request for Proposals; a principal or officer of any proposing firm **MUST** attend in order for its proposal to be considered.

In addition, completed proposals must be received no later than 2:00 p.m., Local Time, Thursday, March 30, 2005. Late proposals will **NOT** be considered.

Dated: March 7, 2005

Department of Human Services

Notice of Availability of Contract for Consulting Services Related to Payments for Health Services

The Minnesota Department of Human Services is requesting proposals for consulting services related to rates and payments for health services provided by Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) under the Medical Assistance (MA) program. This encompasses:

1. Establish FQHC specific rates under the Medicare cost principles for MA health services provided for periods prior to 2001 that have not been finalized by the Department.
2. Establish FQHC supplemental payments for MA health services provided under health plan coverage using FQHC supplied data for periods prior to 2003 that have not been finalized by the Department.
3. Review the rate setting process for new FQHCs that is based on the caseload of similar facilities to determine if it can be simplified.
4. Evaluate on-going FQHC data compliance requirements to determine if it can be reduced.

The Department has determined that the cost of this contract will not exceed \$100,000. The contract is expected to be effective April 29, 2005.

A Request for Proposals will be available by mail from this office through March 28, 2005. A written request, by direct mail or fax, is required to receive the Request for Proposals. After March 28, 2005, the Request for Proposals must be picked up in person.

The Request for Proposals can be obtained from:

Gloria Tionson
Department of Human Services
Health Care Purchasing Payment Policy Division
444 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155 - 3853
Fax: (651) 297-3230

Proposals submitted in response to the Request for Proposals in this notice must be received at the address above no later than 3:00 pm on April 15, 2005. Late proposals will not be considered. Fax or e-mailed proposals will not be considered.

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 Human Services

Notice of Availability of Contract for Study of Parent Support Outreach Pilot Program

The Minnesota Department of Human Services is requesting proposals for the purpose of a contract for professional and technical consulting services with a qualified vendor to design and manage the study of the Parent Support Outreach Pilot Program. The research contractor will design and implement a study that will examine the effectiveness of the Parent Support Outreach Program. This contract will include a process and outcome analysis as to the ability of county social service agencies and community-based service providers to successfully engage at risk families in the voluntary provision of family support services. The analysis will include the impact provision of services has on; preventing subsequent child maltreatment; improving a broad set of family and child well being indicators; and reducing the disparities in child protection involvement and outcomes that are common for families of color.

The Process Evaluation, using both quantitative and qualitative data, should provide a detailed description of the client group and their circumstances, a description of the service provider characteristics and service model components, an analysis of the type and cost of services and the frequency at which they were used, an analysis of the client's perception of the program and receptiveness to services, and an assessment of the level of family connectedness to community supports and services.

The Outcomes Evaluation should identify the changes in family circumstances or functioning attributable to the service intervention. The impact areas to address should include but are not limited to child protection involvement including child maltreatment reports, accepted reports, assessments and services; the family's ability to secure and maintain adequate resources to meet basic needs (i.e. food, clothing, shelter, health care, transportation, child care, income & employment etc.); other assessments of family stability and functioning; child well being (school attendance and achievement; developmental milestones; social, emotional and behavioral functioning); quality of parent child interaction; and the presence of strengths and protective factors.

Work is proposed to start after May 1, 2005.

A Request for Proposals will be available by mail from this office through March 25, 2005. **A written request (by direct mail or fax) is required to receive the Request for Proposal.** After March 25, 2005, the Request for Proposal must be picked up in person.

The Request for Proposal can be obtained from:

Carole Johnson or David Thompson
Children and Family Services
444 Lafayette Road N.

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St. Paul, MN 55155-3832

Fax: (651) 297-1949

Proposals submitted in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received at the address above no later than 3:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on April 8, 2005. **Late proposals will not be considered.** Fax or e-mailed proposals will **not** be considered.

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.

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Notice of Request for Proposal for Consultant Services for Environmental Impact Statement Preparation

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) requests proposals for consulting services to assist MPCA staff in preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the proposal by Elk River Landfill, Inc. to expand operations of its existing mixed municipal solid waste landfill (Landfill).

The MPCA seeks the services of a consultant with expertise in preparing environmental review documents; mixed municipal solid waste landfill design, operation and permitting; solid waste policy; hydrogeologic evaluation; stormwater management practices; landfill gas emissions; visual impacts; planning and alternatives analysis; state and federal regulatory processes; land use issues; and socioeconomics. The consultant must conduct necessary data collection and analysis, and prepare draft and final EISs that fulfill the requirements of *Minnesota Rules* parts 4410.0200 through 4410.6500. For a copy of the complete Request for Proposal (RFP) and Final Scoping document, please contact Debra Moynihan at (651) 296-8420.

All questions regarding this project must be directed to Debra Moynihan.

Submission of Proposals

All proposals must be mailed to:

Debra Moynihan
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
Environmental Review and Operation Section
520 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, MN 55155-4194
Telephone: (651) 296-8420
Toll-free: (800) 657-3864
TTY: (651) 282-5332

All submissions must be received no later than 4:00 p.m., Central Daylight Time, Thursday, April 7, 2005, as indicated by the time and date stamp on each package. Late proposals will not be considered. Cost proposals must be submitted in a separate sealed envelope.

The MPCA staff will hold a pre-proposal information meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2005, from 2:00 p.m., through 3:00 p.m., at the MPCA office in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Attendance of this meeting is not mandatory for submission of a proposal. Attendance of this meeting is not mandatory for submission of a proposal.

This notice and other documents relevant to the RFP can be made available in other formats, including Braille, large print, audio-tape, and other languages upon request.

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.

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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.

Metropolitan Council

Notice of Request for Proposals (RFP) for Engineering Services for Design of Riverview Siphon Improvements

Contract 05P023

The Metropolitan Council is requesting proposals from professional engineering firms to provide design and construction support services for Riverview Siphon Improvements.

This project will involve the construction of odor control facilities and other improvements to the existing siphon inlet at Wabasha Street near the bluff line, construction of approximately 3000 lineal feet of a new 24" siphon barrel between the siphon inlet and the west bank of the Mississippi river, construction of a new siphon crossover structure and metering vault near the west bank, and cured-in-place pipe lining of the entire length of the three existing siphon barrels.

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The anticipated schedule for this project is as follows:

<i>Issue Request for Proposals</i>	March 8, 2005
<i>Proposals Due</i>	April 7, 2005
<i>Award Contract</i>	June 2005
<i>Work of the Project</i>	June 2005 – December 2008

All firms interested in receiving an RFP for this project should submit a written request to:

Amanda Houston, Administrative Assistant
Contracts and Procurement Unit
Metropolitan Council
230 East Fifth Street
St. Paul, MN 55101
Phone: (651) 602-1585
Fax: (651) 602-1083
E-mail: amanda.houston@metc.state.mn.us

Metropolitan Council

Notice of Request for Engineering Service Proposals for Relief Sewer Improvements in the NE Interceptor Service Area (RFP 04P115)

Project Number 802320

The Metropolitan Council is requesting engineering service proposals for relief sewer improvements in the NE interceptor service area. Phase 1 of the Northeast Interceptor or NEI is 34,000 feet of new 5 ft. diameter gravity interceptor sewer with a capacity of approximately 30 mgd. Much of the project is expected to be constructed by tunneling. The upstream end connects to the existing Upper Beltline Interceptor near the intersection of Highway 61 and I-694 in Maplewood and the downstream end connects to the Middle Beltline interceptor near Minnehaha Avenue and Johnson Parkway in St. Paul. Consulting services will include preliminary engineering, design, and construction. The Phase 1 portion of the NEI is to be implemented in 2012.

<i>Issue Request for Proposals</i>	March 7, 2005
<i>Receive Proposals</i>	April 26, 2005
<i>Contract negotiated, executed, NTP</i>	June, 2005

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:

Harriet Simmons, Senior Administrative Assistant
Metropolitan Council
230 East Fifth Street
Mears Park Centre
St. Paul, MN 55101
PHONE: (651) 602-1086
FAX: (651) 602-1138
E-mail: harriet.simmons@metc.state.mn.us

Metropolitan Council - Metro Transit

Sealed Bids Sought for the Mall of America Transit Station Door Replacement Project

Procurement No. 6833

Metro Transit, a division of the Metro Council, is soliciting sealed bids for the Mall of America Transit Station Door Replacement project. The work includes purchase and installation of aluminum doors, storefronts, and steel fire rated doors and frames at the Mall of American Transit Station, located in the lower level of the Mall's eastern parking deck in Bloomington, Minnesota. The work must be substantially completed within 140 calendar days after contract award with final completion within 180 calendar days after contract award. Sealed bids are due by 2:00 p.m. on April 6, 2005.

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

Attention: Janice Brumlow

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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 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.

University of Minnesota

Request for Qualifications for a Consultant to Provide Transportation and Infrastructure Planning, Design and Project Management Services

I. NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The University of Minnesota is soliciting qualifications for a consultant to provide transportation and infrastructure planning, design, and project management services to the Twin Cities campus. The scope of the contract will include 1) general parking, transportation, and transit issues on and around the Twin Cities campus, 2) technical studies in support of the football stadium Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process, and 3) the football stadium project.

The proposed stadium would be located on the University's Huron Avenue parking complex close to existing athletic venues. The total project cost is estimated at \$235 million, which includes \$17 million for site preparation, \$26.6 million for district improvements, and \$191.4 million for the stadium.

E-mail your request for the full RFQ, which will be sent free of charge to interested vendors or download the RFQ from <http://www.cppm.umn.edu/rfq.html>.

II. CONTACT FOR RFQ INQUIRIES:

Chip Foster
Purchasing Services
University of Minnesota
400 Donhowe Building
319 15th Ave. SE
Minneapolis, MN 55455-1082
Phone: (612) 626-8757
Fax: (612) 624-5796
E-Mail: fosterc@facm.umn.edu

III. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Be advised that these dates are subject to change, as University officials deem necessary.

<i>State Register Advertisement</i>	February 28, 2005 – Monday
<i>RFQ Document Available</i>	February 28, 2005 – Monday
<i>Mandatory Pre-Proposal Meeting / Site Visit @ 9 AM</i>	March 10, 2005 – Thursday
<i>All Questions / Inquiries deadline at Noon</i>	March 14, 2005 – Monday
<i>RFQ Response Deadline – Due at Noon</i>	March 23, 2005 – Wednesday
<i>Evaluation & Selection of Short-listed Finalists</i>	March 28, 2005 – Monday
<i>Respondent Presentations & Negotiations</i>	April 6, 2005 – Wednesday
<i>Contract Award</i>	April 11, 2005 – Monday
<i>Conduct Contracted Work</i>	Spring 2005
<i>Complete Contracted Work</i>	Fall 2008

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The University reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any and all responses, accept any response, waive informalities in responses submitted, and waive minor discrepancies between a response and these instructions, as it deems to be in its best interest. Any waiver of the University with respect to the requirements of these response instructions shall apply only to the particular instance for which it was made or given, and no such waiver shall constitute a permanent or future waiver of such requirements.

Western Area Fire Training Academy (WAFTA) Request for Qualifications and Cost Proposal for a Consultant to Provide Phase II Environmental Site Investigation and Reporting Services

I. NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Western Area Fire Training Academy (WAFTA) is soliciting proposals for the following project: a Phase II Environmental Site Investigation for the Nike Missile Battery Site in St. Bonifacius, Minnesota. The WAFTA reserves the right to reject any or all submittals. Qualifications, including a demonstrated lack of conflict of interest, and cost criteria will be used to analyze submittals from responding consultants. Upon completion of the selection, the WAFTA will enter into contract negotiations with the lowest cost qualified bidder.

II. CONTACT FOR RFP INQUIRIES:

Interested firms should contact WAFTA c/o Mr. Eric Tollefsrud, Geomatrix Consultants, Inc., to obtain a full copy of the RFP. He can be reached at (952) 935-1010 (phone) and (952) 935-1254 (fax). All complete proposals received by 2 P.M. on April 4, 2005 at Geomatrix's Minneapolis office will be given equal consideration.

III. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Be advised that these dates are subject to change as WAFTA deems necessary.

<i>State Register Advertisement</i>	March 7, 2005
<i>RFP Document Available</i>	March 7, 2005
<i>Mandatory Site-Walk Meeting – 1:30 PM</i>	April 7, 2005
<i>Proposal Deadline – Due at 2:00 PM</i>	April 18, 2005
<i>Evaluation & Selection of Successful Consultant</i>	May 18, 2005

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