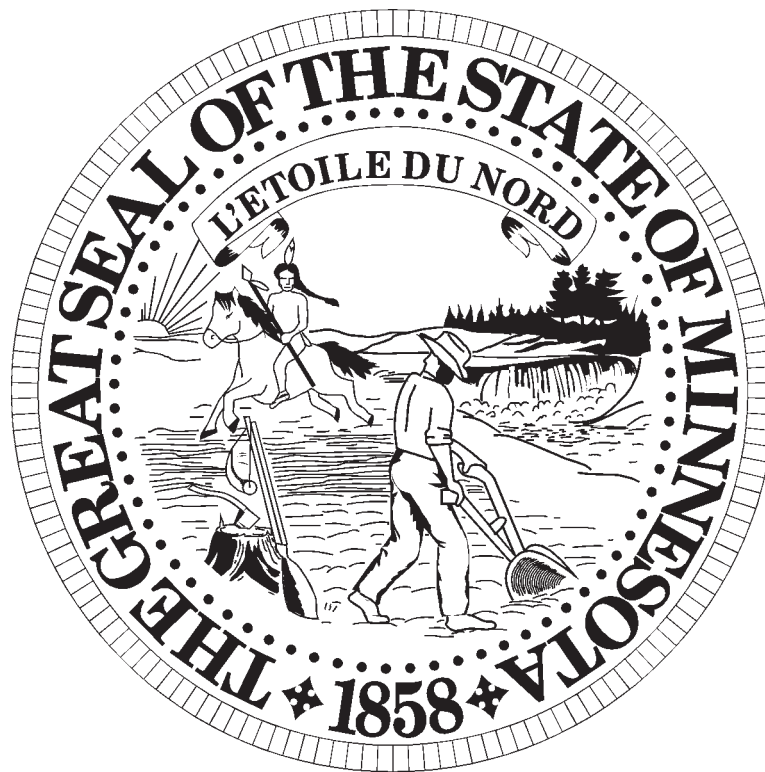


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### Minnesota Department of Agriculture Agronomy and Plant Protection Division Plant Protection Section

#### Notice of Public Comment Period for a Formal State Plant Quarantine for Pine Shoot Beetle in Anoka, Dakota and Ramsey Counties

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is the lead agency for abatement and regulation of the introduction or establishment of plant pests that threaten Minnesota's agricultural, forest, or horticultural interests or the general ecological quality of the state.

The Pine Shoot Beetle, (*Tomicus piniperda* L.) (PSB), was detected in Anoka, Dakota and Ramsey counties in 2004. On January 11, 2005, the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Plant Protection Quarantine (PPQ) placed a federal PSB quarantine on these counties. On February 28, 2005 the MDA imposed a state Emergency Quarantine on the same counties for PSB. The MDA is proposing to replace the Emergency Quarantine with a Formal Quarantine on these same three counties. The MDA has established a comment period and will hold a public meeting to gather public input before establishing the Formal Quarantine.

The MDA will hold a Public Meeting to request public input for a state plant Formal Quarantine for PSB in Anoka, Dakota and Ramsey Counties on March 17, 2005, at 10:30 a.m. at the MDA Building, 90 West Plato Blvd., St Paul, Minnesota in order to solicit comments on the Formal Quarantine. This meeting is being held in conjunction with the Minnesota Shade Tree Advisory Council meeting and is free and open to the public. For further information, please consult our website at [www.mda.state.mn.us](http://www.mda.state.mn.us) and enter as a keyword "Pine Shoot Beetle".

The comment period begins on March 1, 2005 and ends on April 14, 2005. MDA will take these comments into consideration in issuing the Formal Quarantine. Call Teresa McDill at (651) 296-8448 for further information

Public Meeting:

March 17, 2005 at 10:30 am  
Minnesota Department of Agriculture  
90 West Plato Blvd.  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55107

Public comment period ends on April 14, 2005

### Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners REQUEST FOR COMMENTS on Possible amendment to Rules Governing Continuing Education Units for Examiners; *Minnesota Rules, 2500.0710*

**Subject of Rules.** The Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners requests comments on its possible amendment to rules governing Continuing Education Units Granted for Examination Administration. The Board is considering rule amendments to the current continuing education allowance for examination participation, reflecting more accurately the actual amount of learning gained from this experience. The number allowed could increase or decrease based on an independent, third-party, objective analysis.

**Persons Affected.** The amendment to the rules would likely affect actively licensed chiropractors in Minnesota who participate in examination development, administration, and/or post-examination audits.

**Statutory Authority.** *Minnesota Statutes*, section 14.23 and 148.08, authorizes and requires the MBCE to promulgate rules necessary to administer sections 148.01 to 148.105 to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public, including rules governing the practice of chiropractic, and defining any terms, whether or not used in sections 148.01 to 148.105, if the definitions are not inconsistent with the provisions of 148.01 to 148.105.

**Public Comment.** Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these possible rules in writing until further notice is published in the *State Register* that the Board intends to adopt or to withdraw the rules. The Board does not contemplate appointing an advisory committee to comment on the possible rules.



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**Rules Drafts.** The Board does not anticipate that a draft of the rule amendments will be available before the publication of the proposed rules.

**Agency Contact Person.** Written comments, questions, requests to receive a draft of the rules when it has been prepared, and requests for more information on these possible rules should be directed to: Micki King at Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners, 2829 University Ave SE, Suite 300, Minneapolis Minnesota 55414, (612) 617-2226, and *Micki.king@state.mn.us*. TTY users may call the Board at 1-800-627-3529.

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

**NOTE:** Comments received in response to this notice will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the administrative law judge when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The agency is required to submit to the judge only those written comments received in response to the rules after they are proposed. If you submitted comments during the development of the rules and you want to ensure that the Administrative Law Judge reviews the comments, you should resubmit the comments after the rules are formally proposed.

Dated: March 8, 2005

Larry A. Spicer, DC  
Executive Director

## Department of Human Services Health Care Administration – Health Care Operations Request for Information (RFI) – Enhanced Program Integrity

### Project Overview

The Department of Human Services (DHS) requests information regarding technology systems and/or audit review services that have the ability to provide ongoing, up-to-date, support for the current DHS Medicaid program integrity initiative. This request for information (RFI) is independent of the Health Care Advanced Analytics RFI published in the Minnesota *State Register*, January 24, 2005. Responding to the Health Care Advanced Analytic RFI does not preclude the vendor from submitting information regarding this RFI. DHS is seeking information about systems and/or services that will augment or enhance detection, identification, and review of suspected fraud, abuse, and waste in the Medicaid program. These systems or services should have the capability of reviewing both provider and recipient activity.

### Goal

Minnesota is seeking to enhance its program integrity, health care claim editing capability, post-payment review, and credit balance recovery to make certain that health care program expenditures maximize the benefit of the state's health care dollars. The purpose of this request for information is to investigate opportunities that will enable the state to achieve the maximum benefit at the lowest possible cost. DHS is pursuing a strategy intended to deter Medicaid fraud and abuse on every front: prevention, early detection, collaboration, enforcement, and post-payment review.

We are requesting information on technologies and services that examine improper payment, including:

- Inadvertent errors, such as duplicate payments and miscalculations
- Payments for unsupported or inadequately supported claims
- Payments for services not rendered
- Payments to ineligible providers
- Payments for ineligible recipients; and
- Payments resulting from outright fraud and abuse
- Overpayments related to coordination of benefits

### System Capabilities

DHS is interested in information about systems and/or services that combine comprehensive utilization review and quality assurance capabilities with extensive and flexible analytic and reporting features. Additionally, we are looking for systems that provide operational and management statistics to assist in developing profiles of recipients and providers of health care delivery. Systems should have the ability to exchange information with the existing Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) and the data warehouse.

Possible features include but are not limited to:

- Data sharing, e.g. data matches with business partners
- Data mining
- Neural networking
- Recovery auditing

- Contract audits
- Prepayment investigations
- Enhanced edit structures for claims processing

## Proposal Content

Responders are encouraged to:

1. Provide information on additional technologies, services, and/or activities that could enhance the state's payment integrity
2. Identify successful applications of their products and/or services in other state Medicaid programs
3. Identify potentials for enhanced federal match for procurement of identified products
4. Identify procurement strategies that minimize state costs
5. Identify the potential for contingency payment plans that are consistent with CMS regulations

Please submit six (6) paper copies of your response. **Please limit responses to ten (10) pages of documentation.** DHS will request additional information, if necessary.

## Submit responses to:

Department of Human Services  
Gina Kiser, Project Coordinator  
444 Lafayette Road N.  
St. Paul, MN 55155-3849

All information must be received no later than close of business on **April 8, 2005**.

This is not a bid. No contract will result from this solicitation.

All materials submitted become the property of the State of Minnesota, Department of Human Services. Materials shall not be returned to the responder.

This RFI is being issued to gather information that may identify potential enhancements to Minnesota's program integrity efforts. No decision has been made as to whether or not the State will offer demonstration opportunities. The State reserves the right to determine if we move forward with a Request for Proposal.

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

Fax and e-mail responses will not be considered.

## Department of Natural Resources

### Identification of Known Calcareous Fens Order No. 05-001

Pursuant to the provisions of *Minnesota Statutes*, section 103G.223, the following described lands contain calcareous fens as defined in *Minnesota Rules*, part 8420.1020.

Additional sites may be added to this list as new calcareous fens are discovered and existing sites may be removed from the list if it is determined that the wetland no longer meets the definition of a calcareous fen. Revisions to the list will be published in the *State Register*. The current list will also be posted on the DNR's web site at:

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Gennessee 21	25251	T119N	R33W	SESESE21
<b>Le Sueur</b>				
Ottawa Bluffs Preserve	10567	T110N	R26W	NWSE03
Ottawa WMA	13725	T110N	R26W	NWNW11
Ottawa WMA	14372	T110N	R26W	NWSE14
Ottawa WMA	19552	T110N	R26W	ESWSE11
Ottawa WMA	19512	T110N	R26W	NNNE14
<b>Lyon</b>				
Shelburne 22	28259	T109N	R43W	SE22
<b>Mahnomen</b>				
Rosedale 36	15996	T144N	R41W	SE36
Waubun WMA	13721	T143N	R42W	NWSW25
Waubun WMA - South	19190	T143N	R42W	SESE36
Waubun WMA East	19130	T143N	R41W	SE30, ENE31
Waubun WMA East	19186	T143N	R41W	SWSE30
Waubun WMA East	19188	T143N	R41W	SE30
Waubun WMA East	19185	T143N	R41W	NENWNE31
Waubun WMA East	27834	T143N	R41W	SWNE31
Waubun WMA East	27833	T143N	R41W	NENW31
<b>Marshall</b>				
Tamarac River	14381	T157N	R46W	SESW02
Viking 18	14377	T155N	R45W	NE18
Viking 20	15297	T155N	R45W	SESWNW20
Viking Strip 4	14379	T154N	R45W	NW04
<b>Martin</b>				
Perch Creek WMA	1228	T104N	R30W	SWSE07
<b>Murray</b>				
Lost Timber Prairie	13672	T105N	R43W	SWSE02
<b>Nicollet</b>				
Fort Ridgely State Park	1225	T111N	R32W	NWSE06
Le Sueur Fen	1227	T111N	R26W	NENE16
<b>Nobles</b>				
Westside 11 (Adrian)	10568	T102N	R43W	SWSW11
<b>Norman</b>				
Agassiz-Olson WMA	13677	T146N	R45W	SWNW22
Faith WMA	13674	T144N	R43W	SENW26
Faith WMA	13675	T144N	R43W	NW35
Faith Prairie	7893	T144N	R43W	SWNW25
Green Meadow 26	6131	T145N	R45W	SESE22
Green Meadow 26	3942	T145N	R45W	WNW26
Green Meadow 35	13676	T145N	R45W	SW36, SESE35
<b>Olmsted</b>				
Airport Wetland	8275	T105N	R14W	NENENE15
Dover 13	2936	T106N	R12W	NENESW13
Dover 7	8257	T106N	R11W	NESWSW07
High Forest 35	8276	T105N	R14W	NENESW35
Joyce Park Fen	31964	T106N	R13W	NWSW8

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Marion 30	8274	T106N	R13W	NWSWNW30
Nelson Fen WMA	13727	T105N	R15W	SWSE16
Rochester 23	31980	T106N	R14W	SWNW23
Rock Dell 23 Fen	20563	T105N	R15W	NW23
Rock Dell 23 Fen	8278	T105N	R15W	SWNWNW23
Stonehedge Fen	31983	T107N	R13W	NENW19
<b>Otter Tail</b>				
Eagle Lake 22 SW	31197	T131N	R40W	NWSW22
Eagle Lake 27 NW	31199	T131N	R40W	NWNW27
Eagle Lake 27 NW	31198	T131N	R40W	NENE28
Eagle Lake 22 SE	31200	T131N	R40W	SESE22
Eagle Lake 27 NE	31201	T131N	R40W	SENE27
Haugtvedt WPA South Unit (Ottertail)	21259	T136N	R44W	NENE6
Erlandson WMA	28155	T131N	R43W	SENE25
Aastad 23	28156	T131N	R43W	SWSW23
<b>Pennington</b>				
Sanders Fen North	14301	T153N	R44W	WNE07
Sanders Fen North	14440	T153N	R44W	EWSE07
Sanders Fen South	14297	T153N	R44W	SE18, NE19
<b>Pipestone</b>				
Burke WMA	10566	T106N	R44W	SESE28
Hole-in-the-mountain Prairie (Altona WMA)	13726	T108N	R46W	NENW01
<b>Polk</b>				
Chicog WMA East	6403	T148N	R45W	NWSWSE28
Chicog WMA East	6404	T148N	R45W	SWNE33
Chicog WMA East	6406	T148N	R45W	NENE33
Chicog WMA West	6405	T148N	R45W	NE29, WSE20
Enerson WMA	16306	T149N	R40W	NENW17
Godfrey Prairie	16268	T148N	R44W	NWSE09, NE09
Gully 22	16326	T150N	R39W	SWNE27
Gully 22	16303	T150N	R39W	NE22, WSE22
Gully 23	16307	T150N	R39W	SE23
Gully 23	16312	T150N	R39W	NWNE25
Kertsonville WMA	6402	T149N	R45W	SSESW16
Chester 29	18396	T150N	R40W	S29
Kittleson Creek Mire	10149	T147N	R44W	SS06, OW07
Onstad WMA	16270	T147N	R45W	W01
Pankratz Prairie South	245	T149N	R45W	SWNE17
Pembina Trail: Crookston	1226	T149N	R44W	SSW19
Pembina Trail: TNC	17211	T149N	R44W	ESWNW30
<b>Pope</b>				
Ordway Prairie	13682	T123N	R36W	SWSW29
Blue Mounds 15	13755	T124N	R39W	SW14, SESE15
Blue Mounds 15	28931	T124N	R39W	SENESE15
Ordway Prairie	27364	T123N	R36W	NENESW30
Ordway Prairie	11550	T123N	R36W	SENW30
Ordway Prairie	28889	T123N	R37W	SENESE25
Nora 29	30146	T126N	R40W	NESW29
Gilchrist 26	28896	T123N	R37W	SWNE26
<b>Redwood</b>				
Swedes Forest 19	13724	T114N	R37W	SW20, NESE19
Redwood Fen	13723	T114N	R37W	SW22, NENW27

**Rice**

Rice County Wilderness Area	238	T111N	R20W	NE34
Rice County Wilderness Area	12448	T111N	R20W	SESENE22

**Roseau**

Bemis Swamp SW	13668	T160N	R38W	ENW01
Bemis Swamp Main	13669	T161N	R37W	SE29, NWNE32

**Scott**

Savage Fen	241	T115N	R21W	SNE17
Savage Fen	14375	T115N	R21W	SWNW16
Savage Fen	14374	T115N	R21W	SENW17

**Stearns**

Big Lake SW	24729	T123N	R31W	NESWSW33
Roscoe North	24694	T123N	R32W	NESE24
Spring Hill Fen	24043	T124N	R33W	N16, SE16, NWSW15
St. Wendel Swamp SW	23987	T125N	R29W	S17

**Steele**

Pogones WMA	28256	T105N	R19W	NWNWSE18
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**Swift**

Do Not Enter Fen	27178	T122N	R37W	NE12, NWSE12
Do Not Enter Fen	27114	T122N	R37W	NESW12
Kerkhoven 11	27113	T122N	R37W	SENE11
Kerkhoven 11	27109	T122N	R37W	SWSE02
Kerkhoven 2	27112	T122N	R37W	NENW11

**Wabasha**

McCarthy Lake	31975	T109N	R10W	W02
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**Wilkin**

Anna Gronseth Prairie - Akron 10	7072	T134N	R45W	W10
Rothsay Prairie	7074	T135N	R45W	ENW16, E16
Rothsay Prairie	7073	T135N	R45W	ENE09
Rothsay Prairie - Prairie View 33	7070	T136N	R45W	S33
Rothsay WMA - Akron 4	7040	T134N	R45W	NE04
Town Hall Prairies	7071	T134N	R45W	NENW15

**Winona**

Wisoy 15	10569	T105N	R07W	SESW15
Wisoy Valley East	18395	T105N	R07W	SNWSW03

**Yellow Medicine**

Fortier 6	19337	T114N	R46W	SENWSE06
Fortier 5	19334	T114N	R46W	SESWSW05
Fortier 20	27211	T114N	R46W	SESENW20
Fortier 22 Fens	2758	T114N	R46W	SWNWSW22
Fortier 8	19331	T114N	R46W	SWSWSW08
Mound Springs Prairie	250	T115N	R46W	NE18
Sioux Nation WMA	248	T114N	R46W	W17

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that calcareous fens are identified as described above.

Dated: March 4, 2005

Gene Merriam, Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources

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## Department of Natural Resources

### Division of Fish and Wildlife

#### **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS on Possible Amendments to and Repeal of Rules Governing Licenses and Permits, Minnows, Turtles, Mussels, Commercial Fishing Operations, Fishing Regulations and Requirements, Designated Waters, and Boundary Waters Fishing Regulation, *Minnesota Rules*, Chapters 6212, 6254, 6256, 6258, 6260, 6262, 6264, and 6266**

**Subject of Rule.** The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requests comments on its possible amendments to and repeal of rules governing various fish and aquatic wildlife matters. The proposed rules would: repeal obsolete, unnecessary, and duplicative rules; make changes to improve consistency in the fishing and commercial fishing regulatory processes; make changes due to statutory changes; and make the specific changes described below.

#### **Licenses and Permits**

- Changes to clarify conditions of scientific, exhibition, propagation and educational permits.
- Changes, additions, or clarifications of conditions for fishing contest operations and permits, including, but not limited to, permittee requirements, disposal of fish, off-site weigh-ins, high use periods, live release tournaments, pre-fishing, and negative impacts to the resource.

#### **Minnows**

- Change minnow rules to allow angling for minnows in closed waters.
- Close the Cedar River watershed (Dodge, Freeborn, and Mower counties) to commercial minnow harvest except by special permit and recreational harvest to protect slender madtoms.
- Technical changes and references for invasive species terminology changes and trap and net requirements as enacted by 2004 legislation.

#### **Turtles**

- Adopt rules concerning western painted turtle size limit, as currently provided in emergency rule.

#### **Mussels**

- Technical corrections dealing with the mussel closure on the Minnesota-Wisconsin border waters.

#### **Commercial Fishing Operations**

- Eliminate the issuance of a Class A permit to use an artificial light to take turtles.
- Eliminate the Lake of the Woods helper license references to reflect enacted commercial license statute changes.
- Repeal rules relating to licensing setlines on Inland Mississippi River waters to reflect enacted commercial license statute changes.
- Change inland commercial fishing operation areas 26, 27, 28, and 29 that are located in northeast Minnesota to better reflect current harvest conditions.
- Change commercial operation rules to reflect recently enacted invasive species statute changes.

#### **Fishing Regulations and Requirements**

- Establish or clarify fish use, fish possession, shipping, and transportation requirements, such as transporting live fish other than minnows for bait, transportation of sturgeon, and clarification that it is illegal to dump fish carcasses into the water.
- Clarifications dealing with what are legal methods of taking fish concerning artificial lures, flies, and jigs.
- Repeal duplicative rules dealing with muskellunge seasons and limits and possibly enact a December season closure and size limit change.
- Change or add to existing fishing regulations to reflect recently enacted statute changes, make existing emergency rules permanent, or make changes to improve consistency between existing regulations. Changes include, but are not limited to, bag limits, seasons, and size limits for sturgeon, northern pike, and walleye.
- Change existing regulations by adding connected waters or tributaries to reduce angler confusion and provide for better management. Water bodies may include but are not limited to Lake of the Woods and Rainy River.
- Establish regulations for winter fishing of trout lakes in Aitkin County and Blue Lake in Hubbard County.
- Close fishing on Lake Christina in Grant and Douglas Counties to accommodate waterfowl management goals for this area.
- Repeal Red Lake, Beltrami County, fishing closure.
- Close whitefish/tullibee netting on a variety of lakes or move lakes from one schedule to another.

#### **Designated Waters**

- Technical corrections dealing with changes in statute that govern bait and hook restrictions on southeast Minnesota trout streams.

## Boundary Waters Fishing Regulations

- Establish or clarify fishing reciprocity, culling, fish use, fish possession, shipping, and transportation requirements to ensure consistency with bordering state regulations.
- Change or add to existing fishing regulations to reflect recently enacted statute changes, such as Minnesota-Wisconsin border water list of rough fish to reflect recently enacted invasive species changes.
- Adopt permanent rules to replace existing emergency rules, such as those concerning North Dakota border water limits and seasons on walleye and northern pike and Canada border fishing restrictions for walleye and sturgeon.
- Changes that would improve consistency of regulations, such as Basswood Lake border waters for northern pike, South Dakota border waters for walleye and crappie possession limits, Lake of the Woods walleye regulations, and taking of sturgeon on the Wisconsin border that are the same as those on the Canadian border.
- Technical correction for Gull Lake and Seagull River regulations that are in the Canadian border waters regulations that would move them to special management waters since these water bodies are not border waters.

**Persons Affected.** The rules may affect anglers; whitefish and tulibee netters; recreational and commercial minnow, mussel, and turtle operators; commercial fishing operators; tournament organizers and participants; and the media or organizations that request special permits for collecting and displaying fish. Individuals or businesses, such as resorts, motels, stores, and guides that provide goods or services to anglers may also be affected. Individuals and businesses that use or own property on or bordering Minnesota waters may be affected.

**Statutory Authority.** The adoption of the rules is authorized in general by *Minnesota Statutes*, section 97A.045, subs. 1,2,3,4, and 5 that describes the general powers and duties of the commissioner of natural resources to protect wild animals, modify seasons, regulate boundary waters, and prescribe permits and licenses; *Minnesota Statutes*, section 97A.501, subs. 1 and 2 that authorizes the DNR to regulate the taking, buying, selling, transporting, and possession of protected wild animals and endangered species; and *Minnesota Statutes*, section 84D.12 that authorize the DNR to regulate invasive species. Other statutory authorities specific to the areas being considered for changes are as follows.

**Licenses and Permits:** *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 97A.401, subd. 3 and 97C.081, subd. 4.

**Minnnows:** *Minnesota Statutes*, section 97C.505, subd. 1 and 3.

**Frogs and Turtles:** *Minnesota Statutes*, section 97C.605, subd. 6.

**Mussels:** *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 97C.701, subd. 1 and 97C.705, subd. 2.

**Commercial Fishing Operations:** *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 97C.605, subd. 6, 97C.811, subd. 3, 97C.815, subd. 1, 97C.825, and 97C.801.

**Fishing Regulations and Requirements:** *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 97A.045, subs. 2 and 4, 97A.551, subd. 5, 97C.205, subd. A1, 97C.401, subd. 1, 97C.345, subd. 5, 97C.505, subd. 1, and 97C.805, subd. 1.

**Designated Waters:** *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 97C.001, subd. 3 and 97C.005, subd. 3.

**Boundary Waters Fishing Regulations:** *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 97A.045, subd. 4 and 97C.401.

**Public Comment.** Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these possible rules in writing or orally until 4:30 p.m. on July 18, 2005. The DNR does not contemplate appointing an advisory committee to comment on the possible rules.

**Rules Drafts.** The DNR has not yet prepared a draft of the possible rule amendments or repeals and does not anticipate that a draft of the rules will be available before publication of the proposed rule.

**Agency Contact Person.** Written or oral comments, questions, requests to receive a draft of the rule when it has been prepared, and requests for more information on these proposed rules should be addressed to:

Linda Erickson-Eastwood  
Department of Natural Resources  
500 Lafayette Road, Box 20  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4020  
Telephone: (651) 296-3325 or 1-888-MINNDNR  
DNR Web Site: [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us)

**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.

**NOTE:** Comments submitted in response to this notice will be considered in drafting rules, but comments submitted in response to this notice will not be included in the formal rulemaking record when a proceeding to adopt rules is started.

Dated: March 1, 2005

Gene Merriam, Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources

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## Northern States Power Company (d/b/a Xcel Energy) Notice of Acid Rain Program Designated Representative

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to *Code of Federal Regulations* Title 40, Part 72, I am the Designated Representative for the Acid Rain Program affected sources at the Northern States Power Company (d/b/a Xcel Energy) High Bridge Generating Plant. If there are questions, call Nancy Stafki at (612) 330-5520.

Pamela K. Graika  
General Manager, Power Generation

## Minnesota Department of Public Safety State Fire Marshal Division

### REQUEST FOR COMMENTS on Possible Amendment to Rules Governing the Minnesota State Fire Code, Minnesota Rules, chapter 7510

**Subject of Rules.** The Minnesota Department of Public Safety, State Fire Marshal Division, requests comments on its possible amendment to rules governing the Minnesota State Fire Code and Furniture Fire Safety Rules. The Department is considering rule amendments to update or revise current rule language in chapter 7510. *Minnesota Rules*, Chapter 7510.3510 would be revised to incorporate by reference the 2003 International Fire Code (2003 IFC), published by the International Code Council. The 2003 IFC is an updated version of the 2000 International Fire Code, which is the model fire code currently adopted by reference in this rule chapter.

**Persons Affected.** Persons affected by amendments to chapter 7510 may include fire inspection personnel, building inspection personnel, building contractors, fire protection contractors, architects, engineers, building owners or managers, and ultimately the general public.

**Statutory Authority.** *Minnesota Statutes*, section 299F.011, subdivisions 1 and 3, and section 299F.844 authorize the Department to adopt rules for fire safety.

**Public Comment.** Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these possible rules in writing until further notice is published in the State Register that the Department intends to adopt or to withdraw the rules.

**Rules Drafts.** The Department does not anticipate that drafts of the rules amendments will be available before the publication of the proposed rules.

**Agency Contact Person.** Written comments, questions, requests to receive a draft of the rules when it has been prepared, and requests for more information on these possible rules should be directed to: Jon Nisja at the State Fire Marshal Division, 444 Cedar Street; Suite 145, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-5145, (651) 215-0507, FAX (651) 215-0525, or e-mail to [jon.nisja@state.mn.us](mailto:jon.nisja@state.mn.us). TTY users may call the Department at (651) 282-6555.

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

**NOTE:** Comments received in response to this notice will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the administrative law judge when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The agency is required to submit to the judge only those written comments received in response to the rules after they are proposed. If you submitted comments during the development of the rules and you want to ensure that the Administrative Law Judge reviews the comments, you should resubmit the comments after the rules are formally proposed.

Dated: February 24, 2005

Michael Campion, Commissioner  
Department of Public Safety

## Minnesota State Retirement System Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS) is scheduled to meet on Thursday, March 17, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. in the Retirement Systems of Minnesota Building, 60 Empire Drive, Suite 117, Saint Paul, Minnesota.



**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, March 23, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. at the Mn/DOT Arden Hills Training Center, located at 1900 West County Road I, in Shoreview, Minnesota, 55126.

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

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

The agenda will be limited to the following:

**1. Petition of Goodhue County** for a variance from *Minnesota Rules* 8820.2800, Subpart 2, as they apply to the Rehabilitate the decks of the following bridge numbers:

- 25504, located 11.5 miles southeast of Red Wing on CSAH 2 over Wells Creek, S.A.P. 25-602-25, and
- 25512, located 1.75 miles east of the City of Zumbrota on CSAH 10 over the North Branch of the Zumbro River, S.A.P. 25-610-15, and
- 25508, located 3.5 miles south of the village of Sogn on CSAH 14 over the Little Cannon River, S.A.P. 25-614-11, in Goodhue County, Minnesota, so as to allow receiving State Aid funds, but plans approved after the opening bids.

**2. Petition of Rice County** for a variance from *Minnesota Rules* 8820.9920, as they apply to the project number S.A.P. 66-599-34, to construct a new bridge located on Coe Avenue, over Rush Creek in Walcott Township, Rice County, Minnesota, so as to allow design speed of 10 MPH in lieu of design speed of 30 MPH curve with radius of 300' required.

**3. Petition of Fillmore County** for a variance from *Minnesota Rules* 8820.9920, as they apply to the project number S.A.P. 23-599-160, to construct bridge number 23574 located on Township Road 219, over the Root River in Carrolton Township, Fillmore County, Minnesota, so as to allow to construct bridge width of 20' in lieu of bridge width of 24' required.

**4. Petition of the City of Duluth** for a variance from *Minnesota Rules* 8820.9936 and State Aid Manual section on "Low Speed Urban Horizontal Curve Design", as they apply to the rehabilitation of Bridge number L8477 on 10<sup>th</sup> Street over Miller Creek and Lincoln Park Drive, State Project number 118-080-32, in the City of Duluth, Minnesota, so as to allow 240 foot radius horizontal curve at -0.02 super-elevation in lieu of 240 foot radius horizontal curve at 0.03 super-elevation required.

**5. Petition of the City of Minnetonka** for a variance from *Minnesota Rules* 8820.9936 and State Aid Manual section on "Low Speed Horizontal Curve Design", as they apply to the proposed construction of a frontage road along north side of Trunk Highway 7 between Highland Road and Williston Road, State Aid project number S.A.P. 142-146-02, in the City of Minnetonka, Minnesota, so as to allow 20 MPH design speed curve and 96 foot minimum radius in lieu of 30 MPH design speed and 300 foot minimum radius required.

9:15 a.m.	Goodhue County
9:35 a.m.	Rice County
9:55 a.m.	Fillmore County
10:15 a.m.	City of Duluth
10:35 a.m.	City of Minnetonka

Dated: March 7, 2005

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

**Department of Transportation  
Program Management Division  
Office of Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations  
REQUEST FOR COMMENTS on the DRAFT Statewide Freight Plan**

The DRAFT Statewide Freight Plan is the first comprehensive planning document focused on the movement of freight in Minnesota. The Plan identifies system deficiencies on the statewide freight system (trucking, rail, waterways, air cargo, and intermodal facilities) and

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recommends planning and programmatic solutions to address the growing challenge of freight mobility.

The DRAFT report will be available for public review from March 14, 2005 to April 15, 2005. During this time, anyone wishing to review and provide comments on the DRAFT will be able to download the Plan from [http://www.dot.state.mn.us/ofrw/statewide\\_plan.htm](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/ofrw/statewide_plan.htm). Printed copies of the Plan can be found at:

Mn/DOT Library  
Minnesota Department of Transportation  
M.S. 155, Room 175 Transportation Building  
395 John Ireland Boulevard  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Requests for printed copies of the DRAFT can be directed to:

John Tompkins  
Freight Plan Project Manager  
**E-mail:** [John.Tompkins@dot.state.mn.us](mailto:John.Tompkins@dot.state.mn.us)  
(651) 406-4808

Dated: March 07, 2005

## 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 Education Notice of Even Start Family Literacy Funds Available

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) announces the availability of federal funds to develop and operate Even Start Family Literacy programs. Authorized in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) as amended in 1988, Even Start was most recently reauthorized and amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-110; NCLB) as Title I, Part B Subpart 3. Federal funds have been appropriated for the 2005-2006 school year.

The purpose of Even Start is to help break the cycle of poverty and illiteracy. The term "family literacy services" is defined in federal statutes as services provided to participants on a voluntary basis that are of sufficient intensity in terms of hours, and of sufficient duration, to make sustainable changes in a family, and that integrate all of the following instructional activities:

1. interactive literacy activities between parents and their children;
2. training for parents regarding how to be the primary teacher for their children and full partners in the education of their children;
3. parent literacy training that leads to economic self-sufficiency; and
4. age-appropriate education to prepare children for success in school and life experiences.

Programs must be cooperative projects that build on high-quality existing community resources; use instructional programs based on available scientifically based reading research; and promote the academic achievement of children and adults. Federal requirements including fifteen program elements are identified in statute and guidance that are available at the following internet links:

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/esea02/pg6.html>

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/elsec/guid/evenstartguidance02.doc>

**Eligible applicants** must be in a partnership between

- a. one or more local education agency **and**
- b. one or more community-based nonprofit organization, institution of higher education, or public agency other than and independent of a local education agency.

The fiscal agent may be any of the partners. All partners share responsibility for administering the program.

**Eligible participants** are children at birth through age seven and their parents or guardians who are either

- eligible for adult education and literacy activities under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act;
- within the State's compulsory school attendance age range; or
- attending secondary school.

At least one eligible parent or guardian and one eligible child must participate to ensure the family receives all four core components. Projects must provide services for at least a three-year age range of children.

### **Project duration and funding:**

Grants are awarded for a four-year cycle. Continuity eligibility for federal funds in the second, third and fourth year of each cycle is contingent on the availability of funds and an annual application that demonstrates sufficient progress toward meeting program objectives and state performance indicators. At the end of the four-year cycle, the project may compete for an additional four-year period. The annual funding period is from July 1 through June 30.

The maximum federal share of the total project cost in any year is \$200,000. The minimum amount of the federal share is \$75,000 for projects in their first through eighth year of operation and \$52,500 for recipients in their ninth and succeeding years. The project must secure an annually increasing local share of the total project cost obtained through cash or in-kind contributions, fairly evaluated, from any source including federal funds.

Grants will be awarded to a balance of urban and rural areas. The grant review process will give priority to applications that target federally designated empowerment and enterprise communities and areas with a high percentage or large number of children and families in need of Even Start services, as indicated by high levels of poverty, illiteracy, unemployment, limited English proficiency, or other similar need-related factors.

### **To apply for funds:**

The complete Request for Proposals (RFP) and required application forms will be available on or about March 25, 2005 on the MDE website, <http://education.state.mn.us>.

An informational workshop will be held on March 30, 2005 from 1:00 – 4:00 at the MDE Conference Center in Roseville, MN. This workshop will provide the opportunity for applicants to receive additional information and technical assistance from Department of Education staff.

Complete applications must be received by May 9, 2005.

For more information, please contact Wayne Kuklinski at [wayne.kuklinski@state.mn.us](mailto:wayne.kuklinski@state.mn.us) or (651) 582-8385.

**Please feel free to distribute this information.**

## Department of Human Services

### Request for Proposals for Projects of Regional Significance: Announcement of Change in Submission Date Deadline

The Minnesota Department of Human Services is changing the submission date requirement of proposals for Projects of Regional Significance. The original announcement of the request for proposal can be found on page 770 of the *State Register* (December 27, 2004) at:

[http://www.comm.media.state.mn.us/bookstore/stateregister/29\\_26.pdf](http://www.comm.media.state.mn.us/bookstore/stateregister/29_26.pdf).

The submission date deadline is being changed from “no later than 4:30 p.m. Central Standard Time on Monday, May 31, 2005” to “no later than 4:30 p.m. Central Standard Time on Friday, August 26, 2005”.

The deadline for written questions (by mail or by electronic mail) as found in the full request for proposal is being changed from “until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 1, 2005” to “until 4:30 p.m on Friday, July 1, 2005”.

Other dates stated in the full RFP, such as tentative due dates of deliverables, may require modification as a result of these changes. No other changes are being made to the request for proposal.

All submissions, questions, concerns or communications regarding this RFP should be addressed to:

Ralph McQuarter  
Minnesota Department of Human Services  
Children and Family Services Administration  
444 Lafayette Road N.

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St. Paul, MN 55155-3839  
**Phone:** (651) 296-0942  
**Fax:** (651) 297-1949  
**Email:** [ralph.mcquarter@state.mn.us](mailto:ralph.mcquarter@state.mn.us)

## Bureau of Mediation Services

### Applications Accepted for Funding Under the Minnesota Area Labor-Management Committee Program for Fiscal Year 2006 Grants

The Bureau of Mediation Services is now accepting applications for funding of new or existing Area Labor-Management Committee programs pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* § 179.81-.85 and Bureau of Mediation Services Rules, Chapter 5520.

The purpose of the program is to improve labor-management relations and enhance economic development in a geographic area of the state or within a specific industry through labor management cooperation.

Grants will be based on each applicant's financial need and the ability to demonstrate program goals, objectives and work plans which address specific outcomes. The applicant may address all or a combination of the following points:

1. Increase participation in the labor-management cooperative process.
2. Increase shared decision making between labor and management.
3. Enhance the level of knowledge regarding issues that affect the workplace.
4. Enhance the economic development climate in the area or a specific industry.
5. Maintain or enhance the number of specialized joint labor-management programs designed to increase the efficiency of services to the area or an industry.
6. Other evidence of positive labor-management program results attained through joint cooperative methods.

Persons interested in applying for such funds may secure an application form and program policies by requesting them from:

Carol Clifford  
Bureau of Mediation Services  
1380 Energy Lane, Suite Two  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55108-5253  
(651) 649-5435  
**E-mail:** [carol.clifford@state.mn.us](mailto:carol.clifford@state.mn.us)

Applications for funding for fiscal year 2006 must be postmarked or received by April 15, 2005.

James A. Cunningham, Jr.  
Commissioner

## State Contracts

**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](http://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

### Real Estate Management Division

### Request for Proposal (RFP) To Lease 16-Bed Inpatient Community Based Units for Acute Mental Health Services

The State of Minnesota, Department of Administration, on behalf of the Department of Human Services (DHS), requests proposals for leasing of existing or newly constructed facilities for operation of 16-bed In-Patient Community-Based Units (ICBU) for mental health

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treatment programs by State Operated Services (SOS) of DHS. ICBU facilities will ultimately be operated in various locations throughout the State of Minnesota. Interested parties may submit proposals for one or all of the following sites:

- 1 Unit in NE Wright County (Buffalo, Monticello, St. Michael, Albertville or Otsego)
- 1 Unit in Rochester
- 1 Unit in Baxter/Brainerd

To request the information package, please e-mail a request to [Kathy.meyer@state.mn.us](mailto:Kathy.meyer@state.mn.us) or fax a request to (651) 215-6245.

## Colleges and Universities, Minnesota State (MnSCU)

### Winona State University

#### Request for Sealed Proposals to Coordinate Enhanced Outreach Activities

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Winona State University will receive sealed proposals for a contract to coordinate enhanced outreach activities for their University Advancement Department.

Proposal specifications will be available March 14, 2005 from the Winona State University Purchasing Department, P.O. Box 5838, 205 Somsen Hall, MN 55987, or by calling (507) 457-5419.

Sealed proposals 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 3:00 p.m., Monday, April 4, 2005.

A required vendor meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m., Monday, March 21, 2005 in Somsen Hall, Room 213 on the Winona State campus.

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

## Minnesota Higher Education Services Office

### Request for Proposals to Develop and Deliver Theatre and/or Musical

#### Performances related to Planning and Preparing for Higher Education

The Minnesota Higher Education Services Office is requesting proposals from qualified professionals to develop and deliver theatrical and/or musical performances about the importance of planning and preparing for higher education to elementary, middle and high school students. Proposals must be submitted no later than **April 1, 2005**.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) does not obligate the Higher Education Services Office to complete this project, and the Services Office reserves the right to cancel the solicitation if it is considered to be in its best interest.

The total cost of this proposal is not to exceed \$175,000 for Fiscal Year 2006.

Copies of the complete RFP are available from:

Community Outreach, HR and Agency Services  
Minnesota Higher Education Services Office  
1450 Energy Park Drive, Suite 350  
St. Paul, MN 55108-5227  
**Phone:** (651) 642-0530

or at:

<http://www.mheso.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=1314>

## Minnesota Historical Society

### Notice of Request for Bids For Printing Services

The Minnesota Historical Society is seeking bids from qualified presses to provide printing services for the Society All-Site Travel Guide. Bids are being requested for a quantity of 500,000 and pricing per additional 50,000's. The guide will print 36-page, self cover, 3.875" x 9" finished size, saddle stitch on spine. All pages printed 4-color process. Paper stock: 70# Orion Text Matte or comparable sheet.

The Request for Bids is available by e-mail or calling Mary Green Toussaint, Contracting & Purchasing Assistant, Minnesota Historical Society, 345 Kellogg Blvd. W., St. Paul, MN 55102. **Telephone:** (651) 297-7007, **e-mail:** [mary.green-toussaint@mnhs.org](mailto:mary.green-toussaint@mnhs.org).

Bids must be received no later that 2:00 p.m., Local Time, Thursday, March 24, 2005. No late bids will be accepted.

Dated: March 7, 2005

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## Minnesota Historical Society

### Request for Bids for Relocation of Heating, Venting, and Air-Conditioning (HVAC) System at Historic Forestville – Meighen Store

The Minnesota Historical Society is seeking bids from qualified firms to provide all labor, materials, equipment, and supplies to replace two existing furnace systems in the Meighen Store with externally located packaged (rooftop) HVAC units mounted above the flood plain. This work will consist of the removal of the existing furnaces, coils, condensers, and some ductwork. New installation includes constructing a concrete duct-way on the outside of the building with a concrete cover to set two rooftop HVAC units, and new ductwork from these units to the existing useable ductwork. The mechanical contractor must be the prime and all general and electrical construction must be included in the bid.

The project is located in Historic Forestville, which is within the Forestville State Park boundaries, between Preston and Spring Valley, and about 30 miles south of Rochester, Minnesota.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held Thursday, March 24, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at the site.

The Request for Bids is available by calling Mary Green-Toussaint, Contracting and Purchasing Assistant, Minnesota Historical Society, 345 Kellogg Boulevard West, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102. **Telephone:** (651) 297-7007; **e-mail:** [mary.green-toussaint@mnhs.org](mailto:mary.green-toussaint@mnhs.org).

Bids must be received in a sealed envelope with the project name "Historic Forestville - Meighen Store HVAC" clearly written on the envelope. **Bids must be received no later than 2:00 p.m., April 5, 2005. Late bids will not be considered.**

Dated: March 14, 2005

## Department of Natural Resources

### Notice of Availability of Contract for Assessment and Certification of Sustainable Forest Management

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** for contract to complete a third-party assessment and certification of sustainable forest management on 4.47 million acres of DNR-administered State Forests, Wildlife Management Areas, Division of Fisheries-administered lands in Lake County, Minnesota, and a variety of other state-administered parcels under the forest sustainability standards of the Forest Stewardship Council's (FSC) and Sustainable Forestry Initiative's (SFI) certification systems.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is requesting proposals for the purpose of conducting concurrent comprehensive certification assessments and deficiency-gap analyses of the forest management of the DNR-administered forestlands for both the FSC and SFI forest certification programs. The successful contractor will also be required to provide simultaneous annual audits to maintain FSC and SFI certification for the life of both certificates. The contract will require the successful responder to be qualified to audit the management of the forestlands administered by the DNR against the FSC and SFI standards. The assessments must comply with the all protocols for FSC and SFI forest certification.

Work is proposed to start after July 1, 2005.

A Request for Proposals will be available by mail from this office through April 1, 2005. **A written request (by direct mail or fax) is required to receive the Request for Proposal.** After April 1, 2005, the Request for Proposal must be picked up in person.

The Request for Proposal can be obtained from:

Andrew Arends  
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources  
1160 South Victory Drive  
Mankato, MN 56001  
**Telephone:** (507) 389-1968  
**FAX:** (507) 389-6093  
**E-mail:** [andrew.arends@dnr.state.mn.us](mailto:andrew.arends@dnr.state.mn.us)

Proposals submitted in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received at the address above **NO LATER** than 4:00 p.m. on **Friday 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.



**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](http://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.

## 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.

*Issue Request for Proposals*

**March 7, 2005**

*Receive Proposals*

**April 26, 2005**

*Contract negotiated, executed, NTP*

**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](mailto:harriet.simmons@metc.state.mn.us)

## 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.

The anticipated schedule for this project is as follows:

*Issue Request for Proposals*

**March 8, 2005**

*Proposals Due*

**April 7, 2005**

*Award Contract*

**June 2005**

*Work of the Project*

**June 2005 – December 2008**

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

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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](mailto:amanda.houston@metc.state.mn.us)

## 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](http://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.

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

