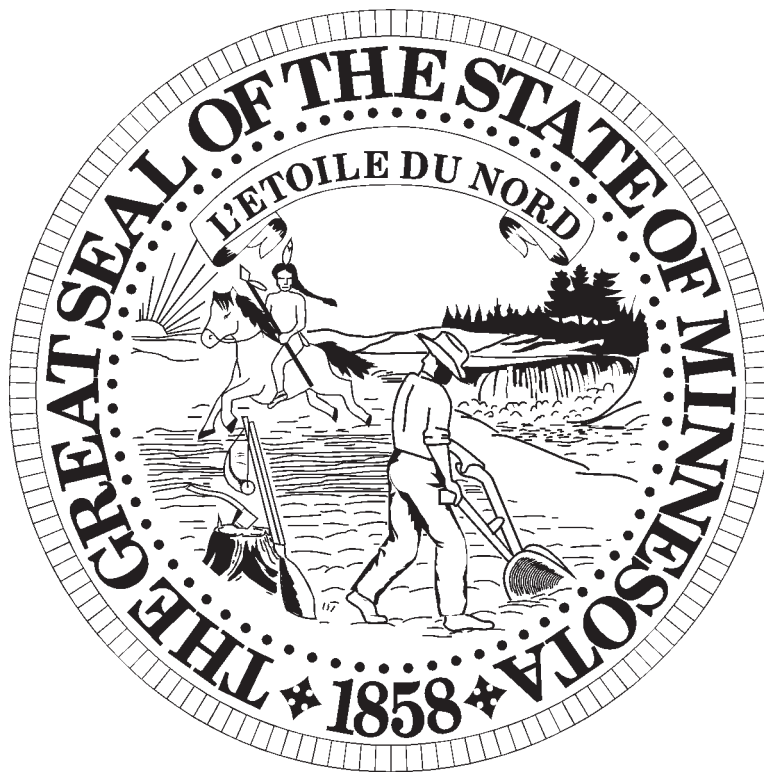


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An agency must first solicit **Comments on Planned Rules** or **Comments on Planned Rule Amendments** from the public on the subject matter of a possible rulemaking proposal under active consideration within the agency (*Minnesota Statutes* §§ 14.101). 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.

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Department of Employee Relations

Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to State Employment; Personnel

The rules proposed and published at *State Register*, Volume 30, Number 15, pages 365-372, October 10, 2005 (30 SR 365), and Volume 30, Number 16, page 393, October 17, 2005 (30 SR 393), are adopted as proposed.

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Office of the Governor

EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 06-01: Providing for a Declaration of Peacetime Emergency and the Provision of Emergency Relief

I, Tim Pawlenty, Governor of Minnesota, by virtue of the Authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, including but not limited to 2005 *Minnesota Statutes* Chapter 12, hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, beginning January 1, 2006, the federal government took over responsibility for the prescription drug coverage for dual eligible beneficiaries consistent with the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 100,000 Minnesotans who are dually eligible for Medicare and Minnesota Medical Assistance benefits ("dual eligible beneficiaries"); and

WHEREAS, dual eligible beneficiaries are low income and disabled individuals who qualify under the law for prescription drug benefits with low or no premiums, deductibles and co-payments; and

WHEREAS, during the transition to the new Medicare prescription drug benefit, many dual eligible beneficiaries have experienced barriers to obtaining prescription drug coverage due to malfunctions, problems and failures in the computer systems designed by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the technological failures and malfunctions in the federal system has resulted in dual eligible beneficiaries, who cannot otherwise obtain their prescription medicines, being denied access to needed medicines and endanger the life, health and well-being of these individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Human Services has made every effort to mitigate the impact of the transition upon dual eligible beneficiaries, has supplied the Medicare program with accurate enrollment data for the dual eligible beneficiaries transitioning to Medicare, assisted thousands of beneficiaries and pharmacists confused about inconsistencies in the federal computer system and

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coordinated data with federal agencies to resolve beneficiary problems; despite these efforts, an unacceptable number of eligible beneficiaries are still not receiving their needed prescriptions; and

WHEREAS, efforts by the federal government to correct the systems failures in a timely manner have not been successful.

NOW, THEREFORE, I do hereby order:

1. That a peacetime emergency exists in the State of Minnesota pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* 2005, Section 12.31, Subdivision 2 due to the technological failures and malfunctions of the federal systems responsible for providing prescription drug coverage for dual eligible beneficiaries and the emergency powers of the state are needed to provide emergency relief.

2. The Commissioner for the Department of Human Services is authorized to use staff and resources to continue agency efforts to ensure dual eligible beneficiaries in Minnesota are enrolled accurately in the federal benefit system.

3. The Commissioners of Human Services and Finance are authorized to establish procedures to have the State of Minnesota, through the Department of Human Services, become the payer of last resort for the purpose of paying on behalf of dual eligible beneficiaries cost-sharing and prescription drugs costs coverable by the Medicare prescription drug benefit.

4. The Commissioners of Human Services and Finance are authorized to enter into contracts necessary to carry out this order.

5. The Commissioners of Human Services and Finance must account for all payments and obligations incurred as a result of this Order.

6. The Commissioners of Human Services is directed to seek reimbursement from any available sources including the federal government, insurers, health plans or other responsible persons or entities for all state expenditures incurred pursuant to this order.

Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* 2005, Sections 12.31 and 4.035, Subdivision 2, this emergency executive order shall be effective immediately and will remain in effect until the conclusion of the emergency, but for no more than five (5) days unless the peacetime emergency is extended by the Executive Council or the Legislature in accordance with Minnesota law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand on this 14th day of January, 2006.

Signed: **TIM PAWLENTY**
Governor

Filed according to law:

Signed: **MARY KIFFMEYER**
Secretary of State

Official Notices

Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* §§ 14.101, an agency must first solicit comments from the public on the subject matter of a possible rulemaking proposal under active consideration within the agency by publishing a notice in the *State Register* at least 60 days before publication of a notice to adopt or a notice of hearing, and within 60 days of the effective date of any new statutory grant of required rulemaking.

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Minnesota Department of Commerce

Presumed Legal Cigarette Prices Available as of January 19th, 2006

The presumed prices for wholesalers and retailers, as provided for by *Minnesota Statutes*, chapter 325D, are shown in this schedule. The computations are based on manufacturers' list prices and the products listed are a SAMPLING of the total cigarette market in Minnesota including cigarette brands that ARE affected by the "Non-Settlement Fee" as well as brands that ARE NOT. Minimum prices may be calculated for unlisted products as follows:

Wholesale Carton Price:

Manufacturer Price + \$14.85 (cigarette stamps) + \$3.50 (Non-Settlement Fee as applicable) + \$0.54 (Wholesale Cost of Doing Business) = Wholesale Price.

Retail Carton Price:

Wholesale Price + 8% (Retail Cost of Doing Business) = Retail Price.

All cigarettes in a wholesaler's or retailer's inventory must be priced to reflect these presumed prices. A wholesaler or retailer may sell for less if they can show that their actual costs of doing business are lower than the presumed minimum. Prices include "Off-Invoice" promotions, though not "Buy-Down" promotions. For questions, contact the Department of Commerce, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101.

BRAND	Wholesale Carton Price	Retail Carton Price	Retail Pack Price
COMMONWEALTH BRANDS, INC.			
Montclair	34.13	36.86	3.69
USA Gold	34.13	36.86	3.69
GENERAL TOBACCO			
Bronco	30.54	32.98	3.30
Champion	30.24	32.66	3.27
GT One	30.54	32.98	3.30
Silver	28.84	31.15	3.12
KEBLON S.A. (GLOBAL TRADING CORP.)			
Euro	25.89	27.96	2.80
LIGGETT GROUP, LTD			
Eve	32.48	35.08	3.51
Jade	30.03	32.43	3.25
Liggett Pyramid	30.98	33.46	3.35
Liggett Select	30.03	32.43	3.25
LORILLARD TOBACCO COMPANY			
Kent	44.78	48.36	4.84
Maverick	29.33	31.68	3.17
Max	44.78	48.36	4.84
Newport	43.03	46.47	4.65
Old Gold	40.33	43.56	4.36
Satin	44.78	48.36	4.84
Triumph	44.78	48.36	4.84
True	44.78	48.36	4.84

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NATIONAL TOBACCO, INC.			
American Hero	25.64	27.69	2.77
PHILIP MORRIS, USA			
Alpine	41.83	45.18	4.52
Benson & Hedges	44.53	48.09	4.81
Basic	35.33	38.16	3.82
Bristol	41.83	45.18	4.52
Bucks	41.33	44.64	4.47
Cambridge	41.83	45.18	4.52
Commander	44.53	48.09	4.81
L&M	44.53	48.09	4.81
Lark	44.53	48.09	4.81
Marlboro	38.03	41.07	4.11
Merit	44.53	48.09	4.81
Parliament	38.03	41.07	4.11
Players	44.53	48.09	4.81
Saratoga	44.53	48.09	4.81
Virginia Slims	38.03	41.07	4.11
R.J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO, INC. (REYNOLDS AMERICAN, INC.)			
Belair	44.78	48.36	4.84
Best Value	29.55	31.91	3.20
Camel	43.03	46.47	4.65
Camel Tins (5 pk crtn)	24.67	26.64	5.33
Camel Regular	44.78	48.36	4.84
Capri	44.78	48.36	4.84
Carlton	44.78	48.36	4.84
Doral	40.33	43.56	4.36
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Now	44.78	48.36	4.84
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Raleigh Extra	39.13	42.26	4.23
Salem	43.03	46.47	4.65
Sterling	40.33	43.56	4.36
Vantage	44.78	48.36	4.84
Viceroy	33.83	36.54	3.66
Winston	43.03	46.47	4.65
Worth	27.74	29.96	3.00
SANTA FE NATURAL TOBACCO COMPANY, INC. (REYNOLDS AMERICAN, INC.)			
American Spirit	45.19	48.81	4.89
American Spirit Organic	51.99	56.15	5.62
STAR SCIENTIFIC, INC.			
Gsmoke	26.42	28.53	2.86
Main Street	28.24	30.50	3.05
Sport	28.24	30.50	3.05
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BRAND	Wholesale Carton Price	Retail Carton Price	Retail Pack Price
WINNER COMPANY			
Winner	25.84	27.91	2.80
OTHER			
AM Light	40.33	43.56	4.36
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Department of Health

Public Hearing Regarding the Minnesota Department of Health Application to the Federal Department of Health and Human Services for Federal Fiscal Year 2006

Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant Funding

The Minnesota Department of Health will sponsor a public hearing to obtain comments on the proposed uses of Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant funds during federal fiscal year 2006. The draft application for those funds is available for inspection upon request.

The public hearing will be conducted as part of a meeting of the State Preventive Health Advisory Committee held Friday, January 27, 2006 at the Minnesota Department of Health, Snelling Office Park, 1645 Energy Park Drive, St. Paul, MN, in the Red River Room. The meeting and public hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m. Any person or group may submit either written or oral comments at the meeting.

Written comments must be submitted by noon Thursday, January 26, 2006 to the address below.

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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Notice of List of Impaired Waters for Stream Segments & Lakes Which Have Impaired Uses – 30 Day Formal Comment Period

In accordance with the requirements of Section 303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA), the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is today publishing its Year 2006 draft list of stream segments and lakes which have impaired designated uses and for which the MPCA proposes to complete total maximum daily load (TMDL) reports. TMDLs define the maximum amount of each pollutant that can be released and assimilated in the receiving water from point and nonpoint sources and allow water quality standards to be met in the receiving water. Each TMDL is pollutant-specific.

The CWA 303d list of impaired waters contains stream reaches and lakes that are not fully supporting designated uses, based on numeric or narrative water quality standards exceedences, for which a TMDL report is required. The MPCA is required to list, prioritize, and attach a schedule which estimates starting dates and completion dates for each TMDL for each affected reach or lake. Schedules are estimated because pollutants vary in complexity and schedules must be consistent with Basin Planning development.

Minnesota's proposed draft Year 2006 list of impaired waters and accompanying draft maps are located at the MPCA web site at:

<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/tmdl/index.html>.

If you do not have access to the web, please contact the List Coordinator below and a paper copy of the draft list will be mailed to you. The draft 2006 List includes 396 new TMDL listings, among which are listings for excess nutrients in lakes, excess turbidity, and impaired biotic communities.

This notice is being published today for the purpose of providing opportunity for public notice and comment for the **NEW** reaches and lakes being proposed in the draft 2006 TMDL List and other changes to the US EPA-approved 2004 TMDL List. The comment period will end at 4:30 pm CST on February 24, 2006. Written comments with clear post office return addresses should be directed to the following address:

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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Municipal Division

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS on Planned Amendment to Rules Governing Hazardous Waste Exports and Imports, *Minnesota Rules*, Chapter 7045

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (Agency) requests comments on its planned amendment to rules governing the adoption of federal requirements relating to the export and import of hazardous waste. The Agency is considering adopting federal requirements associated with the transfrontier shipment of wastes destined for recovery in countries that participate in Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). These regulations were published in the April 12, 1996, *Federal Register*. The amendments published in the April 12, 1996, *Federal Register* have been in effect nationally since July, 11, 1996. The amendments to the state rules will only adopt the existing federal requirements and will not change the current practices that apply to transfrontier shipment of hazardous wastes.

Persons Affected. The federal amendments regarding transfrontier shipments currently govern hazardous waste generators, transporters and the owners and operators of facilities that export or import hazardous wastes to or from OECD countries. The planned amendments to the state rules are being made to maintain consistency with the federal regulations but will have no effect on current hazardous waste management practices.

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 116.07, subd. 2, rules and standards, authorizes the Agency to “adopt, amend, and rescind rules and standards having the force of law relating to any purpose within the provisions of this chapter for generators of hazardous waste, the management, identification, labeling, classification, storage, collection, treatment, transportation, processing, and disposal of hazardous waste.”

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these planned rule amendments until further notice is published in the *State Register* that the MPCA intends to adopt or to withdraw the rules. The Agency does not contemplate appointing an advisory committee to comment on the planned amendments to the rules. If you are interested in being notified when the amendments to the rules are published for comment, please contact Carol Nankivel at the number below.

Rules Drafts. The Agency has not yet prepared a draft of the planned rule amendments, although interested parties may request to be notified when a draft is available by contacting Carol Nankivel at the number below.

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

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Sheryl A. Corrigan, Commissioner
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

**Minnesota Department of Public Safety
Division of Office of Justice Programs****REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: Possible Amendments to Rules Governing the Crime Victims Reparations Board, *Minnesota Rules*, parts 3050.2900, 3050.3100, 3050.3400, 3050.3600, 3050.3700, 3050.3750, and 3050.3800.**

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Department of Public Safety requests comments on its possible amendments to rules governing the Crime Victims Reparations Board. The Department is considering the following rule amendments to clarify existing rules relating to claims procedures and eligibility for reparations:

Minnesota Rule, part 3050.2900 Contributory Misconduct. This amendment clarifies the definition of contributory misconduct to specifically include gang and drug related activity on the part of the victim. The amendment also makes the rule consistent with statutory language which allows the board to deny claims for contributory misconduct.

Minnesota Rule, part 3050.3100 Loss of Support. This amendment changes the requirements for eligibility for loss of support, as well as the method of calculating benefits. Children of the deceased would be eligible for benefits which would be payable for up to 3 years.

Minnesota Rule, part 3050.3400 Secondary Victims. This amendment eliminates the cap on the number of counseling sessions for secondary victims.

Minnesota Rule, part 3050.3600 Household Services. This amendment requires that household service providers be licensed professionals in order to be eligible for reimbursement by the board.

Minnesota Rule, part 3050.3700 Cost Ceiling on Hospital and Physician Expenses. This amendment would allow the Board to process payments for mental health in the same manner as the rule allows for paying medical expenses at a reduced rate to be set by the Crime Victims Reparations Board annually. The amendment also makes it clear that the board will only pay a percentage of the remaining charges, if any, after discounts are applied pursuant to any agreements with insurers, HMOs, or other state or local government agencies.

Minnesota Rule, part 3050.3500 Funeral Rate Limits. This amendment allows claimants to use up to \$1000 of their maximum funeral benefit for lodging for family members to attend the funeral.

Minnesota Rule, part 3050.3750 Mental Health Treatment Rate Limits. This amendment would allow the board to set a maximum amount for the total accumulated expenses for a victim's medical care, as they do currently for mental health expenses. It also repeals language allowing the board to set a maximum hourly rate for mental health therapy.

Persons Affected. The amendments to the rules would likely affect victims of crime seeking reparations benefits and providers of services.

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 611A.56, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), requires the Crime Victims Reparations Board to adopt rules to implement and administer sections 611A.51 to 611A.68. In addition, *Minnesota Statutes*, Section 611A.60 provides authority for these amendments.

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 March 31, 2006. The department does not contemplate appointing an advisory committee to comment on the planned rule amendments.

Rules Drafts. The Department has prepared a draft of the possible rule amendments which will be available before the publication of the proposed rules.

Agency Contact Person. Written or oral comments, questions, requests to receive a draft of the rules, and requests for more information on these possible rules should be directed to: Marie Bibus at the Minnesota Crime Victims Reparations Board, 445 Minnesota St., #2300, St. Paul, MN 55101, **phone:** (651) 215-1557, **fax:** (651) 296-5787, **e-mail:** Marie.Bibus@state.mn.us. **TTY** users may call the department at (651) 205-4827.

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Marie Bibus
Director, Crime Victims Reparations Board
Department of Public Safety

Dated: January 12, 2006
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Minnesota Department of Public Safety

State Fire Marshal Division

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS on Possible Amendment to Rules Governing the Explosives and Blasting Agents, *Minnesota Rules*, chapter 7500

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Department of Public Safety, State Fire Marshal Division, requests comments on its possible amendment to rules governing the licensing of explosives and blasting agents. *Minnesota Rules*, Chapter 7500.0100 would be revised to remove references to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and replace them with references to the State Fire Marshal Division in order to comply with statute. The Department of Public Safety intends to transfer the operation of explosive licensing and regulation from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to the State Fire Marshal Division. The proposed modifications would also update the address for the State Law Library, reference the state electrical code and remove references to older, outdated statutes or codes. No substantive or technical changes are proposed; the changes would be housekeeping in nature.

Persons Affected. Persons affected by amendments to chapter 7500 may include sheriffs, municipal police chiefs, explosives dealers, explosives users, blasting agent users, and companies that store or sell smokeless propellants.

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 299F.19, subdivisions 1 and 6, authorize the Department to adopt rules for explosives.

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, **Phone:** (651) 215-0507, **Fax:** (651) 215-0525, or **e-mail:** to jon.nisja@state.mn.us. TTY users may call the Department at (651) 282-6555.

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Dated: 11/8/2005

Michael Campion, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

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 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

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Department of Administration Materials Management Division

Notice of Potential of Contract for Data Warehouse Technology Renewal Project.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) is requesting proposals for the purpose of replacing the Data Warehouse platform with new hardware that has a storage capacity of a minimum close to 10 terabytes. Current releases of the operating system and the relational database software plus updates to the operating system and database software, and new host channels are also needed.

The new platform must be able to accept future upgrades of processors, memory, host channels, and data disk in varying increments. The Data Warehouse staff needs to be trained in the support and management of the new platform.

The project will include a new Business Continuity Plan that addresses the critical nature of the Data Warehouse and the Operational Data Store, (ODS).

Desktop tools currently in use will not be replaced. DHS will continue to use RoboHelp, Hummingbird's BI Query, Crystal Reports, MS Access and SAS.

Logging, auditing and system monitoring is currently accomplished with the Ambeo tools suite. Use of Ambeo or some other logging, auditing and system monitoring solution must be evaluated as part of this project.

Work is proposed to start after March 27, 2006.

Interested vendors should refer to the following website for additional information:

<http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/process/admin/postings.asp>

Proposals will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. CST USA on March 6, 2006.

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 will be borne by the responder. All questions relating to the substance of the solicitation shall be directed to Kris Kunkel at (651) 201-2434, or kris.kunkel@state.mn.us.

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Colleges and Universities, Minnesota State (MnSCU)

Dakota County Technical College

Request for Bids for Information Technology and Telecommunications Renovations

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Dakota County Technical College will receive bids for Information Technology and Telecommunications Renovations. Deadline for submission of bids is 2:00 on February 7, 2006 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Bids will be received by:

Paul DeMuth
Main Information Desk
Dakota County Technical College
1300 145th St East
Rosemount, MN 55068

Project Scope: General demolition and renovation of portions of an existing multi-story building including interior finish upgrades, casework, mechanical upgrades, electrical upgrades, and technology upgrades.

Bid forms, contract documents, drawings and specifications as prepared by the project architect/engineer, Wold Architects and Engineers are on file at the offices of Wold Architects, Builders Exchanges (Mpls, St Paul, St Cloud, Mankato), Construction Market Data Plan Room, iSqFt Plan Room (Brooklyn Center), Dodge Plan Room, and National Association of Minority Contractors of Upper Midwest.

Complete sets of bid forms and drawings and specifications for use by bidders in submitting a bid may be obtained online from PlanWell at www.ersdigital.com and clicking on the PlanWell icon, then the Public Plan Room icon, select Information Technology and Telecommunications Renovations.

Complete sets of bidding documents are also available from Engineering ReproSystems, 2001 E 24th St., Mpls, Mn 55404. **Phone:** (612) 722-2303. **Fax:** (612) 722-3745. A deposit check made out to "Dakota County Technical College" in the amount of \$120.00 for each set ordered is required. The following information must accompany the deposit: Company name, address, phone, fax, type of bidder.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 am on Friday, January 27, 2005 in room 2-141 at Dakota County Technical College. A walk through of the construction site will follow the meeting.

Each bid which totals over \$15,000.00 must be accompanied by either a certified check, payable to Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, in the sum of not less than 5% of the total base bid or a corporate surety bond for the same amount issued by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota.

Dakota County Technical College reserves the right to reject any or all bids or portions thereof, or to waive any irregularities or informalities in bids received.

Colleges and Universities, Minnesota State (MnSCU)

Minneapolis Community & Technical College

NOTICE OF INTENT to Request bids for Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer.

Description: This is for a double-beam flame Atomic Absorption Instrument with both flame and graphite furnace. Additional details available with **complete specifications** from **contact listed below**. Bid must include ventilation system, software/data controller system, installation, training, warranty and shipping costs.

Contact for Specifications: Michael Noble-Olson
(612) 659-6866
Michael.Noble-Olson@minneapolis.edu

Sealed Bids to be submitted to: Michael Noble-Olson
Minneapolis Community & Tech. College
1415 Hennepin Avenue, Suite T.2700
Minneapolis, MN 55403
Telephone: (612) 659-6866

Due Date & Time: Bids must be received by **2:00pm Friday January 27, 2006**.

Colleges and Universities, Minnesota State (MnSCU)**St. Cloud Technical College****Advertisement for Sealed Bids for Six Heartstart Monitor/Defibrillators**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by Beth Althaus, in the Business Office, Room 1-102 St. Cloud Technical College, 1540 Northway Drive, St. Cloud, MN 56303. Bids will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 1, 2006, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud and tabulated for review by staff members who will make recommendations for purchases. At that time copies of the tabulation will be available to interested parties or the bids otherwise made public and action to purchase will be taken. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained from the St. Cloud Technical College, Health Sciences and Human Services Division, Room 1-312, 1540 Northway Drive, St. Cloud, MN 56303, or contact Terry Bernett by **phone:** (320) 308-5403, **fax:** (320) 308-5960 or via **e-mail:** *tbernett@sctc.edu*.

Description: Six (6) Heartstart MRx ALS Monitor/Defibrillator (training institution model) Model #: M3536A.

Please include separate line item prices for the following options and accessories:

- 12-Lead Transmission, • 75 mm Wide Printer, • 5-lead ECG Trunk Cable, • 5-lead ECG Lead Set with Snaps,
- Traditional Reusable NBP Cuff Large Adult, • Traditional Reusable NBP Cuff Pediatric, • Data Card,
- Lithium Ion Battery Pack.

Please indicate a separate for the Freight costs -- PrePaid

This is a request for proposals/bids, not a purchase order.

Colleges and Universities, Minnesota State (MnSCU)**Winona State University****Request for Proposals for a Campus Cash Card/Access Control System**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Winona State University is seeking proposals for a Campus Cash Card/Access Control System. The proposals will include the purchase of hardware, software, training and installation.

There will be a Mandatory Vendor meeting at 10:00 AM CST Monday, February 6, 2006 in the Maxwell Teleconference Center on the main campus.

Proposal specifications will be available January 23, 2006 by contacting the Purchasing Department at P.O. Box 5838, 205 Somsen Hall, Winona, MN 55987, **e-mail:** *sschmitt@winona.edu* or by **calling:** (507) 457-5067.

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 PM CST Tuesday, February 28, 2006.

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

Colleges and Universities, Minnesota State (MnSCU)**Winona State University****Request for Bids for an Isokinetic Rehabilitation and Testing System**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN given that Winona State University is seeking bids for an Isokinetic Rehabilitation and Testing System.

Bid specifications will be available January 23, 2006 by contacting the Purchasing Department at P.O. Box 5838, 205 Somsen Hall, Winona, MN 55987, **e-mail:** *sschmitt@winona.edu* or by **calling:** (507) 457-5067.

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Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development

Notice of Request for Proposals to Design & Provide Low Vision Training

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), State Services for the Blind (SSB) is seeking a qualified vendor to design and provide low vision training. This contract will be for two years with an option to extend 3 additional 1 year periods.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Proposals are requested from entities to work with and as an agent of SSB to assess staff competencies and to design low vision training for professional and support staff. Low vision training will include the anatomy of the eye, eye pathology, the vocational and non-vocational implications of visual impairments, various types of magnification, the elements of field-based and clinical vision assessments, interpreting eye exams and low vision clinician reports, and training on the uses and limitations of optical and non-optical aids.

The professional staffs have masters' degrees in vocational rehabilitation counseling and varying levels of experience working with individuals who are blind, visually impaired or DeafBlind. Support staffs have varying educational and experiential backgrounds. The knowledge gained from this training will be utilized when counselors and support staff provide services to senior citizens, who need assistance with independent living skills, and when counselors provide vocational services to individuals seeking to obtain or maintain employment who may also need assistance with independent living skills.

Estimated Cost is \$30,000 per year.

A written request (by email) is required to receive the Request for Proposal. For a copy of the full Request for Proposal, or more information contact:

Cathy Carlson
Department of Employment & Economic Development
State Services for the Blind
2200 University Ave #240
St. Paul, MN 55114-1840
Phone: (651) 642-0797
E-mail: cathy.carlson@state.mn.us
or: CCARLSON@ngwmail.des.state.mn.us

Other personnel are not authorized to answer questions regarding this Request for Proposals.

Deadline for proposals is 3:30 p.m. CST on Tuesday February 28, 2006. Late proposals will NOT be considered. Fax or emailed 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 Historical Society

Notice of Request for Proposals for Minnesota's Greatest Generation "Webumentary" Web Site

The Minnesota Historical Society is seeking proposals from qualified individuals or firms to develop a web site to enable anyone to learn about Minnesota's Greatest Generation (MGG). The ultimate goal is to have an Internet application "webumentary" that provides historical context and relevance to the Depression, World War II, and the Boom through mediated access to stories, collections and other web resources. The web site will be a portal for deeper research into the Minnesota Historical Society's collections..

The Request for Proposals is available by contacting Mary Green Toussaint, Contracting and Purchasing Assistant, Minnesota Historical Society, 345 Kellogg Boulevard West, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102-1906. **Telephone:** (651) 297-7007; **e-mail:**

mary.green-toussaint@mnhs.org

All proposals must be received by Kathryn Ludwig, Contracting Officer, Minnesota Historical Society, 345 Kellogg Boulevard West, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102-1906 or an authorized agent (Society staff at the 1st floor Information Desk of the Minnesota History Center) no later than **2:00 P. M. Central Time, Tuesday, February 23, 2006. Late proposals will not be considered.** A public bid opening will

be conducted at that time.

Dated: January 23, 2006

Department of Human Services Continuing Care Administration Requests a Proposal to Provide Field-based Data Collection and Analysis on Minnesota's Home and Community-Based Waiver Programs

Description of Contract: This contract will provide field-based data collection and analysis on Minnesota's Home and Community-Based Waiver Programs. The programs include waived services for the elderly (EW), waived services for persons with mental retardation or related conditions (MR/RC waiver), community alternatives for disabled individuals (CADI waiver), community alternative care (CAC waiver), waived services for persons with traumatic brain injury (TBI waiver), and alternative care for the elderly (AC program). These programs are operated by local lead agencies such as county social service and public health agencies, tribes, and health plans. It is expected that 25 local lead agencies will be reviewed over a two year period. The performance measures for contract performance will include: number of reviews completed on timely basis, the reliability and validity of written analysis, and the quality of the written reports. These reports will be used to improve performance of local lead agencies in managing waiver programs, assure compliance with rules and regulations, and identify and share best practices.

Estimated Cost: \$400,000

Contracting Agency: Department of Human Services

Location of Work: Statewide

Response to this solicitation is due no later than March 3, 2006 at 4:00 PM

To receive a copy of the complete solicitation, contact:

Name: Jean Martin

Phone: (651) 431-2578

TTY: 711 or 1-800-627-3529

E-mail: jean.m.martin@state.mn.us

Department of Human Services Notice of Request for Proposals to Conduct a CAHPS® Medicaid Managed Care Survey

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) is interested in contracting for professional and technical consulting services with a qualified vendor to conduct a consumer satisfaction survey of managed care enrollees in the Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP), MinnesotaCare, Minnesota Senior Care and Minnesota Senior Health Options programs. The Consumer Assessment of Health Plan Study (CAHPS) version 3.0H – Medicaid will be used as the survey instrument in this project. DHS is requesting proposals **only** from organizations that are NCQA approved CAHPS vendors.

The satisfaction survey project is expected to begin by April 2006 and last through January 31, 2007.

Responders will be responsible for all costs and expenses incurred in responding to the RFP. DHS reserves the right to proceed in whatever manner it perceives to be in its best interest, and may cancel this RFP at any time and/or choose not to purchase any services or solutions from outside sources.

A copy of the complete Request for Proposals and attached documents can be obtained from the DHS website at www.dhs.state.mn.us (Grants and RFP section) or a paper copy by contacting:

Sara Koppe

Performance Measurement and Quality Improvement

Minnesota Department of Human Services

P.O. Box 64986

St. Paul, MN 55164-0986

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Telephone: (651) 431- 2616
Fax: (651) 431-7422
E-mail: sara.koppe@state.mn.us

Proposals must be received at the following address no later than 4:00 p.m., on February 28, 2006:
Request for Proposal Response

Debra Stenseth
Performance Measurement and Quality Improvement
Minnesota Department of Human Services
444 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155

Department of Human Services Chemical Health Division REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS for Substance Abuse Treatment Expansion for Pregnant Women and Women with Dependent Children

Date Issued: **January 23, 2006** Proposals Due: **May 31, 2006**

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose of Request

The Minnesota Department of Human Services, through its Chemical Health Division is seeking proposals from qualified responders to increase treatment capacity for women that will provide housing for pregnant women and women with their dependent children throughout the mother's substance abuse treatment.

B. Goal of this RFP

The goal of this RFP is to increase residential capacity to provide the full range of chemical health treatment and ancillary services for pregnant women and women with dependent children. The Chemical Health Division (CHD) wants to increase access and geographic availability to substance abuse treatment, improve treatment completion rates, and improve treatment outcomes for this population by providing funds for start-up/expansion costs to house women with their dependent children during the mother's substance abuse treatment. [Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant funds may not be used to make capital or major equipment improvements.]

Given the increase in the number of women entering treatment who identify methamphetamine as their primary drug, and the associated Child Protection issues, we are particularly interested in treatment strategies to improve recovery outcomes for these clients.

Need and geographic distribution of programs will be a consideration in the final selection of proposals.

The term of any resulting contract is anticipated to be for **21 months**, from **October 1, 2006 – July 1, 2007**, and **July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008**, with the potential for a **3-year** extension. The funded entities may re-apply to continue beyond the initial 21 month award period, based on satisfactory performance and the availability of funds.

An estimated total of \$1.5 million per year is available from the Federal Block Grant for this RFP.

If sent by U.S. mail, Proposals must be postmarked by **May 31, 2006**. If hand delivered or sent by carrier (e.g. UPS, FedEx, DHL), proposals must be physically received by 4:00 p.m. Central Time on that date. This RFP does not obligate the State to award a contract or complete the project, and the State reserves the right to cancel the solicitation if it is considered to be in its best interest. All costs incurred in responding to this RFP will be borne by the Responder.

This RFP provides background information and describes the services desired by the State. It delineates the requirements for this procurement and specifies the contractual conditions required by the State. Although this RFP establishes the basis for Responder Proposals, the detailed obligations and additional measures of performance will be defined in the final negotiated contract.

II. SCOPE OF WORK

A. Overview

Funds are for housing start-up, expansion and/or ancillary service costs to house women *with* their dependent children during the mother's substance abuse treatment that are *not* covered by the Consolidated Chemical Dependency Treatment Fund (CCDTF), Group Residential Housing (GRH), Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), Medical Assistance (MA), insurance, Minnesota healthcare programs or other grant dollars.

Applicants are required to have a Rule 31 - Administrative Rule 9530.6405-9530.6505:

<http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/arule/9530/>

or tribal license *and* provide women's specific substance abuse treatment.

or

Partner with a Rule 31 or tribal licensed program that provides women's specific substance abuse treatment. (Program list for Rule 31:

<http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/Licensing/ProgramLists/pdf/flcdt.pdf>)

B. Tasks/Deliverables

• FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSING PREGNANT AND/OR PARENTING WOMEN

1. Describe how you will provide **either directly or through written agreement:**

a. Housing

- Appropriate licensing from the Minnesota Department of Health for housing women *with* their children.
- Housing must comply with 254B.05, subdivision 1. <http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/stats/254B/05.html>, and applicants must provide a copy of their policy that prohibits residents from using/bringing chemicals of abuse into the facility, and provide documentation of the consequences for infractions of the policy.
- Funds for start-up costs for housing which can include initial lease expense until alternative funding sources (e.g. CCDTF, GRH, MFIP) are secured, furnishings, etc.
- A letter of support from host or lead county, or tribe.

b. All license holders shall establish and enforce ongoing written Program Abuse Prevention Plans and individual abuse prevention plans as required under section **626.557** subdivision 14. (<http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/stats/626/557.html>)

c. Childcare

- Licensed or Legal Non-licensed childcare during periods in which the woman is engaged in treatment services.
- A plan for childcare during recovery maintenance services should be described.
- If childcare is to be provided onsite funds may be used to purchase durable supplies (toys, furniture, etc).

d. Transportation to/from treatment/health/rehabilitative activities (i.e. primary medical care including referral for prenatal care, trauma services, peer recovery support groups, aftercare, job search activities.)

e. Parenting Training - a minimum of 10 two-hour (20 hr) group sessions of parenting education or 20 one-hour group sessions. Parenting curricula may be found at <http://www.nurturingparenting.com/npp/index.htm>.

f. Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder education. Resources may be found at <http://www.mofas.org/>

g. Mental health assessment and referral for both women and their children.

h. Medical (hepatitis, HIV/AIDS, STDs), dental, other physical health care services.

i. Therapeutic interventions and trauma services for women to address issues of relationships, emotional, sexual and physical abuse.

j. Financial management and job training/education.

k. Provide telephone or in-person contact with each woman four (4) weeks after program completion to follow-up on recovery maintenance and parenting support during transition into their home community.

l. Provide alcohol and drug testing at entry, randomly throughout, and at completion of the program.

• FOR PREGNANT SUBSTANCE ABUSING WOMEN

Tasks/Deliverable specific to pregnant women and their children in addition to those listed above:

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m. Verification of prenatal and postpartum health care, including toxicology test results for both mothers and infants born during participation in the program.

n. Healthcare assessments, including nutritional needs, must be performed by a health professional at entry into the program, after the birth of the baby, and throughout the postpartum period.

• **FOR CHILDREN**

o. Children's programming in coordination with childcare, and/or family/parenting services. Suggested children's programming resources: *Children's Program Kit: Supportive Education for Children of Addicted Parents* (2003), electronic access at www.samhsa.gov or free copies can be obtained by calling SAMHSA's National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug information at 1-800-729-6686 or 1-800-487-4889 (TDD) DHHS Pub. No. (SMA 03-3825). Other children's programming resources may be found in Appendix A of this RFP and at <http://modelprograms.samhsa.gov/>.

p. Diagnostic assessments and therapeutic interventions, if appropriate, for children in custody of women in treatment which may, among other things, address developmental needs and issues of emotional, sexual and physical abuse, and neglect.

q. Primary pediatric care, including immunization, for their children.

2. Grantees must understand and adhere to the following:

a. Federal rules on confidentiality, Title 42, parts 2.1-2.67 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* and HIPAA, Title 45 parts 160.101-164.534, Minnesota Data Practices Act, *Minnesota Statutes* 254A.09.

b. Certification Regarding Environmental Tobacco Smoke; Public Law 103-227, also known as Pro-Children Act of 1994, requiring that this language be included in any subcontracts which contain provisions for children's services and that all subcontractors shall certify this compliance.

c. Compliance with all applicable requirements in instructional Bulletin #94-51B, September 17, 1994, New federal Block Grant Requirements relating to drug and alcohol treatment programs and their role in the provision of treatment to injection drug users (IDU's) and substance abusing pregnant women.

d. Comply with all federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant requirements (See Appendix A)

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Non-profit organizations and local units of government, including tribal and county governments, and faith-based organizations, may apply.

IV. RFP PROCESS

For a copy of the entire *Substance Abuse Treatment Expansion for Pregnant Women and Women with Dependent Children RFP, Application and Application Instructions*, please contact:

Rose Haugen
Chemical Health Division
E-mail: Rose.haugen@state.mn.us

A. Responders' Workshop

To assist applicants in applying for grants, workshops will be held in three (3) different locations. See the chart below for detailed information. These workshops will give applicants an opportunity to learn how to complete CHD's grant application accurately, and to ask specific questions of State staff concerning the project and application process. Attendance at the Application Workshop is not mandatory, but is recommended. Registration is requested for planning purposes.

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Meeting Location</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
Feb. 21 2006	Holiday Inn – Downtown 101 E. Main Street, Mankato , MN 56001	(507) 345-1234
9a.m.-12 noon	The Palmer Conference Room	

Feb. 23, 2006 Holiday Inn Express 2422 Ridgeway Avenue NW, **Bemidji**, MN 56601 (218) 751-2487
9a.m.-12 noon Conference Room B

Feb. 28, 2006 DHS Chemical Health Division, 540 Cedar Street, **St. Paul**, MN 55155, (651) 431-2460
9a.m.-12 noon Elmer L. Andersen Bldg, Conference Room 2380

To register for a Responders' Workshop, send an e-mail to Cindy Swan-Henderlite at: cindy.swan-henderlite@state.mn.us. Questions regarding workshop registration may be emailed, or call Cindy Swan-Henderlite at (651) 431-2463.

B. Responders' Questions

If you have questions regarding this RFP, please contact:

Cindy Swan-Henderlite
cindy.swan-henderlite@state.mn.us
Telephone: (651) 431-2463

Ruthie Dallas
ruthie.dallas@state.mn.us
Telephone: (651) 431-2465

Please note: **No other staff are authorized** to discuss this RFP with responders prior to the proposal submission deadline.

Responders' questions regarding this RFP must be submitted IN WRITING prior to 4:00 p.m. Central Time on March 24, 2006. To receive a copy of all of the questions and answers, please send your email address to: cindy.swan-henderlite@state.mn.us by **March 24, 2006**. Questions will be answered in writing and distributed **March 31, 2006**, via email to those who have sent us their email address.

C. Proposal Submission

Applicants MUST use the Substance Abuse Treatment Expansion for Pregnant Women and Women with Dependent Children Grant Application form. Any proposal submitted on the General Grant Application form, will NOT be considered for funding.

Each application must be stapled in the top left corner. Do not bind applications in notebooks, plastic bindings or specialty printed covers. All pages are to be one-sided, numbered and the font size should be no less than 12 point. No tapes, videos, brochures, pamphlets, annual reports or letters of support should be sent. Any information other than requested will be discarded and not passed on to the reviewers. No attachments are accepted.

Submit the **signed original and seven (7) copies** of the proposal. Clearly label the original copy "Original" and each copy "Copy". Proposals are to be sealed in mailing envelopes or packages with the applicant's name and address written on the outside. The original proposal must be **signed in BLUE ink** by an authorized member of the organization.

If sending by U.S. mail, a complete Grant Application form and Proposals must be postmarked on or before **May 31, 2006**, to be considered.

Mail the above-referenced packages to:

Cindy Swan-Henderlite
MN Dept of Human Services
444 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155

If hand delivering or using a carrier service (e.g. UPS, FedEx, DHL) Proposals must be physically received at the 444 Lafayette Information Desk **no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 31, 2006**.

Late Proposals will not be reviewed. Faxed or e-mailed Proposals will **NOT** be accepted.

All costs incurred in responding to this RFP will be the responsibility of the applicant.

It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that their proposal is mailed to the specific place, in the specific format, and prior to the deadline for submission. Failure to abide by these instructions may result in disqualification.

Upon request, this information will be provided in an alternative format, such as Braille, large print, or audiotape.

State Contracts

Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT)

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 Ron Bisek at (651) 296-1361 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:

Ron Bisek
Consultant Services
Office of Technical Support
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 (Mn/DOT)

Engineering Services Division

Notice Concerning Professional/Technical Contract Opportunities

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

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

Non-State Contracts & Grants

The *State Register* also serves as a central marketplace for contracts let out on bid by the public sector. The *State Register* meets state and federal guidelines for statewide circulation of public notices. Any tax-supported institution or government jurisdiction may advertise contracts and requests for proposals from the private sector. It is recommended that contracts and RFPs include the following: 1) name of contact person; 2) institution name, address, and telephone number; 3) brief description of commodity, project or tasks; 4) cost estimate; and 5) final submission date of completed contract proposal. Allow at least three weeks from publication date (four weeks from the date article is submitted for publication). Surveys show that subscribers are interested in hearing about contracts for estimates as low as \$1,000. Contact editor for further details.

Metropolitan Council

Notice of Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Eight 24-inch Plug Valves for the Anoka L-42 Forcemain Project

Reference Number 05P142

The Metropolitan Council is requesting bids for eight 24-inch plug valves for the Anoka L-42 Forcemain project.

<i>Issue Invitation for Bids</i>	January 23, 2006
<i>Bids Due</i>	February 23, 2006
<i>Award Contract</i>	March 2006

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

Steve Kaukola
Administrative Assistant, Contracts and Procurement Unit
Metropolitan Council
230 East Fifth Street
St. Paul, MN 55101
Phone: (651) 602-1064
Fax: (651) 602-1083
E-mail: steve.kaukola@metc.state.mn.us

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

Metropolitan Council

Notice of Request for Proposals (RFP) for the East Bethel Wastewater Treatment Planning Study

RFP Number 06P005

The Metropolitan Council is soliciting proposals for preliminary engineering planning services and other support services in anticipation of design and construction of wastewater treatment facilities for East Bethel. Services are expected to include site selection, site acquisition, preliminary design work, geotechnical investigations, site surveying, and planning reports.

A tentative schedule shown below.

<i>Issue Request for Proposals</i>	January 19, 2006
<i>Proposals Due</i>	February 21, 2006
<i>Performance of Services</i>	February – September 2006

All firms interested in submitting a proposal for this work are invited to request an RFP document from the contact listed below.

Harriet Simmons, Administrative Assistant
Metropolitan Council

Non-State Contracts & Grants

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 Passenger Waiting Shelters Procurement

The Metropolitan Council is soliciting sealed bids for the procurement of Passenger Waiting Shelters. Bids are due at **2:00 PM** on February 14, 2006. Bids must be submitted in accordance with the Invitation for Bids document available from:

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

Rice Creek Watershed District Request for Proposals for Engineering Services

Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* Section 103B.227, Subd. 5, the Rice Creek Watershed District is soliciting proposals for engineering services for calendar years 2006-2007. Proposals must be submitted to the District Office at 4325 Pheasant Ridge Drive, Suite 611, Blaine MN 55449 before January 27, 2006 and should include background and profile information on the firm, along with specific information as to expertise in watershed district matters, hourly billing rates for 2006-2007, and names and qualifications of water resource personnel.

For further information on RCWD operations and scope of work, you may contact Theresa Stasica at the District Office: (763) 398-3070 or visit our website at: www.ricecreek.org

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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 free. Visit our website at bidinfo.umn.edu or call the BIS Coordinator at (612) 625-5534.

Request for Bids/Proposals are also available to the public each business day from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Purchasing Services lobby, Suite 560, 1300 S. 2nd Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55454.

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