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

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 Proposed emergency rules and withdrawn proposed rules are also published in the *State Register*.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

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Proposed Rules

Comments on Planned Rules or Rule Amendments. 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, and within 60 days of the effective date of any new statutory grant of required rulemaking.

Rules to be Adopted After a Hearing. After receiving comments and deciding to hold a public hearing on the rule, an agency drafts its rule. It then publishes its rules with a notice of hearing. All persons wishing to make a statement must register at the hearing. Anyone who wishes to submit written comments may do so at the hearing, or within five working days of the close of the hearing. Administrative law judges may, during the hearing, extend the period for receiving comments up to 20 calendar days. For five business days after the submission period the agency and interested persons may respond to any new information submitted during the written submission period and the record then is closed. The administrative law judge prepares a report within 30 days, stating findings of fact, conclusions and recommendations. After receiving the report, the agency decides whether to adopt, withdraw or modify the proposed rule based on consideration of the comments made during the rule hearing procedure and the report of the administrative law judge. The agency must wait five days after receiving the report before taking any action.

Rules to be Adopted Without a Hearing. Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* § 14.22, an agency may propose to adopt, amend, suspend or repeal rules without first holding a public hearing. An agency must first solicit Comments on Planned Rules or Comments on Planned Rule Amendments from the public. The agency then publishes a notice of intent to adopt rules without a public hearing, together with the proposed rules, in the *State Register*. If, during the 30-day comment period, 25 or more persons submit to the agency a written request for a hearing of the proposed rules, the agency must proceed under the provisions of §§ 14.14-14.20, which state that if an agency decides to hold a public hearing, it must publish a notice of intent in the *State Register*.

KEY: Proposed Rules - <u>Underlining</u> indicates additions to existing rule language. <u>Strikeouts</u> indicate deletions from existing rule language. If a proposed rule is totally new, it is designated "all new material." **Adopted Rules** - <u>Underlining</u> indicates additions to proposed rule language. <u>Strikeout</u> indicates deletions from proposed rule language.

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Proposed Rules —

Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry

Construction Codes and Licensing Division

Proposed Amendment to Rules Governing Elevators and Related Devices, *Minnesota Rules*, Chapter 1307, and repeal of parts 1307.0025, 1307.0045, 1307.0065, 1307.0085, 1307.0090, subparts 1 and 5, and 1307.0100

DUAL NOTICE: Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules Without a Public Hearing Unless 25 or More Persons Request a Hearing, and Notice of Hearing If 25 or More Requests for Hearing Are Received

Introduction. The Department of Labor and Industry intends to adopt rules without a public hearing following the procedures set forth in the rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, *Minnesota Rules*, parts 1400.2300 to 1400.2310, and the Administrative Procedure Act, *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.22 to 14.28. If, however, 25 or more persons submit a written request for a hearing on the rules by 4:30 p.m. on October 18, 2006, a public hearing will be held in the Minnesota Room, Department of Labor and Industry, 443 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, starting at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, October 30, 2006. To find out whether the rules will be adopted without a hearing or if the hearing will be held, you should contact the agency contact person after October 18, 2006, and before October 30, 2006.

Agency Contact Person. Comments or questions on the rules and written requests for a public hearing on the rules must be submitted to the agency contact person. The agency contact person is: John Roche, Department of Labor and Industry, Construction Codes and Licensing Division, 443 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul, MN 55155, **phone:** (651) 284-5873, **fax:** (651) 284-5749, or **e-mail** to *dli.rules@state.mn.us*. TTY users may call the Department at (651) 297-4198.

Subject of Rules and Statutory Authority. The proposed rules are about minimum safety standards for those installing, maintaining, and inspecting elevators and related devices, Minnesota Rules chapter 1307 and repeal of parts 1307.0025, 1307.0045, 1307.0065, 1307.0085, 1307.0090, subparts 1 and 5, and 1307.0100. The proposed rules also organize existing language, which in some instances has been modified, by repealing some rule parts and reorganizing the language into newly numbered rule parts. The statutory authority to adopt the rules is *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 16B.59, 16B.61, 16B.64, and 16B.748. On August 15, 2006, the Office of Administrative Hearings waived the publication of the proposed rules in the *State Register*. The proposed rules are available on the Department's website at *www.doli.state.mn.us*. A free copy of the rules is also available upon request from the agency contact person listed above.

Comments. You have until 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 2006 to submit written comment in support of or in opposition to the proposed rules or any part or subpart of the rules. Your comment must be in writing and received by the agency contact person by the due date. Comment is encouraged. Your comments should identify the portion of the proposed rules addressed, the reason for the comment, and any change proposed. You are encouraged to propose any change desired. Any comments that you would like to make on the legality of the proposed rules must also be made during this comment period.

Request for a Hearing. In addition to submitting comments, you may also request that a hearing be held on the rules. Your request for a public hearing must be in writing and must be received by the agency contact person by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 2006. Your written request for a public hearing must include your name and address. You must identify the portion of the proposed rules to which you object or state that you oppose the entire set of rules. Any request that does not comply with these requirements is not valid and cannot be counted by the agency when determining whether a public hearing must be held. You are also encouraged to state the reason for the request and any changes you want made to the proposed rules.

Withdrawal of Requests. If 25 or more persons submit a valid written request for a hearing, a public hearing will be held unless a sufficient number withdraw their requests in writing. If enough requests for hearing are withdrawn to reduce the number below 25, the agency must give written notice of this to all persons who requested a hearing, explain the actions the agency took to effect the withdrawal, and ask for written comments on this action. If a public hearing is required, the agency will follow the procedures in *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20.

Alternative Format/Accommodation. Upon request, this Notice can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, Braille, or cassette tape. To make such a request or if you need an accommodation to make this hearing accessible, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

Modifications. The proposed rules may be modified, either as a result of public comment or as a result of the rule hearing process. Modifications must be supported by data and views submitted to the agency or presented at the hearing and the adopted rules may not be substantially different than these proposed rules, unless the procedure under *Minnesota Rules*, part 1400.2110, has been followed. If the proposed rules affect you in any way, you are encouraged to participate in the rulemaking process.

The proposed rules may be modified to reflect copyright issues in connection with the 2006 IRC.

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Cancellation of Hearing. The hearing scheduled for October 30, 2006 will be canceled if the agency does not receive requests from 25 or more persons that a hearing be held on the rules. If you requested a public hearing, the agency will notify you before the scheduled hearing whether or not the hearing will be held. You may also call the agency contact person at (651) 284-5873 after October 18, 2006 to find out whether the hearing will be held.

Notice of Hearing. If 25 or more persons submit valid written requests for a public hearing on the rules, a hearing will be held following the procedures in *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20. The hearing will be held on the date and at the time and place listed above. The hearing will continue until all interested persons have been heard. Administrative Law Judge Eric Lipman is assigned to conduct the hearing. Judge Lipman can be reached at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 100 Washington Square, Suite 1700, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401-2138, **telephone:** (612) 341-7609, and **fax:** (612) 349-2665.

Hearing Procedure. If a hearing is held, you and all interested or affected persons, including representatives of associations or other interested groups, will have an opportunity to participate. You may present your views either orally at the hearing or in writing at any time before the close of the hearing record. All evidence presented should relate to the proposed rules. You may also submit written material to the Administrative Law Judge to be recorded in the hearing record for five working days after the public hearing ends. This fiveday comment period may be extended for a longer period not to exceed 20 calendar days if ordered by the Administrative Law Judge at the hearing. Following the comment period, there is a fiveworkingday rebuttal period during which the agency and any interested person may respond in writing to any new information submitted. No additional evidence may be submitted during the fiveday rebuttal period. All comments and responses submitted to the Administrative Law Judge must be received at the Office of Administrative Hearings no later than 4:30 p.m. on the due date. All comments or responses received will be available for review at the Office of Administrative Hearings. This rule hearing procedure is governed by *Minnesota Rules*, parts 1400.2000 to 1400.2240, and *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20. Questions about procedure may be directed to the Administrative Law Judge.

The agency requests that any person submitting written views or data to the Administrative Law Judge prior to the hearing or during the comment or rebuttal period also submit a copy of the written views or data to the agency contact person at the address stated above.

Statement of Need and Reasonableness. A statement of need and reasonableness is now available from the agency contact person. This statement contains a summary of the justification for the proposed rules, including a description of who will be affected by the proposed rules and an estimate of the probable cost of the proposed rules. The statement is available on the Department's website at www.doli.state.mn.us, and may also be reviewed and copies obtained at the cost of reproduction from the agency.

Lobbyist Registration. *Minnesota Statutes*, chapter 10A, requires each lobbyist to register with the State Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board. Questions regarding this requirement may be directed to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board at: Suite 190, Centennial Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, telephone (651) 296-5148 or 1-800-657-3889.

Adoption Procedure if No Hearing. If no hearing is required, the agency may adopt the rules after the end of the comment period. The rules and supporting documents will then be submitted to the Office of Administrative Hearings for review for legality. You may ask to be notified of the date the rules are submitted to the office. If you want to be so notified, or want to receive a copy of the adopted rules, or want to register with the agency to receive notice of future rule proceedings, submit your request to the agency contact person listed above.

Adoption Procedure After a Hearing. If a hearing is held, after the close of the hearing record, the Administrative Law Judge will issue a report on the proposed rules. You may ask to be notified of the date when the Administrative Law Judge's report will become available, and can make this request at the hearing or in writing to the Administrative Law Judge. You may also ask to be notified of the date on which the agency adopts the rules and the rules are filed with the Secretary of State, and can make this request at the hearing or in writing to the agency contact person stated above.

Order. I order that the rulemaking hearing be held at the date, time, and location listed above.

Dated: September 12, 2006

M. Scott Brener, Commissioner Department of Labor and Industry

Official Notices

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

The State Register also publishes other official notices of state agencies and non-state agencies, including notices of meetings and matters of public interest.

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency

Notice of Hearing on Bond Issues for Qualified Mortgage Bonds

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (the "Agency") will hold a public hearing at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 5, 2006 at the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, 400 Sibley Street, Suite 300, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101, for the purposes of taking public testimony regarding the issuance of qualified mortgage bonds, comprising one or more series, in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$300,000,000.

The bonds will be issued as qualified mortgage bonds subject to the mortgage eligibility requirements of Section 143 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and, after payment of expenses and funding of reserves, will provide approximately \$290,000,000 of mortgage loans to certain low and moderate income, first-time homebuyers of single family owner-occupied residences located throughout the State of Minnesota, which homebuyers qualify under the Agency's single family mortgage program and applicable federal tax law.

The Agency's single family mortgage program is further described in the MHFA Mortgage Program Procedural Manual, a copy of which may be obtained from the Agency. Said bonds may be issued either as refunding bonds to refund certain outstanding bonds of the Agency or as "new money" bonds using a portion of the Agency's state bond volume allocation, and may be issued either as short-term bonds, subject to refunding or remarketing at a subsequent date on a long-term, fixed or variable rate basis, or as long-term, fixed or variable rate bonds on original issuance. The bonds covered by this hearing notice, up to an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$300,000,000, are anticipated to be issued periodically to fund the Program during the calendar years 2006 and 2007, until fully utilized.

Parties wishing to comment on the financing program may appear in person at the hearing or may submit written comments to the undersigned prior to the hearing, which comments will be considered at the hearing. Parties desiring additional information should contact Ms. Sharon Bjostad of the Agency at: (651) 282-2577.

Timothy E. Marx, Commissioner Minnesota Housing Finance Agency

Department of Human Services

Health Care Purchasing and Delivery Systems Division Health Care Administration

Public Notice of Maximum Allowable Costs of Medical Assistance Outpatient Prescribed Drugs

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

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

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

On January 13, 2003 at 27 SR 1117-1130, the Department published the MAC list, listing the federal and state MACs. Additional

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changes to the state MAC list were published on February 18, 2003 (27 SR 1331-1334), March 3, 2003 (27 SR 1386-1393), April 21, 2003 (27 SR 1583-1584), August 4, 2003 (28 SR 102-103), October 13, 2003 (28 SR 505-506), October 20, 2003 (28 SR 528-529), December 15, 2003 (28 SR 784-785), January 26, 2004 (28 SR 934-935), March 8, 2004 (28 SR 1089-1090), April 5, 2004 (28 SR 1232), April 19, 2004 (28 SR 1313-1314), May 3, 2004 (28 SR 1367-1368), August 9, 2004 (29 SR 173), August 23, 2004 (29 SR 224-225), November 8, 2004 (29 SR 510), November 15, 2004 (29 SR 534-535), February 7, 2005 (29 SR 923-924), February 14, 2005 (29 SR 951-952), March 7, 2005 (29 SR 1038-1039), April 11, 2005 (29 SR 1174-1175), June 27, 2005 (29 SR 1607), July 18, 2005 (30 SR 49-50), August 15, 2005 (30 SR 147), August 29, 2005 (30 SR 226-227), October 17, 2005 (30 SR 402-403), November 14, 2005 (30 SR 511-512), December 12, 2005 (30 SR 617-618), January 9, 2006 (30 SR 770-771), January 30, 2006 (30 SR 833), February 13, 2006 (30 SR 884), February 27, 2006 (30 SR 926-927) March 20, 2006 (30 SR 1006-1007), April 10, 2006 (30 SR 1109), May 30, 2006 (30 SR 1249-1250), July 31, 2006 (31 SR 138-139) and August 21, 2006 (31 SR 268).

Effective September 19, 2006 the Department will add the following outpatient prescribed drugs to the state MAC list:

<u>GCN</u>	Drug Name	Strength	MAC Price
16811	VENLAFAXINE HCL	25 MG	1.41
16812	VENLAFAXINE HCL	37.5 MG	1.46
16813	VENLAFAXINE HCL	50 MG	1.50
16814	VENLAFAXINE HCL	75 MG	1.59
16815	VENLAFAXINE HCL	100 MG	1.69
18969	RIBAVIRIN	200 MG	6.63
48850	CLARITHROMYCIN ER	500 MG	3.80
20846	SULFACETAMIDE SODIUM	10%	1.20
20847	SULFACETAMIDE SODIUM	10%	1.20
17374	SULFACETAMIDE SODIUM WASH	10%	.30

These additions are made to bring Medical Assistance reimbursement to pharmacists more closely in line with the actual acquisition cost of the drugs listed above. The Department estimates that there will be a state savings of \$ 90,000 for State Fiscal Year 2006 (July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007).

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

Written comments and requests for information may be sent to Kristin Young, Pharmacy and Program Manager, Health Care Purchasing and Delivery Systems Division, Health Care Administration, Minnesota Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 64984, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0984; **phone:** (651) 431-2504 or **email:** *kristen.c.young@state.mn.us*

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 eell as sufficient time for interested parties to respond.

Minnesota Department of Human Services

Aging and Adult Services Division

Notice of Request for Proposals to Provide Consumer Directed Community Supports (CDCS) Enrollment Assistance Services for People on Elderly Waiver and Alternative Care

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Department of Human Services is requesting proposals to provide enrollment assistance services consisting of providing information and technical assistance in the enrollment process for the 3-year (2004-2007) Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Cash and Counseling Grant to assist with expanding the total number of people on the Elderly Waiver (EW) and Alternative Care Program (AC) participating in the Consumer Directed Community Supports (CDCS) service option. RWJF grant activities are primarily centered on bolstering enrollment of CDCS for older adults and disabled adults and their family caregivers and developing an infrastructure offering information, access and planning assistance, and fiscal management support. At a minimum, the enrollment services will consist of:

- 1) Development of a work plan within thirty (30) days of contract execution.
- 2) Directly contacting at least twenty (20) percent of the eligible population.
- 3) Increasing the base number of participating CDCS lead agencies by twenty (20) percent.
- 4) Collecting and analyzing monthly data about consumer and lead agency contacts, enrollment assistance services, and known or probable results. Submit a monthly progress report to RWJF project staff.
- Meeting with RWJF project staff at least monthly to evaluate and analyze the enrollment assistance services activities and processes. Modify strategies and activities as needed.
- 6) Submitting a final written report detailing enrollment assistance services, methods, results, and recommendations for subsequent enrollment activities.

Work is proposed to start after November 13, 2006. A Request for Proposals will be available by email from this office through October 6, 2006. A written request by direct mail, email, or fax is required to receive the Request for Proposal. The Request for Proposal can be obtained by email from:

Jane Vujovich
Project Manager, RWJF Cash & Counseling Grant
Aging and Adult Services Division
Department of Human Services
444 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, MN 55164-0967

Phone: (651) 431-2573 **Fax #:** (651) 431=7414

E-mail: Jane.vujovich@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 4:00pm CDT, October 11, 2006. **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.

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 soliciations (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

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Department of Administration Real Estate Management Division

Notice of State Land for Sale

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Department of Administration is offering 82 acres, more or less, of land situated in Section 31, Township 32, Range 24 and Section 36, Township 32, Range 25, Anoka County, Minnesota for sale by sealed bid. The land is located approximately 1 mile north of Highway 10 on 7th Avenue N.W. in the City of Anoka. To obtain a copy of the complete bid package, send an **e-mail** to *wayne.waslaski@state.mn.us* or call (651) 201-2548. Written bids must be received no later than 2:30 p.m., on Wednesday, October 4, 2006.

Department of Administration

Division of State Architect's Office

Notice of Request for Proposals (RFP) and Fee Schedule for Professional Design Services

The State of Minnesota (State) through its Department of Administration's State Architect's Office (SAO), requests proposals and fee schedules from interested and qualified firms and individuals (Responder) to provide design services, including architectural and electrical engineering, for the renovation of the Peace Officer Memorial located on the Capitol Complex. Of special concern is the design of the Thin Blue Line, which the State desires to have visible 24/7.

A full Request for Proposals is available on the State Architect's Office website: www.sao.admin.state.mn.us . Click on "Solicitation Announcements".

A mandatory informational meeting will be held at the site, located at the south end of the Capitol Complex near the intersection of Twelfth and Wabasha, on Monday Sept. 27, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. CDT.

Project questions will be taken by Mary Golike at *mary.golike@state.mn.us* or faxed to her at (651) 296-7650. All questions must be received by 3:00 p.m. CDT on Friday, September 29, 2006. Responses to all questions will be posted as addenda on the SAO website by 4:00 p.m. CDT on Monday, October 2, 2006.

Proposals must be delivered to Mary Golike, State Architect's Office, 301 Centennial Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN 55155-1625; telephone: (651) 201-2399 not later than 3:00 p.m. CDT October 6, 2006. Late responses will not be considered.

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

Department of Administration

Division of State Architect's Office

Notice of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and Fee Schedule for Professional Services of Minnesota Registered Architects, Engineers, Interior Designers, Land Surveyors, Landscape Architects, and Geoscientists

The Department of Administration, State Architect's Office ("State"), requests qualifications of Minnesota registered architects, engineers, interior designers, land surveyors, and geoscientists ("Consultant") to assist the State in providing studies, predesigns, design through construction documents, construction administration, post construction services, interior design, land surveys, geoscience, and project-related professional services as needed for up to a five-year period. These projects will be varied in nature and scope and will involve new construction and remodeling, which includes but is not limited to buildings, commissioning, bridges, parking structures, site and utility work, roadways, and land development.

Unless otherwise provided in *Minnesota Statutes* § 16B.33, the following guidelines apply when using the Master Roster. State agency construction projects requiring a primary designer will have an estimated cost of construction of no greater than \$2,000,000.00; or a study, report, or predesign for a state agency planning project will have a consultant estimated fee no greater than \$200,000.00. Higher education construction projects requiring a primary designer will have an estimated cost of construction of no greater than \$2,000,000.00; and a study, report or predesign for a planning project will have a consultant estimated fee no greater than \$200,000.00. Primary Designers for Projects to construct, erect, or remodel a building with an estimated cost in excess of these amounts will be selected by the State Designer Selection Board in accordance with *Minnesota Statutes* §16B.33.

The Request for Qualifications document may be found online at: www.sao.admin.state.mn.us. Copies of the RFQ may also be requested from:

Contracts Officer State Architect's Office 301 Centennial Building, 658 Cedar Street St. Paul, MN 55155-1625 (651) 201-2399

The Request for Qualifications and Fee Schedule will remain open continually to enable individuals and firms not currently on the Roster to submit their qualifications and fee schedules. One year after a completed response is added to the Master Roster, the firm will be asked whether it wants to remain on the roster. If the responder wants to continue to remain on the roster it will be able to update its fee schedule, and will be required to submit updated written documents. If no response is received within 30 days of the notice, the responder's name will be removed from the Master Roster until such time as it has re-submitted a complete response to the RFQ.

The State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation if it is considered to be in its best interest. The RFQ is not a guarantee of work and it does not obligate the State to award any contracts. The State reserves the right to discontinue the use or cancel all or any part of this Master Roster program if it is determined to be in its best interest. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Minneapolis Community & Technical College NOTICE OF INTENT to Solicit Bids for Printing and Mailing of Spring 2007 Class Schedule

Description: Tabloid-size 10 -3/4" x 17" saddle-stitched and trimmed. Refold to 10 -3/4" x 8 -1/2". Image area approximately 9 - 3/4" x 15-7/8" w/no bleeds. 35# white groundwood offset 70B self-cover. Cover is black and 2 PMS. Text is black and 1 PMS. Bids requested for quantities of 100,000, 130,000 & 150,000 copies and page count of 32pgs. Include cost for additional pages in 4 page increments. Request printer with onsite mailing capabilities.

Print schedule: To printer approximately 10/15/06 and deliver within seven working days of final approved proofs and files.

Bid Questions: David Tajima - (612) 659-6224 or by email at David. Tajima@minneapolis.edu for complete specifications and

information.

Deadline for Bids: 1:00 p.m. – Friday September 29, 2006

Contact for bid copies and to submit bids:

David Tajima / Marketing

Room K1100

Minneapolis Community and Technical College

1501 Hennepin Avenue Minneapolis, MN 55403 **Phone:** (612) 659-6224

or by e-mail at David. Tajima@minneapolis.edu.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU)

Normandale Community College Building Services Department

Notice of Intent to Solicit Bid for Snow Removal

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Normandale Community College is requesting bids for Snow Removal and Sanding of all parking lots and campus roadways.

Estimated amount of bid is Forty Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$40,000) per annual winter season. This bid does not obligate Normandale Community College to spend the estimated dollar amount. Bids are based on cost per hour of equipment and operator, for the months of October 2006 through April 2007. Contract will be renewable up to three years upon the agreement of the vendor and Normandale Community College.

Detailed specifications and maps will be available at a pre-bid meeting which will be held October 2, 2006 at 11:00 a.m.at Normandale Community College, 9700 France Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55431 in Room B1611.

Bids must be presented on Monday, October 9, 2006 at 12:00 noon to:

Michael Koreen, Physical Plant Director Normandale Community College – B1605 9700 France Avenue South Bloomington, MN 55431

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) Northland Community and Technical College ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS for Boiler Plant Installation

Sealed Bids for: Boiler Plant Installation

Northland Community and Technical College

East Grand Forks, Minnesota

Will be received by: Ms. Karla Anderson, Business Manager

Northland Community and Technical College

East Grand Forks, Minnesota

Until 2pm CDT, October 17, 2006 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the site on October 11, 2006 at 10:00 am CDT.

Project Scope:

Purchase and installation of a central boiler plant.

A pre-bid meeting will not be held.

Bid Forms, Contract Documents, Drawings and Specifications as prepared by the Project Architect/Engineer, **Martin Mechanical Design, Inc**, are on file at the offices of the:

- 1.) Above named Project Architect/Engineer.
- 2.) Following Builders Exchanges: Fargo, Minneapolis
- 3.) Construction Market Data Plan Room
- 4.) Dodge Plan Room
- 5.) National Association of Minority Contractors of Upper Midwest

Complete sets only of bid forms and Drawings and Specifications for use by Bidders in submitting a bid may be obtained at the following address:

Martin Mechanical Design, Inc. 702 28th Ave N, Suite 200 Fargo, ND 58102 (701) 293-7957

A deposit of \$25.00 is required for each set.

Prospective Bidders requesting that Bidding Documents (complete sets only) be mailed to them, may send a separate non-refundable payment (check made out to the Architect) for \$5.00 per set for shipping & handling (in addition to the \$25.00 deposit) to the Architect. Such deposits and payments may be sent prior to June 21, 2006. Documents will be sent to street addresses only (P.O. Boxes not acceptable).

Each bid which totals over \$15,000.00 must be accompanied by a bid bond or other security described here as a proposal guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract if its bid is accepted. This security may be either a certified check, payable to **Minnesota State Colleges and Universities**, in the sum of not less than five percent (5%) of the total base bid or a corporate surety bond for the same amount by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota.

Colleges and Universities, Minnesota State (MnSCU) Rochester Community and Technical College Notice of Request for Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Rochester Community and Technical College requests for bids for the Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment for the new Health Sciences Building.

To receive a copy of the request for bid, plans, and specs., send an e-mail to *june.meitzner@roch.edu* or fax your request to (507) 285-

Bids are due by 4:00 P.M., October 2, 2006 and are to be addressed to June Meitzner, Rochester Community and Technical College 851 30th Ave. SE Rochester, MN 55904 Room EA134.

Late responses will not be considered.

Any questions should be in the form of a RFI and direct to June Meitzner: June.meitzner@roch.edu

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities is not obligated to complete the proposed project and reserves the right to cancel the solicitation.

Minnesota Historical Society

Notice of Request for Proposals for Historic Fort Snelling Re-Roofs and Porch Additions St. Paul, Minnesota

The Minnesota Historical Society is seeking bids from qualified firms to provide all labor, materials, equipment, and supplies to re-roof the Guard House, Shops Building, Hospital, Stone Barracks, Wood Barracks, and Officers' Quarters at Historic Fort Snelling in St. Paul, Minnesota (the Site). A new, historic-reconstructed wood porch will also be added along the parade ground side of the Stone Barracks, Wood Barracks, and Officers' Quarters. The Work consists of the removal of existing roofs down to (but not including) the sheathing and replacing with new, similar roofs; providing a new covered wood porch along the above-mentioned buildings' fronts. The project also includes the removal of the stone fireplaces, hearths, and chimney (but not the foundation) with the replacement of these masonry features in brick in the Guard House only, as well as a lightning protection system, outdoor electrical outlets, and gutters at other designated locations.

The Request for Proposals is available by contacting Mary Green Toussaint, Purchasing Coordinator, Minnesota Historical Society, 345 Kellogg Boulevard West, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102. Telephone: (651) 297-7007; e-mail: mary.green-toussaint@mnhs.org.

There will be a **MANDATORY pre-bid meeting** for all interested parties on Wednesday, September 27, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. Local Time at Historic Fort Snelling's Visitor Center, located at the junction of Minnesota Highways 5 and 55, one mile east of the Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport.

All bids are due no later than **2:00 p.m. Local Time** on **Thursday, October 12, 2006.** A public opening of the proposals will be conducted at that time. Late proposals will not be considered.

Dated: Septembre 18, 2006

State Board of Investment

Official Notice to Retain Money Management Firms to Manage a Portion of the Pension Assets and Other Accounts

The Minnesota State Board of Investment (MSBI) retains private money management firms to manage a portion of the pension assets and other accounts under its control. Firms interested in managing domestic stock, international stock, domestic bond or global bond portfolios for the MSBI are asked to write to the following address for additional information:

External Manager Program
Minnesota State Board of Investment
60 Empire Drive, Suite 355
St. Paul, MN 55103-3555 **Telephone:** (651) 296-3328

Telephone: (651) 296-332 **Fax:** (651) 296-9572

E-mail: minn.sbi@state.mn.us

Please refer to this notice in your written request.

Pollution Control Agency

Request for Proposals for Contractor to Conduct Research, Design Surveys, Analyze Data and Write and Present Reports

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is seeking proposals from consultants/ contractors to provide survey research and design services to the MPCA. The first project under this contract will be to research and understand the previous two Minnesota Report Cards, along with the National Report Card on Environmental Knowledge, Attitudes and Behaviors in order to create and develop a consistent report in 2008; create a coalition of representatives from the environmental and educational fields; develop the questionnaire to be used in the citizen survey; field test the questionnaire for validity and reliability; conduct a random digit dial telephone survey to secure 1,000 Minnesota citizens' responses; analyze the data gathered against previous report cards and by demographics; write *The Third Minnesota Report Card on Environmental Literacy* and submit the document electronically to the agency; and give at least three presentations on the findings to the Environmental Education Advisory Board and two other interested groups.

The MPCA desires to contract with these qualified contractors for services from December 15, 2006 through December 14, 2008, with the option of three one-year extensions. No actual work or payment is guaranteed pursuant to the contract.

The MPCA may contract with multiple contractors. The MPCA reserves the right to limit the number of parties to the contract.

A complete Request for Proposal (RFP) describing the requirements necessary for the contract has been prepared. Requests for the complete RFP document should be directed to:

Martina Cameron Minnesota Pollution Control Agency 520 Lafayette Road North

St. Paul, Minnesota 55155 **Voice:** (651) 296-7755

Fax: (651) 297-7709

E-mail: martina.cameron@pca.state.mn.us

Proposers should submit in writing a list of questions they would like addressed. Questions must be mailed, e-mailed or faxed to Martina Cameron and received by 10:00 a.m. on September 26, 2006.

The deadline for receipt of completed proposals is 10:00 a.m. Monday, October 11, 2006. Proposals should be submitted to the attention of the above MPCA contact person. Late submittals will not be considered.

Dated: August 21, 2006 Rod Massey, Director
Operational Support Division

Department of Public Safety Office of Communications

Notice of Request for Proposal for: Media Buyer

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) is seeking proposals from experienced media buyers to negotiate and administer paid media programs to support the DPS' Office of Traffic Safety law enforcement campaigns and public information and education campaigns. The media buyer will be responsible for negotiating paid media buys (cable, television, radio, print, etc.) in the DPS selected markets in Minnesota as well as statewide per the DPS campaign timings to support a range of traffic safety initiatives. Details are contained in a complete Request for Proposal (RFP) that may be obtained by contacting Sandy Jadwin.

Contact: Sandy Jadwin

Address: Department of Public Safety

Office of Communications 444 Cedar Street, Suite 155 St. Paul, MN 55101-5155 **Telephone:** (651) 201-7575 **Fax:** (651) 215-1111

E-mail: sandy.k.jadwin@state.mn.us

All questions concerning this RFP should be in writing and emailed or faxed to the above address no later than 2:00 p.m. CDT on Friday, September 22, 2006. All answers to questions will be in writing and sent to all entities requesting a complete RFP. Final date for submitting proposals is 2:00 p.m. CDT on Friday, October 6, 2006. Late proposals will not be considered. Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be considered. The estimated total value of the one-year contract is \$1.2 million. The Department of Public Safety will retain an option to extend the contract for three additional one-year periods. The value of the contract for each subsequent year is estimated to be \$1 million but may be adjusted each year based on federal funding availability at that time.

Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety

Notice of Request for Proposals for a Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) is requesting proposals from experienced prosecutors to act as a resource to all prosecutors in order to effectively prosecute traffic safety violations:

- · Operating under the influence or while impaired by alcohol or a controlled substance
- Vehicular homicide
- · Vehicle crashes involving personal injuries and deaths
- · Operating on a suspended or revoked license

Details are contained in a complete Request for Proposals (RFP) which may be obtained by contacting Barb Johnson directly by mail, fax, or e-mail, as stated below:

Office of Traffic Safety 444 Cedar Street, Suite 150, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-5150

Fax: (651) 297-4844

E-mail: barb.johnson@state.mn.us

All questions concerning this RFP should be emailed to Barb Johnson at the above e-mail address and be received no later then 2:00 PM Central Daylight Time on Friday, September 22, 2006. Answers to questions will be in writing and are anticipated to be emailed to all entities requesting a complete RFP by the end of the workday on Monday, September 25, 2006.

Contract is anticipated to begin on November 15, 2006 and end on September 30, 2007. The OTS will retain an option to extend the contract for up to four additional one-year periods with the consent of the contractor. The value of the contract for subsequent years may be adjusted.

Final date for submitting proposals is 2:00 PM Central Daylight Time on Friday, October 6, 2006. Late proposals will not be considered. Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be considered.

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 expenses incurred in responding to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder.

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.

Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT)

Request for Proposal (RFP) for Asbestos and Regulated Waste Certified List Program

The State of Minnesota through its Department of Transportation requests proposals to provide services in the following categories:

Category 1 Asbestos and Regulated Waste Assessment and Oversight

Category 2 Asbestos Abatement and Lead Paint Stabilization

Category 3 Regulated Waste Removal Services

Mn/DOT will use these services on an as-needed basis, and not all successful responders will be authorized for all the services described above. The Certified List Program is not a guarantee of an assignment since the use of services will depend upon the availability of funding for the program at the time the work is required.

This program will be a Certified List Program consisting of firms that have been pre-approved to perform the above work. Firms may apply for any or all of the work categories. The term of this program is two years with three one-year extension options.

Once the Program is established, Mn/DOT may directly select firms from the Certified List for specific projects with costs up to \$100,000. This program is limited to contracts less than \$100,001.00.

Responses to this advertisement become public information under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. This request does not obligate the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation to complete the work contemplated in this notice, and Mn/DOT reserves the right to cancel this request for proposal. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice shall be borne by the responder. The full RFP document can be downloaded from Mn/DOT's Consultant Services Web Page at http://www.dot.state.mn.us/consult/ under the Professional Technical Notices Section.

NOTE: PROPOSALS WILL BE DUE ON OCTOBER 19, 2006 BY 2:00 P.M. CENTRAL TIME. LATE PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Non-State Contracts & Grants

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Metropolitan Council

Notice of Request for Proposals (RFP) for Implementation of ECMS (Electronic Content Management System)

Contract Number 06P112

The Metropolitan Council is soliciting proposals for an Electronic Content Management System to be used across the organization, implementation support for two pilot projects and ongoing support for implemented solutions.

Issue RFPSeptember 13, 2006Proposals DueOctober 5, 2006Selection of FirmOctober 2006

Firms interested in providing these services should request a copy of the RFP from the contact listed below:

Sunny Jo Emerson, Senior Administrative Assistant,

Contracts and Procurement Unit

Metropolitan Council 390 Robert Street North St. Paul, MN 55101 **Phone:** (651) 602-1499

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E-mail: sunnyjo.emerson@metc.state.mn.us

Metropolitan Council

Notice of Solicitation for MCES Electrical Maintenance Services Contract 06P087

The Metropolitan Council of the seven-county area of the twin cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota intends to solicit bids to provide electrical maintenance services for its Environmental Services division (MCES) in September 2006. The services will be provided at five MCES wastewater treatment facilities located in the twin cities metropolitan area with a combined wastewater flow on the order of 200 million gallons per day and a combined electrical load on the order of 20 megawatts.

The scope of services is expected to include the maintenance of electrical distribution equipment such as automatic and manual transfer switches, substations, switchgear, transformers and cables up to 15kV, distribution panelboards, feeders, busducts and transformers, ground fault protection systems, and motor control centers. Services will be provided for an initial period of three years, with two additional one-year options.

The solicitation process will include a prequalification requirement to identify contractors with previous experience in the successful performance of these services. Prequalified contractors will be invited to submit a bid for the services.

A tentative schedule for this project is shown below.

Issue Invitation for PrequalificationSeptember 2006Identify Prequalified ContractorsOctober 2006Issue Invitation for BidOctober 2006Receive BidsNovember 2006Execute contract with successful bidderDecember 2006Begin ServicesJanuary 2007

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All firms interested in being considered for this project and desiring to receive further information are invited to submit a request to:

Harriet Simmons Metropolitan Council 390 North Robert Street St. Paul, MN 55101 **Phone:** (651) 602-1086

Fax: (651) 602-1138

E-mail: harriet.simmons@metc.state.mn.us

Stearns County

Notice of Request for Proposal (RFP) for Engineering and Planning Consulting Services for the 33rd Street South Corridor from Stearns CSAH 75 to Just West of TH 15

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Stearns County, MN is requesting proposals to complete alternative scoping, state/federal environmental review and official mapping for the 33rd Street South corridor from Stearns CSAH 75 to just west of TH 15.

The goal of this project is that a scoping process, Environmental Assessment/Environmental Assessment Worksheet and preliminary design be completed to evaluate alternatives for existing 33rd Street South: Stearns CSAH 75 to just west of TH 15 and alternatives for a proposed at-grade/grade separated access at TH 15 and 33rd Street South. as mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Minnesota Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) guidance. An official map will be surveyed and filed to assist in protecting the preferred alternative from development.

The following is the anticipated solicitation schedule:

Issue Request for Proposals September 18, 2006

Receive Proposals 4:00 PM, Friday, October 6, 2006

Award of Contract November 2006

All firms interested in receiving a RFP may contact:

Mr. Scott Mareck, AICP

St. Cloud Area Planning Organization

1040 County Road 4

St. Cloud, Minnesota 56303

Phone: (320) 252-7568

E-mail: mareck@stcloudapo.org

An electronic copy of the RFP can also be obtained on the St. Cloud Area Planning Organization website (www.stcloudapo.org)

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