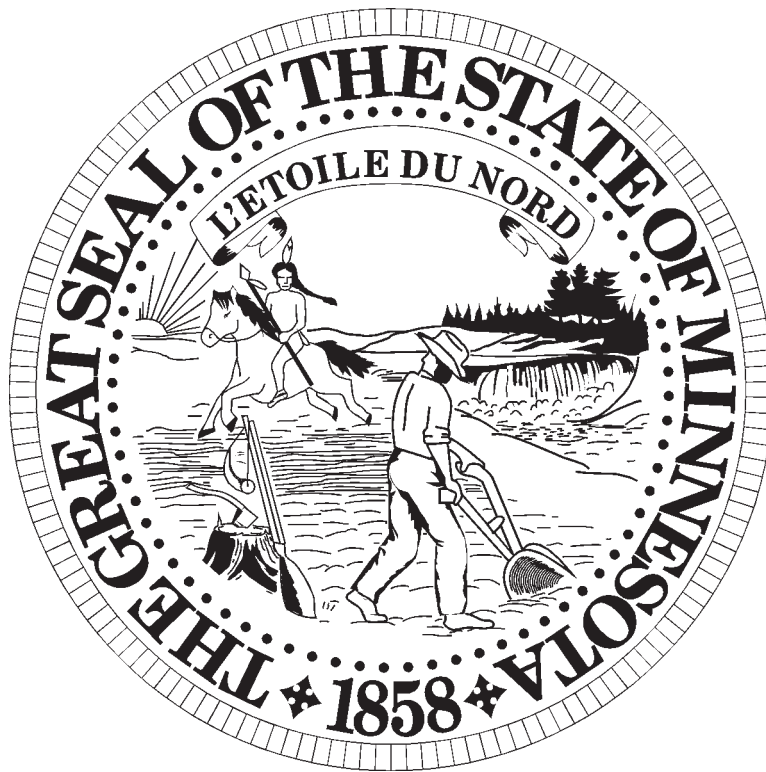


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Department of Education

Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Infant and Toddler Intervention Services

The rules proposed and published at *State Register*, Volume 31, Number 44, pages 1473-1476, April 30, 2007 (31 SR 1473), are adopted with the following modifications:

3525.1350 INFANT AND TODDLER INTERVENTION SERVICES.

Subp. 2. **Criteria for birth through two years of age.** The team shall determine that a child from birth through the age of two years is eligible for infant and toddler intervention services if:

B. the child meets one of the criteria for developmental delay in subitem (1) or the criteria in subitem (2):

(1) the child has a diagnosed physical or mental condition or disorder that has a high probability of resulting in developmental delay regardless of whether the child has a demonstrated need or delay; or

Subp. 3. **Criteria for three through six years of age.** The team shall determine that a child from the age of three years through the age of six years is eligible for special education when:

A. the child meets the criteria of one of the categorical disabilities in *United States Code*, title 20, chapter 33, sections 1400 et seq., as defined in *Minnesota Rules*; or

Subp. 4. **Evaluation.** The evaluation used to determine whether a child is eligible for infant and toddler intervention services must be conducted within the timelines established in *Code of Federal Regulations*, title 34, part 303. It must be based on informed clinical opinion; must be multidisciplinary in nature, involving two or more disciplines or professions; and must be conducted by personnel trained to utilize appropriate methods and procedures. The evaluation must include:

Subp. 5. **Transition.** The service coordinator provided for in *Minnesota Statutes*, section 125A.33, must facilitate transition from infant and toddler intervention services before the child's third birthday. The IFSP must include steps to determine and document eligibility for ~~early childhood~~ special education, and steps to support the transition of the child to ~~early childhood~~ special education under *United States Code*, title 20, chapter 33, sections 1411 et seq., and *Code of Federal Regulations*, title 34, part 300, or to other appropriate community-based services that may be available.

A. For a child who may be eligible for ~~early childhood~~ special education services under *United States Code*, title 20, chapter 33, sections 1411 et seq., and *Code of Federal Regulations*, title 34, part 300, the service coordinator must, with the approval of the family of the child, convene a conference between the family, the local educational agency, and communitybased service providers to discuss services that the child may receive under *United States Code*, title 20, chapter 33, sections 1411 et seq., and *Code of Federal Regulations*, title 34, part 300. The conference must be held not less than 90 days, and, at the discretion of all the parties, not more than nine months, before the child is eligible for the preschool services.

B. For a child who may not be eligible for ~~early childhood~~ special education services under *United States Code*, title 20, chapter 33, sections 1411 et seq., and *Code of Federal Regulations*, title 34, part 300, the service coordinator must, with the approval of the family, take reasonable steps, to convene a conference between the family, the lead agency, and community based service providers to discuss appropriate services that the child may receive after exiting infant and toddler intervention services.

Board of Teaching

Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Teachers of Science Endorsement Licensure By Examination

The rules proposed and published at *State Register*, Volume 31, Number 39, pages 1315-1317, March 26, 2007 (31 SR 1315), are adopted as proposed.

Executive Orders

The governor has the authority to issue written statements or orders, called Executive Orders, as well as Emergency Executive Orders. The governor's authority is specified in the *Constitution of the State of Minnesota*, Article V, and in *Minnesota Statutes* § 4.035. Emergency Executive Orders, for protection from an imminent threat to health and safety, become effective immediately, are filed with the secretary of state, and published in the *State Register* as soon as possible after they are issued. Other Executive Orders become effective 15 days after publication in the *State Register* and filing with the secretary of state. Unless otherwise specified, an executive order expires 90 days after the date the governor who issued the order vacates office.

Office of the Governor

Executive Order # 07-15: Designating the Statewide Radio Board as the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee

I, TIM PAWLENTY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable laws, including *Minnesota Statutes* 2006, Section 12.21, Subdivision 3, do hereby issue this executive order:

WHEREAS, communication between emergency first responders, emergency management personnel and other vital emergency services is an essential element in the ability of federal, state and local governments to respond effectively during an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communication Commission ("FCC") has provided for the creation of a Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee ("SIEC") within each state to administer wireless public safety communication interoperability resources; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Safety is charged with coordinating public safety resources within the state, chairs the Statewide Radio Board, and is otherwise responsible for coordinating existing public safety communication resources; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, the FCC assigned the SIEC responsibilities to the Region 22 700 MHz Regional Planning Committee, because the state did not specifically identify an alternative agency to administer the federal responsibilities on behalf of the state; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Statewide Radio Board is the entity authorized in Minnesota statutes to coordinate the integration of the statewide, shared radio and communication system among regions, adjoining states, federal entities, and to the extent permitted by law, with Canadian public safety entities; and

WHEREAS, the Region 22 700 MHz Regional Planning Committee has indicated its concurrence and willingness to transfer the SIEC responsibilities to the Statewide Radio Board as the entity best suited to serve as the state SIEC and to coordinate all aspects of public safety interoperable communications between all levels of governmental and private entities.

WHEREAS, there also needs to be coordination between federal, state, local and tribal public safety agencies in planning to replace the public safety communication infrastructure within the state, and it is beneficial for the state to develop standard operating procedures for public safety communications that promote the highest level of communications interoperability between federal, state, local and tribal public safety agencies and personnel; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I do hereby order that:

1. The Statewide Radio Board created under *Minnesota Statutes* 2006, Section 403.36 is nominated as the Minnesota's Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC).
 - a. The Statewide Radio Board will request FCC to assign the responsibilities of the SIEC to the Statewide Radio Board from the Region 22 700 MHz Regional Planning Committee.
 - b. The commissioner of public safety will take whatever action may be necessary to ensure that the Statewide Radio Board is able to fulfill the responsibilities as Minnesota's SIEC.
2. The Statewide Radio Board shall have the following additional responsibilities as Minnesota's SIEC:
 - a. To develop and maintain a statewide plan for local and private public safety communications interoperability that integrates with the Minnesota Emergency Operation Plan ("MEOP").
 - b. To develop and adopt guidelines and operational standards for local and private public safety communications interoperability within Minnesota;

- c. To promote coordination and cooperation among local, state, federal and tribal public safety agencies in addressing statewide public safety communications interoperability within Minnesota;
- d. To advise the Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and the Homeland Security Advisory Committee on public safety communications interoperability and upon the allocation of homeland security funding and other funding that may be available for supporting public safety communications interoperability.
- e. To the extent permitted by federal law, FCC regulations and the National Institute of Technology Administration, to develop guidelines and standards for the use of interoperability frequencies on all frequency spectrums assigned to public safety users.
- f. To the extent permitted by state law, federal law and treaties with Canada, develop guidelines and standards that support interoperability with adjoining states and with provinces of Canada along Minnesota's northern border.

3. In fulfilling these responsibilities the Commissioner of Public Safety should seek input and participation from federal, local and tribal public safety officials, including emergency management officials within the state and ensure that all regions of the state are represented.

Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* 2006, Section 4.035, Subd. 2, this Order shall be effective fifteen (15) days after publication in the *State Register* and filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with *Minnesota Statutes* 2006, 4.035, subdivision 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 2nd day of October, 2007.

Signed: TIM PAWLENTY
Governor

Filed According to Law:

Signed: MARK RITCHIE
Secretary of State

Office of the Governor

Executive Order # 07-16: Providing for Workforce Planning in State Government

I, TIM PAWLENTY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Minnesota laws do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, the number of state employees retiring annually has increased by 32% over the last five years; and

WHEREAS, approximately twenty percent of state workers will reach the average age of retirement, 61, over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, approximately thirty-nine percent of state workers will reach the age of 61 over the next ten years; and

WHEREAS, the availability of skilled workers is projected to decrease in coming years due to multiple factors resulting in increased competition for talent within the labor market; and

WHEREAS, state government must be able to attract and retain qualified workers from a shrinking workforce pool and increase productivity through the analysis of business processes and effective use of technology; and

WHEREAS, state government needs to conduct workforce planning to eliminate key gaps and shortages in human capital and effectively deploy human capital across all state agencies so they possess the capabilities critical for successfully carrying out their missions now and in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

Executive Orders

1. The Commissioner of Employee Relations develop, implement and maintain a State Workforce Planning process including:
 - a. A State Policy on Workforce Planning to guide workforce planning activities within state agencies;
 - b. Training and resources to assist agency staff with workforce planning activities; and
 - c. Development and implementation of strategies to address key human capital issues identified through the workforce planning process.

2. Commissioners and the heads of state agencies will implement workforce planning processes within their agencies pursuant to the State Policy on Workforce Planning developed by the Commissioner of Employee Relations.

3. The Commissioner of Employee Relations will monitor and track agency workforce planning to ensure that critical issues are identified and addressed and that workforce plans are updated on an annual basis.

Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* 2006, Section 4.035, Subdivision 2, this Executive Order will be effective fifteen (15) days after publication in the *State Register* and filing with the Secretary of State and will remain in effect, in accordance with *Minnesota Statutes* 2006, section 4.035, subdivision 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 2nd day of October, 2007.

Signed: TIM PAWLENTY
Governor

Filed According to Law:

Signed: MARK RITCHIE
Secretary of State

Commissioners' Orders

Various agency commissioners are authorized to issue "commissioner's orders" on specified activities governed by their agency's enabling laws. See the *Minnesota Statutes* governing each agency to determine the specific applicable statutes. Commissioners' orders are approved by assistant attorneys general as to form and execution and published in the *State Register*. These commissioners orders are compiled in the year-end subject matter index for each volume of the *State Register*.

Department of Natural Resources

Commissioner's Scientific and Natural Area Order # 188: Blaine Airport Rich Fen Scientific and Natural Area

WHEREAS, certain lands in Anoka County, Minnesota, described as:

That part of the South Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 31 North, Range 23 West, Anoka County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the northeast corner of said South Half of the Northeast Quarter and based on bearings oriented to the Anoka County Coordinate System in which the east line of the Southeast Quarter of Section 28, T31, R23 bears North 00 degrees 38 minutes 28 seconds East; thence South 00 degrees 47 minutes 31 seconds West 116.62 feet along the east line of said South Half of the Northeast Quarter to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 87 degrees 03 minutes 35 seconds West 129.94 feet; thence North 00 degrees 09 minutes 03 seconds West 91.07 feet; thence North 33 degrees 51 minutes 56 seconds West 25.27 feet to the north line of said South Half of the Northeast Quarter; thence North 89 degrees 10 minutes 25 seconds West 1888 feet, more or less, along the north line of said South Half of the Northeast Quarter to the easterly right-of-way line of County State Aid Highway No. 52; thence South 05 degrees 29 minutes 41 seconds West 1107.72 feet along said easterly right-of-way line; thence North 82 degrees 08 minutes 36 seconds East 562.11 feet; thence North 89 degrees 19 minutes 32 seconds East 1527.99 feet to the westerly right-of-way line of County Road No. 105 (aka Naples Street); thence northerly a distance of 32.49 feet along a non-tangential curve concave to the northwest having a radius of 260.00 feet, a central angle of 22 degrees 02 minutes 13 seconds, and the chord of said curve is 32.47 feet in length and bears North 04 degrees 22 minutes 19 seconds East; thence North 00 degrees 47 minutes 31 seconds East 100.00 feet tangent to the last described curve along said westerly right-of-way line; thence North 89 degrees 12 minutes 29 seconds East to the east line of said South Half of the Northeast Quarter; thence North 00 degrees 47 minutes 31 seconds East 730 feet, more or less, along said east line to the point of beginning.

Containing 47.6 acres, more or less, is under a conservation easement held by the Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, such lands contain rich fen and known occurrences of the state listed species: *Platanthera flava* (tuberclad rein-orchid), *Viola lanceolata* (lance-leaved violet), and *Juncus marginatus* (marginated rush);
and

WHEREAS, the most effective means by which such lands can be protected and perpetuated in their natural state and used for educational and research purposes in such a manner as will leave them conserved for future generations is by designation as a Scientific and Natural Area;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mark Holsten, Commissioner of Natural Resources, pursuant to authority vested in me by *Minnesota Statutes* §§ 84.033, 86A.05, subd. 5, 97A.093 and other applicable laws, do hereby designate the above-described lands as the Blaine Airport Rich Fen Scientific and Natural Area.

FURTHERMORE, the Blaine Airport Rich Fen Scientific and Natural Area is designated as a Research unit, whose use is limited to programs conducted by qualified scientists and college graduate and post graduate students by special permit only.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the provisions of *Minnesota Rules* 6136.0100 through 6136.0600 shall apply to the above-designated area.

A copy of this order shall be filed with the Secretary of State.

Dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, this 27th day of June, 2007.

MARK HOLSTEN, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

Commissioner's Orders

Department of Natural Resources

Commissioner's Scientific and Natural Area Order # 189: Sand Lake Peatland Scientific and Natural Area

WHEREAS, certain lands in Lake County, Minnesota, described as:

Parcel #1:

The Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4 SE1/4), Section 22, Township 59 North, Range 11 West;
AND

Parcel #2:

That part of the following described land beyond two lines drawn parallel with and distant 200 feet to the right and 200 feet to the left of the centerline of the Cliffs Erie Railroad:

Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE 1/4 NW 1/4),
AND

Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE 1/4 SW 1/4),
ALL IN Section 34, Township 59 North, Range 11 West;
AND

That part of the following described land beyond two lines drawn parallel with and distant 200 feet to the right and 200 feet to the left of the centerline of the Cliffs Erie Railroad:

Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW 1/4 NE 1/4),
AND

Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4 NW 1/4),
AND

Northeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter (NE 1/4 NW 1/4),
ALL IN Section 33, Township 59 North, Range 11 West;
AND

Parcel No 3.

Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW1/4 SW 1/4) in Section 10, Township 59 North, Range 11 West;
AND

Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4 SE1/4), Section 15, Township 59 North, Range 11 West;
AND

Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4 NW1/4), Section 26, Township 59 North, Range 11 West;
are under the control and possession of the Department of Natural Resources;
and

WHEREAS, such lands contain or help protect ecologically significant peatland featuring ribbed fens, raised bogs, created raised bogs, Schlenke (bog pools), and eskers, providing habitat for a variety of plants and animals including *Aegolius funereus* (boreal owl), *Platanthera clavellata* (club-spur orchid), *Carex exilis* (costal sedge), *Carex michauxiana* (Michaux's sedge), *Drosera anglica* (English sundew), *Rhynchospora fusca* (sooty-colored beak-rush), and *Juncus stygius* (bog rush);
and

WHEREAS, the most effective means by which such lands can be protected and perpetuated in their natural state and used for educational and research purposes in such a manner as will leave them conserved for future generations is by designation as a Scientific and Natural Area;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mark Holsten, Commissioner of Natural Resources, pursuant to authority vested in me by *Minnesota Statutes*

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§§ 84.033, 86A.05, subd. 5, 97A.093 and other applicable laws, do hereby designate the above-described lands as an addition to the Sand Lake Peatland Scientific and Natural Area established by *Minnesota Statutes* § 84.036.

FURTHERMORE, the Sand Lake Peatland Scientific and Natural Area is designated as a Public Use unit, open to the public for nature observation and general educational and research activities.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the provisions of *Minnesota Rules* 6136.0100 through 6136.0600 shall apply to the above-designated area, except that hunting, fishing, trapping, and motorized travel as provided for in *Minnesota Statutes* § 84.035 are allowed.

A copy of this order shall be filed with the Secretary of State.

Dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, this 27th day of June, 2007.

MARK HOLSTEN, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

Department of Natural Resources Commissioner's Scientific and natural Area Order # 190: Agassiz Dunes Scientific and Natural Area; Superseding Scientific and Natural Area Order # 18

WHEREAS, certain lands in Norman and Polk Counties, Minnesota, described as:

In Township One Hundred Fortysix (146) North, Range Fortyfour (44) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Norman County, Minnesota, part of Government Lot Three (3), described as:

Beginning at a point on the North line of Section 6 of said Township and Range, said point being distant 1374.0 feet East of the Northwest corner of said Section 6; thence South 2° 30' East 1312.5 feet to the South line of said Government Lot 3; thence East a distance of 1147.6 feet to the Southeast corner thereof; thence northerly along the East line of said Government Lot 3 to the Northeast corner thereof, the same being the quarter corner on the North line of Section 6; thence South 89° 41' West 1210.0 feet along said section line to the point of beginning, containing 35.10 acres.

And that part of Government Lot Four (4), also described as the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼ NW ¼) of Section Five (5), and that part of Government Lots One (1) and Two (2), also being described as the North Half of the Northeast Quarter (N ½ NE ¼) of Section Six (6), and that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW ¼ NE ¼) of Section Six (6), all described as follows in Township One Hundred Fortysix (146) North of Range Fortyfour (44) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian described as follows:

Beginning at the quarter corner in the North line of said Section Six (6), the same being the Northwest corner of said Government Lot Two (2); thence Southerly along said quarter line to the Southwest corner of Government Lot Two (2); thence South 1° 00' West along said quarter line, a distance of 770.0 feet; thence North 86° 45' East a distance of 1287.3 feet; thence North 1° 04' West 1059.1 feet; thence South 84° 46' East 1572.1 feet; thence North 47° 00' East 296.8 feet; thence North 19° 25' East 536.6 feet; thence North 85° 56' East 704.5 feet; thence North 2° 56' East 335.3 feet to a point in the North line of Government Lot Four (4) of said Section Five (5), distant 41.1 feet West from the Northeast corner of said Government Lot Four (4); thence Westerly along the North line of said Section Five (5), a distance of 1280.8 feet to the Northwest corner of Section Five (5); thence Westerly along the North line of Section Six (6) to the point of beginning, containing 106.95 acres, more or less.

And in Township One Hundred Fortyseven (147) North of Range Fortyfour (44) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Polk County, Minnesota, that part of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section Thirtyone (31), described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the section line common to Sections 31 and 32, distant 243.7 feet South of the quarter corner; thence South 83° 53' West 770.0 feet; thence South 2° 17' East 564.0 feet; thence North 88° 23' East 210.0 feet; thence South 3° 37' East 578.0 feet; thence South 75° 03' West 1264.0 feet; thence South 2° 57' East 226.0 feet; thence South 86° 03' West 636.0 feet; thence North 1° 03' East 208.0 feet; thence North 67° 57'

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West 345.0 feet; thence North 87° 57' West 14.7 feet to a point on the North and South quarter line in Section 31; thence South 0° 29' West along said quarter line 970.6 feet to the south line of Section 31; thence Easterly along said Section line to the Southeast corner of Section 31; thence Northerly along the Section line common to said Sections 31 and 32 a distance of 2439.7 feet to a point of beginning, containing 76.13 acres.

And in Township One Hundred Fortyseven (147) North of Range Fortyfour (44) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian in Polk County, Minnesota, all of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼ SW ¼), Section Thirtytwo (32); that part of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter (W ½ NE ¼) and the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW ¼ SE ¼), Section Thirtytwo (32), described as follows:

Beginning at the quarter section corner common to Sections 29 and 32 of said Township and Range; thence Easterly, bearing South 89° 54' East along the section line between Sections 29 and 32, 472.4 feet; thence South 0° 37' West 3921.2 feet; thence North 89° 22' West 447.3 feet to a point on the NorthSouth quarter line in said Section 32; thence Northerly along said quarter line to the point of beginning, containing 41.40 acres; and that part of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter (E ½ NW ¼) and the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section Thirtytwo (32) described as follows: Beginning at the quarter corner common to Sections 29 and 32 of said Township and Range; thence Westerly, bearing South 89° 55' West along the Section line a distance of 485.0 feet; thence South 8° 03' West 1324.0 feet; thence South 39° 03' West 392.2 feet; thence South 35° 13' West 546.0 feet; thence South 5° 13' West 760.0 feet; thence South 84° 13' West 550.0 feet; thence South 12° 13' West 282.0 feet; thence South 80° 13' West 480.0 feet; thence North 35° 47' West 432.0 feet to the section line between Sections 32 and 31 of said Township and Range, distant 243.7 feet South of the quarter corner; thence Southerly along said Section line 1098.0 feet to the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW ¼ SW ¼) of said Section 32; thence Easterly along the South line of said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW ¼ SW ¼) to the Southeast corner thereof; thence North 0° 32' East 68.9 feet; thence South 89° 22' East 1314.2 feet to the NorthSouth quarter line in said Section 32; thence Northerly along said quarter line to the point of beginning, containing 117.82 acres.

and

WHEREAS, such lands contain undisturbed oak savanna and dry prairie communities maintaining themselves under prevailing natural conditions typical of Minnesota, and the habitat supporting the following rare, endangered, or restricted *plants and animals*: *Carex obtusata* (*obtusate sedge*), *Lygodesmia rostrata* (*a composite*), *Orobanche ludoviciana* (one flowered cancer root), *Antennaria aprica* (*pussy-toes*), and *Bartramia longicanda* (*upland sandpiper*);

and

WHEREAS, such lands also contain significant geological features known as the Glacial Lake Agassiz beach ridge and a wind composite (sand dunes) feature; and are within the Red River Valley Landscape Region;

and

WHEREAS, the most effective means by which such lands can be protected and perpetuated in their natural state and used for educational and research purposes in such a manner as will leave them conserved for future generations is by designation as a Scientific and Natural Area;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mark Holsten, Commissioner of Natural Resources, pursuant to authority vested in me by Minn. Stat. §§ 84.033, 86A.05, subd. 5, 97A.093 and other applicable laws, do hereby designate the above-described lands as the Agassiz Dunes Scientific and Natural Area, so long as such lands or any part thereof remain under lease by the Department of Natural Resources.

FURTHERMORE, the Agassiz Dunes Scientific and Natural Area is designated as a Public Use unit, open to the public for nature observation and general educational and research activities.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Scientific and Natural Area Order no. 18 is hereby superseded.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the provisions of *Minnesota Rules* 6136.0100 through 6136.0600 shall apply to the above-designated area.

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A copy of this order shall be filed with the Secretary of State.

Dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, this 27th day of June, 2007.

MARK HOLSTEN, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

Department of Natural Resources Commissioner's Scientific and Natural Area Order # 191: Englund Ecotone Scientific and Natural Area

WHEREAS, certain lands in Benton County, Minnesota, described as:

The Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section 13, Township 37 North, Range 31 West.

Containing 160 acres, more or less, is under the control and possession of the Department of Natural Resources as a result of a landowner donation; and

WHEREAS, such lands contain pin oak-bur oak woodland, sedge meadow and dry barrens oak savanna and habitat for rare plant species, including *Rubus vermontanus* (Vermont blackberry), *Rubus wheeleri* (Wheeler's blackberry), *Linaria canadensis* (old field toadflax), and *Cypripedium candidum* (small white lady's slipper);

and

WHEREAS, the most effective means by which such lands can be protected and perpetuated in their natural state and used for educational and research purposes in such a manner as will leave them conserved for future generations is by designation as a Scientific and Natural Area;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mark Holsten, Commissioner of Natural Resources, pursuant to authority vested in me by Minn. Stat. §§ 84.033, 86A.05, subd. 5, 97A.093 and other applicable laws, do hereby designate the above-described lands as the Englund Ecotone Scientific and Natural Area.

FURTHERMORE, the Englund Ecotone Scientific and Natural Area is designated as a Public Use unit, open to the public for nature observation and general educational and research activities.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the provisions of Minn. Rules 6136.0100 through 6136.0600 shall apply to the above-designated area, except that the area shall be open to deer hunting on such occasions and with such limitations as the Commissioner determines are necessary to ensure proper management of deer populations.

A copy of this order shall be filed with the Secretary of State.

Dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, this 27th day of June, 2007.

MARK HOLSTEN, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

Department of Natural Resources Commissioner's Scientific and Natural Area Order # 192: Hastings Sand Coulee Scientific and Natural Area

WHEREAS, certain lands in Dakota County, Minnesota, described as:

The West Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 114 North, Range 17 West, EXCEPTING THEREFROM all that part

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of the West Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 114 North, Range 17 West, lying Northerly and Easterly of State Trunk Highway Number 316.

Containing 76.66, more or less, acres is under the control and possession of the Department of Natural Resources;
and

WHEREAS, such lands contain sand-gravel prairie and habitat for rare plant and animal species including *Hesperia leonardus* (leonardus skipper), *Coluber constrictor* (blue racer), *Pituophis catenifer* (gopher snake), *Polanisia jamesii* (James' polanisia), *Orobancha fasciculata* (clustered broomrape), *Aristida tuberculosa* (sea-beach needle grass), and *Hieracium longipilum* (bearded hawkweed); and

WHEREAS, the most effective means by which such lands can be protected and perpetuated in their natural state and used for educational and research purposes in such a manner as will leave them conserved for future generations is by designation as a Scientific and Natural Area;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mark Holsten, Commissioner of Natural Resources, pursuant to authority vested in me by *Minnesota Statutes* §§ 84.033, 86A.05, subd. 5, 97A.093 and other applicable laws, do hereby designate the above-described lands as the Hastings Sand Coulee Scientific and Natural Area.

FURTHERMORE, the Hastings Sand Coulee Scientific and Natural Area is designated as a Public Use unit, open to the public for nature observation and general educational and research activities.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the provisions of *Minnesota Rules* 6136.0100 through 6136.0600 shall apply to the above-designated area.

A copy of this order shall be filed with the Secretary of State.

Dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, this 27th day of June, 2007.

MARK HOLSTEN, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

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Commissioner's Scientific and Natural Area Order # 193: St. Wendel Tamarack Bog Scientific and Natural Area

WHEREAS, certain lands in Stearns County, Minnesota, described as:

That part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4 NE1/4), Section 16, Township 125 North, Range 29 West, lying North of the centerline of County Road No. 4 as constructed and traveled on 2/14/2006; LESS AND EXCEPT the West 533.95 feet thereof.

AND

The South Half of the Southeast Quarter and the North Half of the Southwest Quarter, Section 16, Township 125 North, Range 29 West.

AND

Section 9:

The Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter;
The Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter;
The Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter;
The Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter;

Section 15:

The Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter;

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Section 16:

The Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter;
The Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter;
The Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter;
The Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter;
The Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter;
The Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter;
All of the above parcels lying in Township 125 North, Range 29 West.
Containing 586.5 acres, more or less, is under the control and jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources;
and

WHEREAS, such lands contain high quality minerotrophic tamarack swamp, mixed hardwood swamp, willow swamp, sedge meadow, and habitat for rare species;
and

WHEREAS, the most effective means by which such lands can be protected and perpetuated in their natural state and used for educational and research purposes in such a manner as will leave them conserved for future generations is by designation as a Scientific and Natural Area;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mark Holsten, Commissioner of Natural Resources, pursuant to authority vested in me by Minn. Stat. §§ 84.033, 86A.05, subd. 5, 97A.093 and other applicable laws, do hereby designate the above-described lands as the St. Wendel Tamarack Bog Scientific and Natural Area.

FURTHERMORE, the St Wendel Tamarack Bog Scientific and Natural Area is designated as a Public Use unit, open to the public for nature observation and general educational and research activities.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the provisions of Minn. Rules 6136.0100 through 6136.0600 shall apply to the above-designated area, except that the area shall be open to hunting.

A copy of this order shall be filed with the Secretary of State.

Dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, this 27th day of June, 2007.

MARK HOLSTEN, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

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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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Department of Agriculture

Minnesota Rural Finance Authority

Notice of Public Hearing on the Issuance of an Agricultural Development Revenue Bond Under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 41C on Behalf of Kerry and Tiffany Rindels, Bristol Township, Fillmore County

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on November 5, 2007, at 9:00 A.M., Department of Agriculture Building, Agricultural Finance Division, 625 Robert Street North, Saint Paul, Minnesota, on a proposal that the Minnesota Rural Finance Authority (the Authority) issue its revenue bond under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 41C, in order to finance the construction of a 1,200 head wean to finish hog barn located 11 miles SW of Preston, MN on Highway 12 which turns into Highway 9, then east on 160th Street 1/2 mile; Section 6, Bristol Township, Fillmore County, Minnesota on behalf of Kerry and Tiffany Rindels, (the Borrower/s).

The maximum aggregate face amount of the proposed bond issue is \$250,000.00. The revenue bond will be a limited obligation of the Authority, payable solely from the revenue pledged to the payment thereof. No holder of such revenue bond will ever have the right to compel any exercise of the taxing power of the State of Minnesota to pay the bond or the interest thereon, nor to enforce payment against any property of the Authority or the State of Minnesota, except the revenues specifically pledged to the payment thereof. Before issuing the revenue bond, the Authority will enter into an agreement with the Borrower whereby the Borrower will be obligated to make payments at least sufficient at all times to pay the principal of and interest on such revenue bond when due.

All persons interested may appear and be heard at the time and place set forth above, or may file written comments with the Executive Director of the Authority prior to the date of the hearing set forth above.

Dated: October 3, 2007

Jim Boerboom
RFA Director

Department of Agriculture**Minnesota Rural Finance Authority****Notice of Public Hearing on the Issuance of an Agricultural Development Revenue Bond Under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 41C on Behalf of Philip Schmidt, Alden Township, Freeborn County**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on November 5, 2007, at 9:00 A.M., Department of Agriculture Building, Agricultural Finance Division, 625 Robert Street North, Saint Paul, Minnesota, on a proposal that the Minnesota Rural Finance Authority (the Authority) issue its revenue bond under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 41C, in order to finance the construction of a cattle facility located three miles SW of Alden, MN on 200th St.; Section 16, Alden Township, Freeborn County, Minnesota on behalf of Philip Schmidt, (the Borrower/s).

The maximum aggregate face amount of the proposed bond issue is \$149,999.00. The revenue bond will be a limited obligation of the Authority, payable solely from the revenue pledged to the payment thereof. No holder of such revenue bond will ever have the right to compel any exercise of the taxing power of the State of Minnesota to pay the bond or the interest thereon, nor to enforce payment against any property of the Authority or the State of Minnesota, except the revenues specifically pledged to the payment thereof. Before issuing the revenue bond, the Authority will enter into an agreement with the Borrower whereby the Borrower will be obligated to make payments at least sufficient at all times to pay the principal of and interest on such revenue bond when due.

All persons interested may appear and be heard at the time and place set forth above, or may file written comments with the Executive Director of the Authority prior to the date of the hearing set forth above.

Dated: October 3, 2007

Jim Boerboom
RFA Director

Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board**Notice of Completed Application in the Matter of the License Application of the Rock County Ambulance, Luverne, Minnesota**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (hereinafter EMSRB) has received a completed application from **Rock County Ambulance, Luverne, Minnesota**, for a new license, advanced ambulance – part time.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, sec. 144E.11, subd. 3, each municipality, county, community health board, governing body of a regional emergency medical services system, ambulance service and other person wishing to make recommendations concerning the disposition of the application, shall make written recommendations or comments opposing the application to the EMSRB within 30 days or by November 8, 2007, 4:30 p.m.

Written recommendations or comments opposing the application should be sent to:

Mary Hedges, Executive Director
EMSRB
2829 University Avenue S.E., Suite 310
Minneapolis
Minnesota 55414-3222

If fewer than six comments opposing the application are received during the comment period, and the EMSRB approves the application, the applicant will be exempt from a contested case hearing, pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, sec. 144E.11, subd. 4. If six or more comments in opposition to the application are received during the comment period or the EMSRB denies the application, the applicant may immediately request a contested case hearing, or may try to resolve the objections of the public and/or the EMSRB within

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30 days, pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, sec. 144E.11, sub. 5(a), (b). If the applicant is unable to resolve the objections within 30 days, or if the applicant initially requests a contested case hearing one will be scheduled and notice of the hearing given pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, sec. 144E.11, subd. 5(c), (e).

Dated: September 21, 2007

Mary F. Hedges, Executive Director
Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board

Department of Employment and Economic Development Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Minnesota Department of Human Services

Notice of Public Hearings and Draft Availability of the 2008 Action Plan of the State of Minnesota's 2007-2011 Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for 2007

The State of Minnesota announces its process for developing its 2008 Action Plan of the 2007-2011 Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan (Consolidated Plan), and the 2007 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The state encourages citizens to attend the public hearings and review and comment on the draft reports.

The Consolidated Plan is a report that the state submits annually to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order to receive federal housing and community development funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships, Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs. The Consolidated Plan examines the housing and community development needs of the state, sets priorities for allocation of the HUD funds, and establishes an annual Action Plan for meeting current and future needs in the coming year.

The state submits its CAPER to HUD annually as one of the conditions of receiving federal funds under the programs identified above. The CAPER provides information to measure the state's progress during the past year in meeting assistance goals and priorities identified in the Consolidated Plan. The CAPER includes a summary and analysis of progress made on identified actions that state agencies have elected to undertake to affirmatively further fair housing and overcome impediments to fair housing.

The state will hold its first public hearing about the Action Plan on Tuesday, October 23, 2007, to gather citizen input on housing and community development needs and how federal funding should be allocated in the state. The hearing will be held at 5:00 p.m. at the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, 332 Minnesota Street, 2nd floor, St. Paul.

A second public hearing on the Action Plan will be held on Thursday, November 29, 2007. This public hearing will be for review and comment on the draft Action Plan and will be held at 5:00 p.m. at the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, 332 Minnesota Street, 2nd floor, St. Paul. Call 1-800-657-3858 or (651) 259-7462, or TTY 1-800-282-5909 or (651) 296-3900 for more information about these hearings.

Drafts of the 2008 Action Plan and the CAPER for 2007 will be available for public review and comment between November 5, 2007, and the close of business December 7, 2007. The draft Action Plan and CAPER will be available on the Internet at www.mhfa.state.mn.us and www.deed.state.mn.us and in state depositories identified in the Citizen Participation Plan, which may be viewed at the same internet locations. Hard copies of the Action Plan can be obtained by calling Gloria Stiehl, Department of Employment and Economic Development, 1-800-657-3858 or (651) 259-7462, or TTY 1-800-282-5909 or (651) 296-3900. Hard copies of the CAPER can be obtained by calling Minnesota Housing Finance Agency at 1-800-657-3769 or (651) 296-7608, or TTY (651) 297-2361.

Written public comments on the Action Plan can be submitted to:
Action Plan, Attn: Gloria Stiehl
Minnesota Department of Employment

and Economic Development
First National Bank Building
332 Minnesota Street, Suite E200
St. Paul, MN 55101-1351

Written comments may also be submitted by fax to (651) 296-1290 or by email to gloria.stiehl@state.mn.us. To ensure consideration of your comments, type "Action Plan" in the subject line of your e-mail.

Written public comments on the 2007 CAPER can be submitted to:

CAPER
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
400 Sibley Street, Suite 300
St. Paul, MN 55101

Written comments may also be submitted by fax to (651) 296-8139 or by email to mhfa@state.mn.us. To ensure consideration of your comments, type "CAPER" in the subject line of your e-mail.

The Action Plan and CAPER will be submitted to HUD on or before December 30, 2007. The state will consider any comments from individuals or groups received in writing or at public hearings. A summary of the written and public hearing comments and the state's responses will be included in the final Action Plan.

Department of Human Services

Health Care Purchasing and Delivery Systems Division

Health Care Administration

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

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

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

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

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

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31, 2006 (31 SR 138-139), August 21, 2006 (31 SR 268), September 18, 2006 (31 SR 380 - 381), October 2, 2006 (31 SR 474-477), October 16, 2006 (31 SR 519-520), November 6, 2006 (31 SR 614), January 2, 2007 (31 SR 867-868), January 29, 2007 (31 SR 958-959), February 26, 2007 (31 SR 1169-1170), April 23, 2007 (31SR 1444-1445), April 30, 2007 (31 SR 1523), June 18, 2007 (31 SR 1810-1811), July 23, 2007 (32 SR 219-220), August 6, 2007 (32 SR 301-302), August 27, 2007 (32 SR 380-381) and September 24, 2007 (32 SR 543).

Effective October 9, 2007 the Department will add the following outpatient prescribed drugs to the state MAC list:

<u>Drug Name</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>MAC Price</u>
CICLOPIROX	8%	\$17.85
DEXMETHYLPHENIDATE	HCL 10MG	\$ 1.07
ALBUTEROL SULFATE/IPRATROPIUM	2.5-0.5/3	\$ 0.51
ALPHA-1-PROTEINASE INHIBITOR	1000MG	\$ 0.30
CEFTAZIDIME PENTAHYDRATE	6G	\$54.25
IFOSFAMIDE/MESNA	1-1G	\$551.25
MAGNESIUM SULFATE	4MEQ/ML	\$0.043
ZINC SULF/CUSO4 P-HYD/MN/CR/SE	60-5000	\$0.393

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 \$121,000 for State Fiscal Year 2006 (July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008).

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*

Metropolitan Council

Notice of Public Hearings for the 2008 Unified Operating Budget, 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Program, and 2008 Capital Program and Budget

The Metropolitan Council will hold a public hearing on November 14, 2007 to receive comments on the proposed *2008 Unified Operating Budget, 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Plan and 2008 Capital Program and Budget*.

The documents will be available on the Council's website at: *www.metrocouncil.org/about/budget2008.htm*. The *2008 Unified Operating Budget and 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Program and 2008 Capital Program and Budget* will be available on October 15, 2007. Printed copies are available at no charge from the Council's Data Center, 390 N. Robert Street, St. Paul. Call (651) 602-1140 or e-mail: *data.center@metc.state.mn.us*

The public hearing will be conducted on Wednesday, November 14, 2007, at 5 p.m., 390 N. Robert St., St. Paul, MN. Upon request, the Council will provide reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities.

The procedure for the hearing will be as follows:

- Persons will be called to speak in the order in which they have registered. Individuals may register to speak in advance by calling (651) 602-1140.
- Individuals will have 3 minutes each and designated representatives of groups will have 5 minutes. Once all speakers have presented, speakers may request additional time to make further comments.
- The chair of the hearing shall have discretion in limiting or extending testimony by any person.

You may also submit comments for the official record in one of the following ways:

- Mail: Metropolitan Council Data Center, 390 N. Robert Street, St. Paul, MN 55101
- Fax: (651) 602-1464
- Public Comment Line: (651) 602-1500
- E-mail: data.center@metc.state.mn.us
- TTY: (651) 291-0904

Comments will be accepted until 5 p.m., Tuesday, November 13, 2007. At the close of the public comment period, the Council will prepare a hearing summary. To request a copy of the hearing summary, call the Data Center at (651) 602-1140, or (651) 291-0904 (TTY).

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Joint Notice of [1] the Draft 2008 List of Impaired Waters for Stream Segments & Lakes Which Have Impaired Uses & [2] Revisions to Appendices A and B of the Approved Statewide Mercury TMDL – 30 Day Formal Written Comment Period

[1] The draft 2008 List of Impaired Waters

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 2008 draft list of stream segments and lakes that have impaired designated uses and for which the MPCA proposes to complete total maximum daily load (TMDL) reports. Each TMDL is pollutant-specific, defining the maximum amount of each pollutant that can be released and assimilated in the receiving water from point and nonpoint sources, thereby allowing the receiving water to meet water quality standards.

The MPCA is required to list, prioritize, and attach a schedule which estimates starting dates and completion dates for developing each TMDL for each affected reach or lake. Schedules are estimated because pollutants vary in complexity and schedules must be consistent with Basin Plan development.

The draft 2008 List includes **1469** stream reaches, lakes, and lake bays, of which **287** are new TMDL listings, among which are listings for excess nutrients in lakes (**107** new listings), excess turbidity (74 new listings), perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) in fish (**19** new listings), and impaired biotic communities in wetlands (**three** new listings).

[2] The Revisions to Appendices A & B of the Approved Statewide Mercury TMDL

Nine hundred fifty three lake and river mercury impairments that had been on the 2006 list of impaired waters are now proposed for inclusion in the revised Appendix A (List of Impaired Waters by Region) of the approved statewide mercury TMDL and removed from the list of impaired waters. These waters met the minimum data requirements and have mercury fish tissue concentrations that fall into the range covered by the mercury TMDL: 0.2 to 0.57 parts per million.

Appendix B (NPDES Permits by Region) of the statewide mercury TMDL is also being amended to better reflect the wasteload allocation contained in the approved mercury TMDL. Because all of the water point source loads in the state were included in the wasteload allocation calculation, all of the point sources in the state should have been included in Appendix B, but were not.

In addition, **135** lakes and stream reaches that had been on the 2006 list of impaired waters have been removed because of inadequate data, either from not enough fish samples or from fish samples that are too old. For details on minimum data requirements, see:

<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publications/wq-iw1-06.pdf>

The Agency is making a special emphasis of collecting additional fish samples in these lakes and streams to ensure there will be enough data to assess by either the 2010 or 2012 assessment cycle.

Also, 45 lakes that had been included in the approved statewide mercury TMDL Appendix A are being returned to the 2008 list of impaired waters because of data considerations

In summary, of the **1374** mercury listings in the approved 2006 list of impaired waters, adjusted to account for subsequent stream reach

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and lake splits, **953** are to be included in the revised Appendix A of the statewide mercury TMDL, **286** are proposed to remain on the 2008 draft list of impaired waters, and **135** are to be removed as impairments because of insufficient data.

It is important to emphasize that these changes to Appendices A and B do not in any way change the approved statewide mercury TMDL wasteload allocation approved by US EPA. It remains 11 kilograms per year as a total annual load for the entire state.

Public Notice and Contact Information

Minnesota's proposed draft Year 2008 list of impaired waters, Guidance Manual for Assessing Minnesota Waters and accompanying draft maps [1] and revisions to Appendices A & B to the approved mercury TMDL and supporting documentation [2] are all located at the MPCA web site at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/tmdl/index.html#tmdl>. If you do not have access to the web, please contact the List Coordinator below and a paper copy of any of these documents will be mailed to you. As noted above, the link to the Guidance Manual is <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publications/wq-iw1-06.pdf>.

This notice is being published today for the purpose of providing opportunity for formal public notice and comment for [1] the **new** reaches and lakes being proposed in the draft 2008 TMDL List and other changes to the US EPA-approved 2006 TMDL List and [2] the revisions to Appendices A and B to the US EPA-approved statewide mercury TMDL. The comment period will end at 4:30 pm CST on **November 7, 2007**. Written comments with clear post office return addresses should be directed to the following address:

Howard D. Markus, Ph.D., P.E.
TMDL List Coordinator
Environmental Assessment & Outcomes Division
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
520 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4196

If you have further questions, you may contact Dr. Markus at (651) 296-7295, (800) 657-3864, or howard.markus@pca.state.mn.us.

Public Utilities Commission

Notice of Filing, Public Hearing and Public Comment Period in the Matter of the Application of Great River Energy for a Certificate of Need for a 175 MW Peaking Plant in Elk River Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Docket Nos. ET2/CN-07-678

On May 22, 2007, Great River Energy (the Applicant) submitted a certificate of need application for a proposed generating facility for construction in east central Minnesota.

The Applicant proposes to construct the project adjacent to the existing Elk River Station located in Elk River, Sherburne County, Minnesota. The proposed project will consist of a Simple-Cycle Combustion Turbine with expected summer capacity of approximately 175 MW. The turbine's primary fuel will be natural gas with ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel used as a back-up fuel when natural gas is unavailable.

The proposed generation facility project falls under the definition of "large energy facility" in Minn. Stat. § 216B.2421, subd. 2 (1). Therefore, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes § 216B.243, subd. 2, the facilities cannot be constructed or sited in Minnesota unless the Commission issues a certificate of need to the Applicant.

The certificate of need rules pertaining to this filing are *Minnesota Rules*, parts 7849.0010 to 7849.0400. More specifically, the application requirements for large generating facilities are given by parts 7849.0220, 7849.0250, and 7849.0270 to 7849.0340. The criteria for assessment of need are given by part 7849.0120. The application and other documents in this docket may be reviewed on the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) website at www.puc.state.mn.us by clicking on "eDocket & eFiling" and then on "Search documents."

The Commission has accepted the Applicant's certificate of need application and ordered an informal case proceeding. Administrative

Law Judge Richard C. Luis has been assigned to conduct the public hearing in this proceeding. His address and telephone number are as follows: Office of Administrative Hearings, P.O. Box 64620, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620, (651) 361-7843.

Written comments on the need for the proposed project should be filed with the Commission by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 14, 2007. Reply comments must be filed by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 11, 2008. All written comments should be sent to Burl Haar at the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 551010-2147. Please include the docket number (E-002/CN-07-678) with filings.

An Environmental Report on the project and alternatives to it is being developed by the Minnesota Department of Commerce under Minn. Rules 7849.7060. Information on the environmental report preparation process can be viewed at <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=19178>.

Two public hearings will be held in conjunction with this Certificate of Need Docket. The first public meeting will be held on December 19th, 2007 starting at 7 p.m. in the Rosemount City Hall 2875 145th St, W. Rosemount, MN. The second public meeting will be held on December 20th, 2007 starting at 7 p.m. in the Elk River City Hall, 13065 Orono Pkwy NW, Elk River, MN. During the public hearings, members of the public may offer either oral or written testimony on the need for the project. Persons may also offer exhibits for inclusion in the public hearing record, and question representatives of the formal participants.

Questions regarding this project and this docket may be directed to Commission staff member David Jacobson at (651)-201-2238, david.jacobson@state.mn.us.

(Note: A separate application for a site permit has also been filed for this project in Docket No. ET2/CN-07-715).

Minnesota Board of Teaching

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS on Possible Rules Governing Credentialing for Paraprofessionals, *Minnesota Rules, 8710*

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Board of Teaching requests comments on its proposed rules governing the credentialing of paraprofessionals. The Board is considering rules that would establish a voluntary statewide credential for education paraprofessionals who assist a licensed teacher in providing student instruction.

Persons Affected. The rules would likely affect current and future education paraprofessionals, school districts, and charter schools.

Statutory Authority. Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.09, subdivision 4, grants authority to the Board of Teaching to adopt rules regarding teacher licensure and renewal. 2007 Minnesota Session Laws, Chapter 146, Article 2, Section 34 required the Board of Teaching to adopt rules relating to credentialing paraprofessionals.

Sec. 34. **RULEMAKING REQUIRED.**

(a) Notwithstanding the time limit in Minnesota Statutes, section 14.125, the Board of Teaching must adopt the rules it was mandated to adopt under Laws 2003, chapter 129, article 1, section 10. The board must publish a notice of intent to adopt rules or a notice of hearing for rules subject to this section before January 1, 2008.

(b) The Board of Teaching may charge fees to issue new credentials and to renew credentials for paraprofessionals issued credentials under the rules adopted under this section.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on the proposed rules in writing until 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 7, 2007.

Rules Drafts. The Board has not yet prepared a draft of the possible rules.

Agency Contact Person. Written comments, questions, and requests for more information about the proposed rules should be addressed to:

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Karen Balmer, Executive Director
Minnesota Board of Teaching
1500 Highway 36 West
Roseville, Minnesota 55113
Phone: (651) 582-8888
Fax: (651) 582-8872
TTY: (651) 582-8201

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

NOTE: Comments received in response to this notice will not necessarily be in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the administrative law judge when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The Board is required to submit to the judge only those written comments received in response to the rules after they are proposed.

Dated: October 2, 2007

Karen Balmer, Executive Director
Minnesota Board of Teaching

Department of Transportation State Aid for Local Transportation Division Petition by the Filmore County for a Variance from State Aid Rules for 30 MPH Vertical Sag Curve

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Board has made a request to the Commissioner of Transportation pursuant to *Minnesota Rules* 8820.3300 for a variance from rules as they apply to a proposed reconstruction project located on CSAH 20 near it's intersection with CSAH 15 in York Township over Bridge #92882.

The request is for a variance form *Minnesota Rules* for State Aid Operations 8820.9920, adopted pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* Chapter 161 and 162 as they apply to the proposed replacement so as to allow a 30 MPH vertical sag curve in lieu of the minimum 40 MPH required by standards.

Any person may file a written objection to the variance request with the Commissioner of Transportation, Transportation Building, St. Paul, MN 55155.

If a written objection is received within 7 days from the date of this notice in the *State Register*, the variance can be granted only after a contested case hearing has been held on the request.

Dated: October 1, 2007

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

State Grants & Loans

In addition to requests by state agencies for technical/professional services (published in the State Contracts Section), the *State Register* also publishes notices about grants and loans available through any agency or branch of state government. Although some grant and loan programs specifically require printing in a statewide publication such as the *State Register*, there is no requirement for publication in the *State Register* itself. Agencies are encouraged to publish grant and loan notices, and to provide financial estimates as well as sufficient time for interested parties to respond.

Minnesota Department of Corrections Request for Proposals (RFP) for Offender Positive Connection During Incarceration and Transition Services

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that proposals are being solicited to select a vendor to provide one-to-one mentoring-type services to offenders during their incarceration period and transitional services upon release from a Department of Corrections (DOC) facility.

The grant award will not exceed \$551,345 for an 18-month period and will be for the period of January 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009. **Deadline for submission of completed proposals is November 5, 2007.**

To request a copy of a complete RFP, contact:

Lynda Davis
Minnesota Department of Corrections
Grants and Subsidies Unit
1450 Energy Park Drive, Suite 200
St. Paul, Minnesota 55108-5219
Telephone: (651) 361-7166
TTY: (800) 627-3529
E-mail: ldavis@co.doc.state.mn.us

This RFP can be accessed on the DOC website at www.doc.state.mn.us/publications/requestforproposals.htm

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 Housing Finance Agency Request for Proposal for an Early Intervention Foreclosure Prevention Project

The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency is seeking proposals to design, develop, and implement an early intervention foreclosure prevention project to contact at-risk homeowners in targeted areas and offer assistance to avoid mortgage delinquencies and foreclosures. This is a request for a proposal that could become the basis for negotiations leading to a contract with an organization to manage and coordinate the project.

A complete request for proposal is available at: <http://www.mhfa.state.mn.us/index.asp>. Your proposal needs to be submitted, in writing, to:

ATTN: Stacy Bray
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
400 Sibley Street, Suite 300
St. Paul, MN 55101
E-mail: stacy.bray@state.mn.us

Electronic submissions are preferred. Deadline for submission is November 1, 2007.

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This request does not obligate the State to award a contract or complete the work contemplated in this notice, 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.

Minnesota Department of Human Services Community Partnerships Division Notice of Request for Proposals for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Advocacy Contracts

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Department of Human Services is requesting proposals from qualified organizations to provide SSI advocacy services to individuals who are participants of certain public benefits programs. Contracting organizations are expected to provide outreach and/or assistance with the SSI application process to qualifying individuals. Compensation will be for successful outcome on a case by case basis.

Work is proposed to start January 1, 2008. The Request for Proposal is available online at:
[http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased
&dDocName=id_000102](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=id_000102)

For more information, or to obtain a copy of the Request for Proposal, contact:

Alison Legler
Department of Human Services
Community Partnerships Division
P.O. Box 64962
444 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, MN 551550962

Phone: (651) 431-3848
E-mail: alison.legler@state.mn.us

This is the only person designated to answer questions by potential responders regarding this request.

Proposals submitted in response to this Request for Proposals must be received at the address above no later than **4:00 p.m., Central Time, November 5, 2007. 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.

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.

Requirements: There are no statutes or rules requiring contracts to be advertised for any specific length of time, but the Materials Management Division strongly recommends meeting the following requirements:

- \$0 - \$5000 does not need to be advertised. Contact the Materials Management Division: (651) 296-2600
- \$5,000 - \$25,000 should be advertised in the *State Register* for a period of at least seven calendar days;
- \$25,000 - \$50,000 should be advertised in the *State Register* for a period of at least 14 calendar days; and
- anything above \$50,000 should be advertised in the *State Register* for a minimum of at least 21 calendar days

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Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) Sealed Bids Sought for Courtyard Demolition

Sealed Bids for: **Anoka Ramsey Community College**
Courtyard Demolition
Coon Rapids Campus
11200 Mississippi Blvd. NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55433-3470

Will be received by: **Louise Duff**
Room C140 Administration Building
Anoka Ramsey Community College
Coon Rapids Campus
11200 Mississippi Blvd. NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Until 2:00 P.M., local time, October 19, 2007 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud.

Project Scope: The Project consists of the demolition Work in existing courtyard. Work includes, but not limited to demolition of concrete sunshades, concrete stairs, concrete sidewalks, concrete benches, masonry piers, canopy, aluminum entrance door, sidelights, trees and shrubs.

A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 2:00 P.M., Thursday, October 11, 2007, in Mississippi Room C270, Administration Building, Anoka Ramsey Community College, Coon Rapids Campus. The Architect/Engineer and/or College/University Representatives will review the bidding procedures, Bidding Documents and other conditions with interested Bidders and answer questions.

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Bidding Documents as prepared by the Project Architect/Engineer; **Armstrong, Torseth, Skold and Rydeen, Inc.**, are on file at the offices of the:

- 1) Armstrong, Torseth, Skold and Rydeen, Inc., Architect/Engineer.
- 2) Minneapolis and St. Paul Builders' Exchanges.
- 3) Dodge Plan Room
- 4) MEDA Minority Contractors Plan Room

Complete sets only of Bidding Documents for use by Bidders in submitting a bid may be obtained at the following address:

Armstrong, Torseth, Skold, and Rydeen, Inc.
8501 Golden Valley Road, Suite 300
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55427
Phone: (763) 545-3731

Owner requests to minimize noisy activities from December 17 through December 21, 2007. Remove landings and stairs only between December 22, 2007 and January 11, 2008.

Contractor has access to Job Site, 7 days a week, 24 hours per day.

No escort required with equipment from 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 A.M.

A deposit of **\$50.00** 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 **\$10.00** per set for shipping & handling (in addition to the **\$50.00** deposit) to the Architect. Documents will be sent to street addresses only (P.O. Boxes not acceptable).

Each bid which totals over \$15,000.00 shall be accompanied by 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 of a surety company duly authorized to do business in the state of Minnesota in the same amount; which is submitted as bid security, conditioned upon the Bidder entering into a contract with Minnesota State Colleges and Universities in accordance with the terms of the bid.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU)

Bemidji State University

Notice of Request for Sealed Bids for Residential Life Linden Hall Window Shades

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bemidji State University will receive sealed bids for Residential Life Linden Hall Window Shades. Bid specifications will be available October 8, 2007, via email request to blindell@bemidjistate.edu.

Interested vendors are required to come to Bemidji State University's Linden Hall at 10:00 AM on October 15, 2007, to take exact measurements prior to submitting a bid.

Sealed bids must be received by 2:00 PM on October 24, 2007, at the following location:

Belinda Lindell, Director of Logistical Services
Bemidji State University
Deputy 204, Box 8
1500 Birchmont Drive NE
Bemidji, MN 56601

Bemidji State University reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any irregularities or informalities in proposals received. The University further reserves the right to cancel the solicitation if it is considered to be in its best interest.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

Notice of Request for Information (RFI) for Architectural, Owner's Representative, Real Estate and other related Professional and Technical services for a Master List of Consultants

The State of Minnesota, acting through its Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities ("MnSCU"), requests information of Minnesota registered consultants, as appropriate, to assist MnSCU in providing Architectural/Engineering, Owner Representative, Real Estate and other related Professional and Technical services as needed for up to a five-year period. Projects will vary in scope and may involve due diligence services, new construction, remodeling, commissioning, site and utility work, facilities, roads and grounds, and land development.

The Request for Information documents can be found online at: www.facilities.mnscu.edu under Solicitation Announcements. Copies of the RFI may also be requested from:

Nancy Marandola - Minnesota State Colleges & Universities

Phone: (651) 297-7862

E-mail: Nancy.marandola@so.mnscu.edu

Proposals must be delivered to:

Minnesota State Colleges & Universities

ATTN: Construction and Support Services

30 Seventh Street East, Suite 350

St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-7804

Proposals must be received NOT later than November 2, 2007 at 4:00 P.M. CST; late responses will not be considered.

MnSCU reserves the right to cancel this solicitation if it is considered to be in MnSCU's best interest. The RFI is not a guarantee of work and does not obligate MnSCU to award any contracts. MnSCU reserves the right to discontinue the use or cancel all or any part of this Master List of Consultants 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

Minnesota West Community and Technical College, Worthington Campus

Notice of Availability of Request for Proposal (RFP) for Designer Selection for Fieldhouse Renovation and Addition Project (State Project No. 07-06)

The State of Minnesota, acting through its Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, on behalf of Minnesota West Community and Technical College, is soliciting proposals from interested, qualified consultants for architectural and engineering design services for the above referenced project.

A full Request for Proposals is available on the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities website: www.facilities.mnscu.edu, click on "Solicitation Announcements."

An informational meeting is scheduled for **10:30 A.M., Thursday, October 11, 2007** in Room 115 of the Classroom/Administration Building at Minnesota West Community and Technical College, 1450 College Way, Worthington, MN 56187. All firms interested in this meeting should e-mail Jeff Harms at jeff.harms@mnwest.edu to indicate they plan to attend. The meeting will include a tour of the proposed project areas and a review of the scope of work.

Proposals must be delivered to Mary Golike, Executive Secretary, State Designer Selection Board, in the Real Estate and Construction
(Cite 32 SR 677)

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Services Office, 301 Centennial Office Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN 55155, not later than **1:00 P.M., Monday, October 15, 2007**. Late responses will not be considered.

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

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) Northwest Technical College Notice of Request for Sealed Bids for HVAC Gas/Oil Furnace Electrical Control Circuit and Hydronic Boiler Control System Training Equipment

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northwest Technical College will receive sealed bids for six gas/fuel oil furnace electrical control circuit trainers and six hydronic boiler control systems trainers for use in the Plumbing/HVAC program. Bid specifications will be available October 2, 2007, via email request to: *Judy.Rinkenberger@ntcmn.edu* or telephone request to Judy Rinkenberger at (218) 333-6614.

Sealed bids must be received by 2:00 PM, Thursday, October 22, 2007, at the following location:

Judy Rinkenberger, Business Manager
Northwest Technical College,
905 Grant Ave SE
Bemidji, MN 56601

Northwest Technical College reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any irregularities or informalities in proposals received. The College further reserves the right to cancel the solicitation if it is considered to be in its best interest.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) Rochester Community and Technical College Notice of Request for Proposal for Snow Removal for the 2007/2008 Season

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Rochester Community and Technical College Request for Proposal to do the snow removal for the University Center Rochester Campus for the 2007/2008 season.

To receive a copy of the RFP, send an e-mail to *June.meitzner@roch.edu* or fax your requests to (507) 285-7104.

Proposals are due back by Monday, October 22, 2007, 2:00 P.M. CDT and are to be addressed to June Meitzner, Rochester Community and Technical College 851 - 30th Ave SE Rochester, MN 55904.

Faxes are not acceptable. Late responses will not be considered.

Any questions, should be in the form of an RFI and directed 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 this solicitation.

Office of Enterprise Technology

Notice of Availability of request for Proposals for an Enterprise-wide Electronic Licensing System

The State of Minnesota Office of Enterprise Technology is requesting proposals for the purpose of implementing an enterprise-wide electronic licensing system. The State is seeking a proven technology solution and implementation partner to work with the State in building a scalable framework for electronic licensing and permitting activities. The primary purposes of the system are to allow applicants to apply for and renew licenses online, and to assist agencies in managing and improving efficiency of end-to-end licensing processes. At a high level, this includes:

- Design, development and implementation of an integrated and extensible technical framework for electronic licensing, including license applications and renewals, credential submission and verification, license look-up, and complaint management;
- Development of the Minnesota State portal and accompanying interfaces, as they relate to the functionality of the electronic licensing system;
- Selection, integration and configuration of security services (directory, authentication/authorization);
- Design of wizards to be used by license process owners to create workflows within the system;
- Integration of content/document management services;
- Interface specifications through web services to agency back-office systems;
- Integration with the State's e-payment services; and
- Specification and development of interfaces with third-party testing and other credentialing entities.

Work is proposed to start after January 1, 2008.

The Request for Proposal can be downloaded from the Minnesota Department of Administration Materials Management website at: <http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/process/admin/ptList.asp>

Proposals submitted in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received at:

Minnesota Department of Administration
Materials Management Division
Attn: Betsy Hayes
50 Sherburne Avenue, First Floor
St. Paul, MN 55155

Proposals are due no later than 3:00PM CDT on **Friday, November 9, 2007**, as indicated by the time stamp made by the Materials Management Division. **Late proposals will NOT be considered.** Fax or E-mailed proposals will NOT be considered.

This request does not obligate the State to complete the work contemplated in this notice. The State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder.

Minnesota Historical Society

Notice of Request for Bids for Alexander Ramsey Historic Site HVAC Upgrade and Interior Finish Restoration, St. Paul, Minnesota

The Minnesota Historical Society is seeking bids from qualified firms to provide all labor, materials, equipment, and supplies to install a new HVAC system and restore selected interior portions of the House at the Alexander Ramsey Historic Site in St. Paul, Minnesota (the Site). The Work on the House consists of removing the existing HVAC system, installing a new one, restoring interior finishes at areas of the removed system, installing new duct locations, and repairing/restoring interior finishes at other select locations. Interior finish restoration includes minor carpentry, plaster repair, plaster installation, painting, and faux finishes.

The Request for Bids is available from Mary Green-Toussaint, Purchasing Coordinator, Minnesota Historical Society, 345 Kellogg
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Boulevard West, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102. Telephone: (651) 259-3175; **e-mail:** *mary.green-toussaint@mnhs.org*.

There will be a MANDATORY pre-bid meeting for all interested parties on Friday, October 26th, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. Local Time at the Site, which is located at 265 South Exchange Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102.

All bids are due no later than 2:00 P.M. Local Time, Tuesday, November 6, 2007. A public bid opening will be conducted at that time. Late bids will not be considered.

Dated: October 8, 2007

Minnesota Department of Human Services Human Resources Division Notice of Request for Proposals to Provide Training in Business Writing Skills

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Department of Human Services is requesting proposals to provide training to develop good, practical writing skills and to improve their present abilities.

Work is proposed to start November 26, 2007. For more information, or to obtain a copy of the Request for Proposal, contact:

Thomas E. Albrecht
Department of Human Services
Human Resources Division
Training and Staff Development
P.O. Box 64997
444 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, MN 55164-0997
Phone: (651) 431-2147
E-mail: *tom.albrecht@state.mn.us*

This is the only person designated to answer questions by potential responders regarding this request.

Proposals submitted in response to this Request for Proposals must be received at the address above no later than **4:00 p.m., Central Time, October 29, 2007. Late proposals will not be considered.** Fax or e-mailed proposals will **not** be considered.

This request does not obligate the State to complete the work contemplated in this notice. The State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder.

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Notice of Availability of Contract for: Safe Harbors Planning, Grant Writing, Outreach and Public Participation Coordinator CERTIFICATION # 13548

Amount of Proposed Contract: \$ 85,000

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is requesting proposals to provide planning, technical, administrative and facilitation services, manage public information, grant writing, outreach and staff support to the Safe Harbors Program informing the public through newsletters, minutes and public meetings.

Work is proposed to start after October 24, 2007.

A Request for Proposals will be available by mail from this office through October 12, 2007. **A written request (by direct mail or fax) is required to receive the Request for Proposal.** After October 12, 2007, the Request for Proposal must be picked up in person.

The Request for Proposal can be obtained from:

Debra Lohmeyer
Division of Trails and Waterways
500 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155-4052
Fax: (651) 297-5475

Proposals submitted in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received at the address above no later than **October 17, 2007, 2:30 pm. Late proposals will not be considered.** Fax or e-mailed proposals will **NOT** be considered.

This request does not obligate the State to complete the work contemplated in this notice. The State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder.

Department of Public Safety Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) Request for Proposals (RFP) for CJIS Staff Augmentation Services

Professional/technical services are needed for up to fourteen individuals to provide the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA), Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) with technical architects, analysts, and developer services and to provide these services on site at the BCA office building located at 1430 Maryland Ave East, St. Paul, MN 55106 throughout the project. The BCA is looking for individuals with skills including: business architecture, technical architecture, business analysis, technical analysis, and development (developer services). Individuals selected by the BCA/CJIS from this RFP process and project will analyze existing BCA/CJIS systems and define the architecture and business processes that will guide the development of new systems for the BCA/CJIS. The goal of this effort is to improve the overall effectiveness of the criminal justice system in Minnesota. Minimum skills and experience required by respondents to this RFP are contained in the complete RFP. Resumes are required with three references that may be contacted by the BCA. Resumes must outline individuals' background and experience, and include examples of similar work done by the individual. Resumes must clearly describe the individuals' background and experience relevant to this engagement.

The BCA reserves the right to award multiple contracts if needed, and most contracts are anticipated to begin on or around January 2, 2008 and end on December 31, 2008. Not all contracts awarded from this RFP will begin on January 2, 2008, but will have various begin dates staggered throughout 2008 calendar year as services are needed and required by the BCA. However, if funding is extended and if additional work is needed by the BCA/CJIS after December 31, 2008, the BCA/CJIS will retain the option to extend the contract(s) with the selected contractors, with their consent, for up to four additional one-year periods, not exceeding a total of five years. The value of the contract(s) for subsequent years will be at the same rate agreed to in the original contract or at an agreed upon rate that is reflective of the current economy and approved by the Minnesota Office of Enterprise Technology.

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

All questions concerning this RFP should be emailed Jerrold Olson at Jerrold.Olson@state.mn.us, and should be received by Jerrold Olson no later than 2:00 PM Central Daylight Time on October 16, 2007. Answers to questions will be in emailed to all entities/individuals requesting a complete RFP. Final date for submitting proposals is 2:00 PM Central Daylight Time on October 29, 2007.

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Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT)

Engineering Services Division

Notice of Potential Availability of Contracting Opportunities for a Variety of Highway Related Technical Activities (“Consultant Pre-Qualification Program”)

This document is available in alternative formats for persons with disabilities by calling Brad Hamilton at (651) 366-4626 for persons who are hearing or speech impaired by calling Minnesota Relay Service at (800) 627-3529.

Mn/DOT, worked in conjunction with the Consultant Reform Committee, the American Council of Engineering Companies of Minnesota (ACEC/MN), and the Department of Administration, to develop 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 awards most of its consultant contracts for highway-related technical activities using this method, however, Mn/DOT also reserves the right to use Request for Proposal (RFP) or other selection processes for particular projects. Nothing in this solicitation requires Mn/DOT to 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 for application. Applications are 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 applications forms are available on Mn/DOT’s Consultant Services web site at: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/consult>.

Send completed application material to:

Brad Hamilton
Consultant Services
Office of Technical Support
Minnesota Department of Transportation
395 John Ireland Blvd. Mail Stop 680
St. Paul Minnesota 55155

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

Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT)

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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 Bids, 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

Invitation for Prequalification to Supply a Vehicle GPS Tracking and Diagnostic System

Prequalification Submittal Documents (PSDs) are solicited by the Metropolitan Council ("Council") for the purpose of establishing a list of qualified vendors to supply the Council with a Vehicle GPS Tracking and Diagnostic System. The Council intends to procure a Vehicle GPS Tracking System between June 2008 and December 2010. The Council intends to use a two-step process to procure this system. In this first step, vendors are invited to submit PSDs which will be evaluated based upon required specifications. In the second step, the Council will issue an Invitation for Bids only to Vendors whose PSD was determined to be acceptable, either initially or as a result of further discussions and investigation. Bids submitted by Vendors in the second step must be based on the vendor's approved PSD.

Vendors interested in obtaining an Invitation for Prequalification should contact:

Miriam Lopez Rieth
Administrative Assistant
Metropolitan Council
390 North Robert Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101
Phone: (651) 602-1095
Fax: (651) 602-1083
E-mail: Miriam.lopez-rieth@metc.state.mn.us

The tentative schedule for this procurement is as follows:

<i>Invitation for Prequalification Issued</i>	October 8, 2007
<i>Due date of Prequalification Submittal</i>	October 25, 2007
<i>Notification of Successful Prequalification</i>	November, 2007
<i>Invitation for Bids</i>	December, 2007
<i>Due Date of Bids</i>	January, 2008
<i>Award of Contract</i>	February 2008
<i>Complete Delivery of System</i>	June 2010

Metropolitan Council - Metro Transit

Request for Proposals for Design Services for Rail Support Facility

Metro Transit, a division of the Metropolitan Council, is seeking the services of a qualified firm for Design Services for a Rail Support Facility. The project includes professional services for the design, bidding, and construction of facility. The facility will be used to store maintenance equipment and materials for the Hiawatha Light Rail Transit service. The site of the facility is the southeast quadrant of 24th Street East and Hiawatha Avenue in Minneapolis,

A Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation goal of 17 percent has been established for this project.

Proposals are due no later than 2:00 p.m. on October 31, 2007.

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Firms interested in receiving the Request for Proposals document should contact:

Candace Osiecki
Metro Transit
515 N. Cleveland Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55114
Phone: (612) 349-5070
Fax: (612) 349-5069
E-mail: *Candace.osiecki@metc.state.mn.us*

Metropolitan Council - Metro Transit Request for Proposals Travel Instruction Services Procurement Number 7522

The Metropolitan Council is seeking the services of a qualified firm for Metro Mobility Travel Instruction Services. The project includes services that will engage in several aspects of the Metro Mobility Travel Instruction Program during 2007-2011. These services include individual (one-on-one) travel instruction, group travel training, and educational outreach events. In addition, the Contract will conduct Orientation and Mobility evaluation as part of the Metro Mobility Certification process as requested by the Metro Mobility Service Center (MMSC).

The RFP will be issued on October 3, 2007

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at 2:00 PM on Monday, October 22, 2007 in the Lower Level A Conference Room, Metropolitan Council Regional Administration Office located at 390 Robert Street North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Proposers are encouraged to attend and participate in the Pre-Proposal Conference.

Proposals are due by 2:00 p.m. on November 2, 2007.

Firms interested in receiving the Request for Proposals document should contact:

Metropolitan Council
Metro Transit Purchasing Department
Attn: Candace Osiecki
515 N. Cleveland Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55114
Phone: (612) 349-5070
Fax: (612) 349-5069
E-mail: *candace.osiecki@metc.state.mn.us*

Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board Notice of Request for Proposals for Technical Services for the SWMCB Community POWER Project

The Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board (SWMCB) is seeking proposals from qualified firms or individuals to provide technical services for the Community POWER (Partners On Waste Education and Reduction) program, including promoting the program, managing the grant round, providing technical assistance to grantees, and evaluating the program. Complete specifications and details concerning submission requirements are included in the Request for Proposals. The Request for Proposals can be downloaded at www.swmcb.org/rfp-rfq

Proposals must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) on or before Tuesday, November 6, 2007. The SWMCB reserves the right to reject late proposals.

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Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board

Notice of Request for Proposals for Graphic Design Services for the SWMCB

The Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board (SWMCB) is seeking proposals from qualified firms or individuals to provide Graphic Design services. Complete specifications and details concerning submission requirements are included in the Request for Proposals. The Request for Proposals can be downloaded at www.swmcb.org/rfp-rfq

Proposals must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) on or before Tuesday, November 6, 2007. The SWMCB reserves the right to reject late proposals.

Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board

Notice of Request for Proposals for Advertising Services for the SWMCB

The Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board (SWMCB) is seeking proposals from qualified firms or individuals to provide Advertising services. Complete specifications and details concerning submission requirements are included in the Request for Proposals. The Request for Proposals can be downloaded at www.swmcb.org/rfp-rfq

Proposals must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) on or before Tuesday, November 6, 2007. The SWMCB reserves the right to reject late proposals.

Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board

Notice of Request for Proposals for Public Information Services for the SWMCB

The Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board (SWMCB) is seeking proposals from qualified firms or individuals to provide Public Information services. Complete specifications and details concerning submission requirements are included in the Request for Proposals. The Request for Proposals can be downloaded at www.swmcb.org/rfp-rfq

Proposals must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) on or before Tuesday, November 6, 2007. The SWMCB reserves the right to reject late proposals.

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