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

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Department of Health

Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Asbestos Abatement

The rules proposed and published at *State Register*, Volume 32, Number 36, pages 1666-1672, March 3, 2008 (32 SR 1666), are adopted with the following modifications:

4620.3100 DEFINITIONS.

Subp. 34. Verifiable evidence. "Verifiable evidence" means a signed statement verifying that the applicant has completed a training course or a refresher course. The statement may be provided in hard copy or electronic form or may be other electronic evidence such as an excerpt from a database. The statement or electronic evidence must be submitted by the provider of a training course, or by a government agency in another state charged with certifying or licensing asbestos workers if the course was taken in another 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 # 198, Langhei Prairie Scientific and Natural Area

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

The Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE 1/4 NE 1/4) of Section Thirtytwo (32), Township One Hundred Twentythree (123) North, Range Thirtynine (39) West,

TOGETHER WITH an easement for ingress and egress over and across the West 16.50 feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4 NE 1/4) of Section 32, Township 123 North, Range 39 West,

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AND

A 16.50 foot easement for access purposes over, under and across that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW 1/4 SE 1/4) of Section Twentynine (29), Township One Hundred Twentythree (123) North, Range Thirtynine (39) West, Pope County, Minnesota; the centerline of said easement is described as follows:

Commencing at the east quarter corner of said Section 29; thence North 89 degrees 43 minutes 03 seconds West, assumed bearing, along the north line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 29, a distance of 1322.05 feet;

thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 22 seconds East 731.46 feet;

thence South 00 degrees 55 minutes 02 seconds West 570.98 feet;

thence southwesterly along a tangential curve concave to the northwest, radius of 72.99 feet, central angle 10 degrees 08 minutes 12 seconds 12.91 feet to a point on the north line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter and said point being the point of beginning of said centerline to be described:

Thence continuing southwesterly, along said curve and along said centerline, radius 72.99 feet, central angle 67 degrees 58 minutes 05 seconds, 86.59 feet; thence South 79 degrees 01 minutes 19 seconds West, along tangent and along said centerline 89.16 feet; thence southwesterly along said centerline and along a tangential curve concave to the southeast, radius 77.04 feet, central angle 68 degrees 12 minutes 20 seconds, 91.71 feet;

thence South 10 degrees 48 minutes 59 seconds West along tangent and along said centerline, 191.56 feet;

thence South 20 degrees 51 minutes 38 seconds West, along said centerline 281.41 feet;

thence southeasterly along said centerline and along a tangential curve concave to the northeast, radius 99.88 feet, central angle 81 degrees 32 minutes 08 seconds, 142.14 feet;

thence South 60 degrees 40 minutes 30 seconds East along tangent and along said centerline 96.51 feet;

thence South 43 degrees 06 minutes 13 seconds East along said centerline 62.46 feet;

thence South 26 degrees 14 minutes 18 seconds East along said centerline 229.28 feet;

thence South 19 degrees 20 minutes 16 seconds East along said centerline 88.35 feet;

thence South 12 degrees 56 minutes 41 seconds East along said centerline 201.52 feet;

thence South 47 degrees 55 minutes 34 seconds East along said centerline 29.99 feet to the east line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter and said centerline there terminating;

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The sidelines of said easement shall be prolonged or shortened to terminate on the north line, on the east line and on the south line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter.

and

WHEREAS, such lands contain Southern Mesic Prairie (UPs23), Southern Wet Prairie (WPs54) and Southern Basin Meadow/Carr (WMs92) native plant communities and habitat for rare plant and animal species including **small white lady's slippers** (*Cypripedium candidum*), a state-listed species of Special Concern, 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 Langhei Prairie Scientific and Natural Area.

FURTHERMORE, the Langhei Prairie 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.

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

Dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, this 13th day of October, 2008.

MARK HOLSTEN, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

Official Notices

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

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Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association Notice of Meeting of the Public Policy Committee

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association's (MCHA), Public Policy Committee will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 5, 2008. The meeting will take place at the MCHA executive office located at 5775 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 910, St. Louis Park, MN.

For additional information, please call Lynn Gruber at (952) 593-9609.

Emergency Medical Services Reglulatory Board Notice of Completed Application In the Matter of the License Application of the Granite Falls Ambulance, Granite Falls, Minnesota

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (hereinafter EMSRB) has received a completed application from **Granite Falls Ambulance, Granite Falls, Minnesota**, for (1) overlapping expansion of their primary service area (PSA) to include the western half of section 26 and all of section 27 in Wood Lake Township, and all of section 3 in Echo Township in Yellow Medicine County; and (2) a new license, advanced ambulance.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, section 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 26, 2008, 4:30 p.m.

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

Debra K. Teske, Interim 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*, section 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 30 days, pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, section 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*, section 144E.11, subd. 5(c), (e).

Debra K. Teske, Interim Executive Director

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Public Notice on Draft/Proposed Air Emission Facility State General Permit

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) proposes to reissue a general permit governing both those nonmetallic mineral processing operations which permanently operate at a single location as well as those temporary operations (sometimes referred to as portable crushing spreads) that move from one location to another. Both of these are referred to in the general permit materials by the term “stationary source”, which is defined in *Minnesota Rules* 7005.0100, subp. 42c. The reissuance of this general permit is authorized by *Minnesota Rules* 7007.1100, subp. 1, which allows the MPCA to reissue a general permit if “numerous and similar stationary sources are subject to substantially similar regulatory requirements.” The general permit applies to new and existing sources.

The proposed general permit will replace the existing stationary nonmetallic mineral processing general permit which was issued in 1996. Current Permittee of that general permit will need to apply for the new general permit or an individual Part 70, state or registration permit, as applicable.

The stationary source eligible for the proposed general permit are non major sources as defined in *Minnesota Rules* 7007.0200. The general permit covers stationary sources required to obtain permits under *Minnesota Rules* 7007.0250. The proposed general permit contains federally enforceable conditions to limit the Potential-To-Emit (PTE) of each pollutant (particulate matter less than 10 microns (PM₁₀), particulate matter less than 2.5 microns (PM_{2.5}), carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), sulfur dioxide (SO₂), lead (Pb) and ozone (VOC)) to less than 90 tons per year (tpy); therefore, each stationary source covered by this general permit is a non major source as defined in 40 CFR § 52.21 Prevention of Significant Deterioration (*Minnesota Rules* 7007.3000). Also, each stationary source is a non major source as defined in 40 CFR § 52.24 (*Minnesota Rules* 7007.4000) for all pollutants. Finally, each stationary source is non major under federal Operating Program in 40 CFR pt. 70 (*Minnesota Rules* 7007.0200), and an area source under National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (40 CFR pt. 63) thus this is a state permit.

Each stationary source eligible for the proposed general permit may include the following types of equipment and activities for which a permit is required by *Minnesota Rules* 7007.0150: crushers (subject to fines crushing limitation), screens, wet screening operations, transfer operations (including belt conveyors, enclosed truck/railcars loading operations, bucket elevators, storage bins, stackers, ladders, chutes, classification screws feeders, pneumatic systems, and bagging operations), internal combustion engines, sand heaters, air separators, storage piles, paved roads, unpaved roads, parking lots, bulldozers, loaders, and other related vehicles, and other insignificant activities listed in *Minnesota Rules* 7007.1300, subp. 2 and 3 and conditionally insignificant activities listed in *Minnesota Rules* 7008. A nonmetallic mineral processing stationary source constructed, modified and operated under this general permit may produce or process only: Crushed and broken limestone; crushed and broken granite; crushed and broken stone; construction sand and gravel; recycled concrete, recycled asphalt pavement; and the initial steps in producing manufactured sand.

A stationary source is not eligible for the proposed general permit, or ceases to be eligible for the proposed general permit, if any of the following are true:

1. The stationary source has an emission unit other than those described above;
2. The stationary source has an emission unit subject to a Standard of Performance for New Stationary Sources in 40 CFR pt.

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- 60 already adopted other than 40 CFR pt. 60, subp. OOO for nonmetallic mineral processing, subp. Kb for liquid storage tank, subp. IIII for compression ignition internal combustion engines and subp. JJJJ for spark ignition internal combustion engines;
3. The stationary source is affected by a 40 CFR pt. 63 National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) already adopted other than 40 CFR pt. 63, subp. ZZZZ for reciprocating internal combustion engines;
 4. The stationary source is located in or comes to be located in a PM₁₀ maintenance area;
 5. The stationary source includes a type of control equipment not covered in the proposed general permit;
 6. The stationary source emits at any time a 12-month rolling sum of more than 100 tons of PM, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, CO, VOC, NO_x, SO₂ and Pb.

A summary of the highest allowable PTE rates in tpy for each stationary source described in the proposed general permit are as follows:

Pollutant	PM	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}	NO _x	VOC	CO	SO _x	Pb
Total Facility PTE	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90

As allowed by *Minnesota Rules* 7007.1100, subp. 5, the MPCA has developed a source-specific permit application that does not include all the required information given in *Minnesota Rules* 7007.0100 to 7007.1850. The differences between the application requirements and this general permit application are discussed in the Technical Support Document (TSD). The MPCA has developed application forms tailored to this general permit which the MPCA plans to use. The application forms and worksheets will be updated periodically, but will continue to contain the elements discussed in the TSD needed to determine eligibility for the general permit.

The overall general permit contains each applicable requirement that could apply to eligible stationary sources. Based upon the information in the permit application, certain geographic requirements that do not apply to a particular source's location will not be included in the general permit issued to that source. If a source is located outside the Minneapolis-St. Paul Air Quality Control Region, it will receive a general permit that does not include requirements that only apply to that region. Similarly, for sources located in the Minneapolis - St. Paul Air Quality Control Region, requirements that only outside the Twin Cities region will not be included in the general permit issue to the source. This will reduce unnecessary material in the general permits issued that could confuse a source.

The preliminary determination to reissue the air emission general permit is tentative. There are four formal procedures for public participation in the MPCA's consideration of the general permit. Interested persons may (1) submit written comments on the proposed general permit; (2) request that the MPCA hold a public information meeting; (3) request the MPCA hold a contested case hearing; and/ or (4) submit a petition to the Commissioner requesting that the MPCA Board consider the permit matter.

The decision whether to reissue the permit and, if so, under what terms, will be presented to the MPCA Board for decision if: (1) the Commissioner grants the petition requesting the matter be presented to the MPCA Board; (2) an MPCA Board member requests to hear the matter prior to the time the Commissioner makes a final decision on the permit; or (3) a request for a contested case hearing is pending. Otherwise, the Commissioner will make the decision.

Persons who submit comments or petitions to the MPCA must state (1) their interest in the permit application or the draft permit; (2) the action they wish the MPCA to take, including specific references to the section of the draft permit they believe should be changed; and (3) the reasons supporting their position, stated with sufficient specificity as to allow the MPCA to investigate the merits of the position. As described in *Minnesota Rules* 7000.1800, persons who submit requests for a contested case hearing must also state the issues they propose to address in a contested case hearing, the specific relief requested or resolution of the matter, and the reasons (which may be in the form of proposed findings) supporting an MPCA decision to hold a contested case hearing. Failure to comply with these rules exactly may result in a denial of the request. The decision whether to hold a contested case hearing will be made under *Minnesota Rules* 7000.1900. Most public libraries throughout the state have copies of the current Minnesota Rules. They are also available on the Internet at: www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us.

Public Comment: The public comment period commences October 28, 2008 and terminates November 26, 2008. Interested persons or groups may submit comments in writing to the MPCA, St. Paul Office until 4:30 p.m. on November 26, 2008. Evidence of timely receipt includes a date/time stamp imprinted on the first page of the written comments by the first floor information and reception area of the MPCA or by the Industrial Division support staff, or receipt by fax (651-296-9707) or email.

Comments, requests and petitions should be mailed to:

Amrill S. Okonkwo, Engineer Specialist Senior
Air Quality Permits Section, Industrial Division,
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155
Phone: (651) 296-7009
Fax: (651) 296-8717
E-mail: amrill.okonkwo@state.mn.us

A copy of the draft/proposed general permit will be available on the MPCA's website at:

<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/data/index.cfm?PN=1>

or will be mailed to any interested person upon the MPCA's receipt of a written request. Additional materials relating to the reissuance of this general permit, including the TSD and proposed permit application forms, are available upon request for inspection at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, phone: (651) 296-7009, and at the MPCA's Regional Division Offices at the following addresses and phone numbers listed below between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. All MPCA offices may be reached by calling 1-800-657-3864.

MPCA Regional Divisions:

1. **Duluth Office**
525 Lake Avenue South
Suite 400
Duluth, MN 55802
Phone: (218) 723-4660
Fax: (218) 723-4727
2. **Brainerd Office**
7678 College Road, Suite 105
Baxter, MN 56425
Phone: (218) 828-2492
Fax: (218) 828-2594
3. **Detroit Lakes Office**
714 Lake Avenue
Lake Avenue Plaza, Suite 220
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501
Phone: (218) 847-1519
Fax: (218) 846-0719
4. Southeast Region
Mankato Office
12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 2165
Mankato, MN 56001
Phone: (507) 389-5977
Fax: (507) 389-5422

Rochester Office
18 Wood Lake Drive Southeast
Rochester, MN 55904
Phone: (507) 285-7343
Fax: (507) 280-5513

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5. Southwest Region
Willmar Office
1601 Highway 12 East, Suite 1
Willmar, MN 56201-6002
Phone: (320) 214-3786
Fax: (320) 214-3787

Marshall Office
1420 East College Drive
Suite 900
Marshall, MN 56258
Phone: (507) 537-7146
Fax: (507) 537-6001

DATED: October 13, 2008

Brad Moore, Commissioner
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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.

Grant Applicants

Have you checked up on all the “active” state grants? For *State Register* subscribers a “Contracts & Grants” section is available that lists all grants and contracts open for bid. Open the *State Register* and click on Bookmarks in the upper left corner. You will see a list of ALL the current rules, with an INDEX, and previous years’ indices, as well as a list of all contracts and grants open for bid. Subscribe and receive LINKS to the *State Register*. You also receive Subscriptions cost \$180 a year (an \$80 savings). Here’s what you receive via e-mail:

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Minnesota Department of Health
in partnership with
Minnesota Department of Education
Health Careers Promotion Grant Program
Notice of Grant Opportunity

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Education, is seeking applications from qualifying consortia or partnerships between school districts, health and/or long term care employers, and higher education. The grants program is intended to assist consortia to develop intergenerational programs to encourage middle and high school students to work and volunteer in health care and long-term care settings.

To qualify for a grant, a consortium shall demonstrate its ability to: 1) implement a health and/or long-term care careers curriculum that provides for the integration of academic and work based learning opportunities in a variety of clinical areas including long term care options; 2) align the health careers curriculum with the National Health Care Skill Standards, Minnesota Health Care Core Curriculum and the Minnesota Academic Standards (available upon request); 3) offer program for high school students that provide training in health and long-term care careers with credit that articulate into post-secondary programs; 4) provide assistance and support to middle and junior high schools interested in developing information and exploration programs about health and long term care careers; 5) establish a Health/Long-term Care Careers Advisory Group to support the continued development of the program; 6) provide technical support to the participating health care and long-term care employer(s) to enable the use of the employer(s) facilities and programs for kindergarten to grade 12 health and long-term care careers education; 7) include program planning, design, marketing and implementation activities, and demonstrate evaluation and sustainability.

\$120,515 is available in 2009. Prior grant awards have ranged from \$5,000 to \$20,000. Grant awards will be announced by December 26, 2008, for the contract period beginning January 1, 2009, though December 31, 2009.

Applications are available at the following web site: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/chs/grants.htm>

Prospective applicants who have questions, and/or would like a written copy of the application form may contact the Office of Rural Health and Primary Care, Minnesota Department of Health Phone: (651) 201-3851 or toll free: 1-(800) 366-5424.

Deadline for proposals is **4:00 p.m. CST on Monday, December 1, 2008**. No late proposals will be considered.

Lawrence Colaizy
Office of Rural Health & Primary Care
Minnesota Department of Health

By mail: P.O. Box 64882
St. Paul, MN 55164-0882

by courier: 85 East 7th Place, Suite 220
St. Paul, MN 55101

Minnesota Department of Health
Office of Rural Health and Primary Care
Minnesota Rural Flex Grant Program
Notice of Grant Availability

The Office of Rural Health and Primary Care, Minnesota Department of Health, is seeking grant applications from eligible organizations for the Minnesota Rural Flex Grant Program. Activities that promote regionalization of health care services, improve access to quality health care services, and provide for the development and/or enhancement of rural health networks are eligible under this grant program. Also eligible are activities of statewide significance with a focus on Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and projects from organizations that provide statewide Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) certification.

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Eligible applicants for Flex grant funds are: Critical Access Hospitals, rural hospitals with 50 or fewer beds, rural health networks (applicants must be nonprofit or local government entities), rural EMS organizations, and organizations that provide statewide ATLS certification. Appropriate activities include:

- Establishing community and regional collaboration or networking partnerships
- Assessing and implementing health system needs and improvements such as:
 - mental health services integration; disparities in access or outcome;
 - healthy aging interventions; discharge planning or other continuum of care projects; workforce projects; new services; or establishing a Rural Health Clinic or a Federally Qualified Health Center
- Strengthening and integrating local EMS systems, especially through efforts targeted at recruitment/retention, reimbursement and restructuring.
- Undertaking quality improvement initiatives
- Developing performance improvement initiatives such as information and technology system development, workforce retention and performance projects and benchmarking projects to ensure key elements of quality healthcare are met
- Implementing community development efforts such as Rural Health Works.
- Developing and providing training and resources that meet requirements for Minnesota State Trauma Designation of providers who work in CAHs (since the Flex Program already supports CALS, these proposals must be from organizations authorized to certify providers in ATLS.)

The total amount available for flex grants is \$253,880. Of that, at least \$78,880 will be reserved first for EMS applications, then awarded to others if not allotted fully to EMS projects. The maximum for any grant is \$25,000. **All applications must be received by December 15, 2008.** Applications are available on the Office of Rural Health and Primary Care Web site at:

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/orhpc/funding/>

under *Rural Hospital Flexibility Program*. Prospective applicants who have questions or would like a hard copy of the application guidelines should contact:

Judy Bergh, Office of Rural Health and Primary Care,
Minnesota Department of Health
Phone: (651) 201-3843.
E-mail: judith.bergh@state.mn.us
By mail: P.O. Box 64882, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0882
By courier: 85 E. Seventh Place, Suite 220, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Minnesota Department of Health Summer Health Care Internship Program Notice of Grant Opportunity

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is seeking applications from qualifying statewide nonprofit organizations to administer the Summer Health Care Internship Program.

The purpose of the program is intended to expose interested secondary and postsecondary students to various careers within the health care profession through summer internships with hospitals, clinics, nursing facilities, and home care providers.

To qualify, an applicant must be a statewide nonprofit organization representing hospitals, clinics, nursing facilities, and home care providers.

\$300,000 is available in 2009. Grant awards will be announced by December 15, 2008, for the contract period beginning January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009.

Applications are available at: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/orhpc/funding/index.html#summer>.

Prospective applicants who have questions, and/or would like a written copy of the application form may contact the Office of Rural

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Health and Primary Care, Minnesota Department of Health Phone: (651) 201-3851 or toll free: 1-(800) 366-5424.

Deadline for proposals is **4:00 p.m. CST on Monday, December 1, 2008**. No late proposals will be considered.

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By mail: P.O. Box 64882
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St. Paul, MN 55101

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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State Contracts

Department of Administration

Real Estate & Construction Services

Notice of Request for Proposals (RFP) for Professional Services to Provide Energy Improvement Program Services

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Department of Administration, Real Estate and Construction Services (“State”) has issued a request for proposals for Minnesota registered engineers or firms with registered engineers to provide technical assistance to the State to develop a program to identify and implement energy improvement projects for state buildings and facilities in order to: 1) achieve energy conservation and efficiency goals; 2) increase use of clean energy sources; and, 3) reduce greenhouse gas emissions from state-owned facilities. The contract for these services would extend for up to a five-year period. These projects will be varied in nature and scope and will involve developing and implementing an energy improvement program.

The purpose of the RFP is to execute a contract for:

a. **Energy Improvement Program Services.** The tasks and scope of services required are included in the Request for Proposal (RFP). The Request for Proposal may be found online at: www.admin.state.mn.us/recs (Click on “Construction Services” and “Solicitations and Announcements”). Copies of the RFP may also be requested from:

Contracts Coordinator
Real Estate and Construction Services
309 Administration Building, 50 Sherburne Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55155
Phone: (651) 201-2372

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

The State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation if it is considered to be in its best interest. The RFP is not a guarantee of work and it does not obligate the State to award any contracts. The State reserves the right to discontinue the use or cancel all or any part of the RFP 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 (MnSCU)

Office of the Chancellor

Request for Proposals for Energy Benchmarking Study

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Office of the Chancellor Planning is seeking the services of a consulting team to (1) document existing energy use at each of the 54 campuses; (2) develop protocols to effectively analyze energy consumption; and (3) develop processes to allow campuses to easily and accurately update and monitor energy use. The data will be used to build a knowledge base on which to advance and benchmark campuses and the System to apply best practices and operational enhancements to improve management of energy use.

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

Proposals must be delivered at the following address no later than 1:00 PM, Wednesday, November 5, 2008.

Late responses will not be considered.

Proposals shall be mail or delivered to:

Ken Oas
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
Wells Fargo Place
30 - 7th Street East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-7804

Proposals received after this time will be returned unopened. No electronic submissions will be accepted. Proposals must be clearly labeled in the lower left hand corner: *Energy Benchmarking Study*

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) Notice of Availability of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Construction Manager at Risk for Integrated Science and Engineer Lab Facility (ISELF)

The State of Minnesota, acting through its Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, on behalf of St. Cloud State University, is soliciting qualifications from interested consultants for construction management at risk services for the above referenced project.

A full Request for Proposals is available on the Minnesota State Colleges Universities website,
<http://www.finance.mnscu.edu/facilities/design-construction/index.html>

click on "Announcements." A copy of the pre-design is available for review at <http://www.finance.mnscu.edu/facilities/design-construction/index.html>. An informational meeting is scheduled for 9:00 AM, Monday, November 3, 2008 in Atwood Memorial Center, Mississippi Room on the St. Cloud State University campus, 720 - 4th Ave. S., St. Cloud, MN 56301. All firms interested in this meeting should contact Lucie Schwartkopf, at (320) 308-2286 to sign up to attend the meeting.

Proposals must be delivered to Lisa Sparks, St. Cloud State University, 720 - 4th Ave., Building AS 122, St. Cloud, MN 56301, phone number (320) 308-4788 not later than 3:00 P.M., Friday, November 14, 2008. 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) Winona State University Request for Bids for 500 Dining Hall Chairs

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Winona State University is seeking bids for 500 dining hall chairs.

Bid specifications will be available October 27, 2008 by contacting the Purchasing Department at PO Box 5838, 205 Somsen Hall, Winona, MN 55987, e-mail: sschmitt@winona.edu or by calling (507) 457-5067.

Sealed bids must be received by Sandra Schmitt at PO Box 5838, or at 175 W. Mark St., Somsen 205G, Business Office, Winona State University, Winona, MN 55987 by 3:00 PM Friday, November 14, 2008.

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

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Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU)

Winona State University

Request for Bids for a Procera Bandwith Shaping Device and Software

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Winona State University is seeking bids for a Procera Bandwith Shaping Device and software.

Bid specifications will be available October 27, 2008 by contacting the Purchasing Department at PO Box 5838, 205 Somsen Hall, Winona, MN 55987, e-mail: sschmitt@winona.edu or by calling (507) 457-5067.

Sealed bids must be received by Sandra Schmitt at PO Box 5838, or at 175 W. Mark St., Somsen 205G, Business Office, Winona State University, Winona, MN 55987 by 3:00 PM Wednesday, November 12, 2008.

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

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU)

Winona State University

Advertisement for Request for Proposal for Architect/Engineer Design Services: Sealed Bids for Phelps Hall HVAC Improvements Project

The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to evaluate and select a design team to provide architectural and engineering consulting services for **HVAC Improvements for Phelps Hall**, located on the main campus at **Winona State University, Winona, Minnesota**.

Phelps Hall is one of the oldest buildings on the main campus at Winona State University. Throughout its nearly 90 years, Phelps Hall has seen a lot of change. Interior spaces have been modified, altered, and reallocated to serve the needs of various departments with the University. Unfortunately, the majority of the building's HVAC systems have not been changed to meet the needs of the occupants. Much of the original ductwork remains in place, as well as the original air handling unit. Air conditioning, primarily, is accomplished through window air conditioning units. Problems include excessive outside air infiltration, poor air circulation, poor return air design, hot and cold zones, lack of temperature control, and equipment that has reached the end of its useful life expectancy.

The project cost summary is as follows:

HVAC Project Cost	\$1,801,100
Electrical Upgrade Project Cost	\$ <u>150,000</u>
Estimated Project Costs	\$1,951,100

A **Pre-Proposal Project Information meeting for all prime firms** has been scheduled for **1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 3, 2008**, in Dining Rooms E, F and G of Kryzsko Commons at Winona State University in Winona, Minnesota.

Sealed proposals must be received no later than: **2:00 p.m., Monday, November 24, 2008.**

Project Schedule

<i>Request for Proposal (RFP) Release Date:</i>	Monday, October 27, 2008
<i>Project Information Meeting:</i>	Monday, November 3, 2008, 1:00 p.m.
<i>RFP Response Submission Deadline:</i>	Monday, November 24, 2008, 2:00 p.m.
<i>Notification of Firms Selected for Interviews:</i>	Monday, December 8, 2008
<i>Interviews of Finalists:</i>	Wednesday, December 17, 2008
<i>Anticipated Contract Award Date:</i>	Tuesday, December 22, 2008

Project Pre-Design Information

Stanley Consultants completed a Pre-Design Report for the Phelps Hall HVAC Improvements in February 2008. A copy of this document is available for review at <http://www.finance.mnscu.edu/facilities/index.html> under Announcements.

Project Contact

Questions concerning the Project should be referred to:

Steve Ronkowski, Facilities Coordinator

Winona State University

Winona, Minnesota 55987

Phone: (507) 457-5099

Fax: (507) 457-2624

E-mail: sronkowski@winona.edu

Department of Commerce

Office of Energy Security

Notice of Contract Availability for Contractor to Develop Technical Specifications for Energy Improvement Financing Program for Local Government

The Department of Commerce Office of Energy Security (OES) requests proposals for a contractor to develop the technical specifications to be used to select a contractor to deliver the Energy Improvement Financing Program for Local Government (aka Public Building Enhanced Energy Efficiency Program, or "PBEEEP").

OES expects work to begin early December 2008 and to be completed in February 2009.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) will be available for download on the Department's Web site and by e-mail request through November 10, 2008. Potential responders may request a hard copy of the RFP by mail. Requests for hard copies must be received by the Office of Energy Security no later than noon on November 9, 2008.

The Request for Proposal can be obtained from:

Preferred Method: www.commerce.state.mn.us or energy.contracts@state.mn.us

U.S. Postal Service: Amy Bicek
Minnesota Department of Commerce
Office of Energy Security
85 Seventh Place E, Suite 500
Saint Paul, MN 55101

Proposals submitted in response to this Request for Proposals must be received at the address above no later than 4:30 p.m., CST, November 10, 2008. **Late proposals will not be considered.** Fax 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.

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Minnesota House of Representatives

Public Information Services

Public Notice of Request for Bid for Mailing of Session Weekly

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota House of Representatives Public Information Services is seeking bids from qualified mail houses to provide mailing services for the publication *Session Weekly*.

The size of the publication will be 8.5" X 11" and it is mailed at the Periodicals Rate.

All bids must be submitted on the forms accompanying the specifications in a sealed envelope and delivered to 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Room 175, State Office Building, no later than November 10, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. Bid submittals will be opened publicly on that date and time.

A copy of the Request for Bid packet can be obtained by calling:

Paul Battaglia
175 State Office Building
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-1298
Phone: (651) 296-8904

Other department personnel are NOT allowed to discuss the Request for Bid with anyone, including responders, before the proposal submission deadline.

Minnesota House of Representatives

Public Information Services

Public Notice of Request for Bid for Printing of *Session Weekly*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota House of Representatives Public Information Services is seeking bids from qualified printers to provide printing services for the publication *Session Weekly*.

The size of the publication is 8.5½ x 11½, 24 pages, self cover.

All work must be done in-house, unless specifically approved by us.

All bids must be submitted on the forms accompanying the specifications in a sealed envelope and delivered to 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Room 175, State Office Building, no later than November 10, 2008 at 2:15 p.m. Bid submittals will be opened publicly on that date and time.

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Minnesota House of Representatives**Public Information Services****Minnesota Senate****Senate Publications Office****Public Notice of Request for Bid for Printing the *Members Directory of the Minnesota Legislature* and the *Official Directory of the Minnesota Legislature***

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota House of Representatives Public Information Services and the Minnesota Senate Publications Office are seeking bids from qualified printers to provide printing services for the *Members Directory of the Minnesota Legislature* and the *Official Directory of the Minnesota Legislature*.

The size of the publications will be 4½ x 6½. The *Members Directory of the Minnesota Legislature* will contain approximately 200 pages plus cover, and the *Official Directory of the Minnesota Legislature* will contain approximately 400 pages plus cover.

All bids must be submitted on the forms accompanying the specifications in a sealed envelope and delivered to 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Room 175, State Office Building, no later than November 10, 2008 at 2 p.m. Bid submittals will be opened publicly on that date and time.

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Minnesota Department of Human Services**Child Safety and Permanency Division****Notice of Request for Proposals to Produce Child Welfare Web-based Training Videos**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Department of Human Services, through its Child Safety and Permanency Division (State), is seeking Proposals from qualified Responders to develop child welfare Web-based training videos. The videos must be high quality, thorough, concise, and entertaining. They will provide accessible, single-topic trainings to social workers who provide services to children and families. The engaging, five to seven minute videos will cover topics determined by the state and be accessible to county social services staff from their desktop. This training must be available in video file formats for small and large counties.

The successful responder will use the provided curriculum topics and content and develop a presentation strategy, dialog and scripts. The video narrative is to include images and characters to help communicate the desired messages. The qualified responder is responsible for all stages of development and production.

The successful responder will work closely with an advisory team of program experts assembled by the state.

Work is proposed to start in January 2009.

The complete RFP can be found on the DHS Public Web-site at www.dhs.state.mn.us Click on Grants and RFPs, then scroll down to find the link to this RFP.

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For more information contact:

Jean Thompson
Department of Human Services
Phone: (651) 431-3856
E-mail: *jean.thompson@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 following address no later than 4:00 p.m. Central Time, November 19, 2008.

Attention: **Jean Thompson**
Child Safety and Permanency Division
Department of Human Services
444 Lafayette Rd. N.
St. Paul, MN 55164-0943
Phone: (651) 431- 3856

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

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) Division of Forestry Request for Information in Conducting Forest Management

1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Request for Information (RFI) is for the Department of Natural Resources, to obtain information from vendors who might be interested in conducting forest management on select state owned lands in St. Louis, Lake, Cook and Koochiching Counties through a lease program. The lands are outside of state forests, scattered throughout these counties (see map).

2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Department of Natural Resources is to improve the productivity of scattered lands through more intensive management by the most cost effective means. The lease would provide for exclusive rights to biomass and timber resources for a 10-year lease period in exchange for lease and royalty payments to the State. DNR's interest is in accomplishing sustainable management objectives in accordance with a sustainable forest management plan. Following forest certification management principles and activities should result in more productive forest stands for the future.

3. TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed lease lands are located in scattered parcels ranging from 20 to 200 acres, with a median size of approximately 80 acres. Total acres are approximately 8000. Parcels identified include conifer stands requiring precommercial thinning (~280 acres), upland and lowland brush sites (~2400 acres) and highly damaged and declining forest stands with low timber volume (~5300 acres).

3. INFORMATION BEING REQUESTED

- Vendor Qualifications
 - Provide a general description of land you may have managed and how many acres.
 - Include certifications. (Management of state land requires individuals to have dual forest certification capabilities [SFI & FSC], and use certified contractors)
- Would you be interested in state lands within a specific county or all counties?
- Provide ideas/suggestions for forest management lease terms.

4. RFI RESPONSES: Four (4) copies of the response should be submitted to the address shown below, no later than **4:00 PM Central Time, October 31, 2008**.

Questions may be addressed to Dave Schuller at: (651) 259-5255 or by e-mail at: *dave.schuller@dnr.state.mn.us*

Dave Schuller, Lands Program Coordinator
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry
500 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155-4044

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Division of Lands and Minerals Request for Proposals to Investigate Innovative Methods to Achieve Mercury Control in Taconite Processing Plants Certification Number 17011

The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Lands and Minerals is seeking research proposals to investigate innovative methods to achieve mercury control in taconite processing plants. Proposals in any of the following areas would be welcomed: (1) Testing of novel methods for mercury removal from stack gases; (2) Mercury monitoring of process gas containing reactive iron-oxides; (3) Investigation of metal corrosion and other deleterious effects of potential control technologies; (4) Other innovative techniques to mitigate the effects of mercury in taconite plants.

Total funding for these contracts is \$200,000. **One, or more, contracts may be awarded, to one, or more responders.**

Work is proposed to start after November 2008.

A Request for Proposals will be available by mail from this office November 12, 2008. **A written request (by direct mail or fax) is required to receive the Request for Proposal.** After November 12, 2008, the Request for Proposal must be picked up in person.

Prospective responders who have any questions regarding this request for proposal, or who wish to submit a proposal must contact:

Mike Berndt, Project Coordinator
DNR-Lands and Minerals
Box 45 500 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155
Phone: (651) 259-5378
E-mail: *mike.berndt@dnr.state.mn.us*

Proposal Preparation:

Proposals may be written for research that will be conducted between January 1 and June 30, 2009. However, projects being proposed as precursor studies for research to be completed in subsequent years are encouraged. Proposals should be between five and ten pages in length, **submitted in triplicate**, and use a specific template.

The following web address has been established where interested parties may download the template and also access copies of mercury research conducted to date: http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lands_minerals/dnr_hg_research.html

Proposals submitted in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received at the address above no later than **2:30 p.m., Central Time, November 21, 2008**. **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

Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

Notice of Availability of Contract for Facilitating Stakeholder or Public Meetings for the Department of Natural Resources or Other Environmental State Agencies

CERTIFICATION # 16942

The goal of this request for proposal is for the State of Minnesota to obtain several vendors under a master contract who are able to scope, design, manage, and facilitate a public process relating to environmental and natural resource issues.

Work is proposed to start after November 17, 2008.

A Request for Proposals will be available by mail from this office through October 29, 2008. **A written request (by direct mail or e-mail) is required to receive the Request for Proposal.** After October 29, 2008, the Request for Proposal must be picked up in person.

The Request for Proposal can be obtained from:

Kim Montgomery, Contract Coordinator
Department of Natural Resources
500 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155-4010
E-mail: *Kim.montgomery@dnr.state.mn.us*

Proposals submitted in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received at the address above no later than 2:30 p.m., Central Time, November 4, 2008. **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 State Court Administrator's Office Education and Organization Development & Human Resources Request for Proposal for Performance Rating Management System (PRMS)

The state of Minnesota, State Court Administrator's Office, (State) is using a competitive selection process to select the vendor responsible for implementation of a fully integrated web-based application containing at minimum a Performance Rating Management System (PRMS) module. This is not a bid but a request for a proposal that could become the basis for negotiations leading to a contract with a designated vendor to provide services as described in this document.

SEALED PROPOSALS AND NUMBER OF COPIES. Your proposal must be submitted in writing in a sealed envelope to:

Matt Ream, Human Resources Division
State Court Administration
25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

The submission must include 1 paper copies and 1 electronic (PDF) copy. No facsimile submissions will be accepted. Proposals must be received no later than 5 p.m. local (i.e., St. Paul) time on November 07, 2008. Proposals will be opened the following business day and once opened become accessible to the public. Do not place any information in your proposal that you do not want revealed to the public. All documentation shipped with the proposal, including the proposal, will become the property of the Minnesota Supreme Court.

Questions about the RFP or the selection process **MUST** be in writing and directed to Matt Ream, State Court Administration, Human Resources Division, 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155 or by e-mail at *Matt.Ream@courts.state.mn.us*. Other

court personnel are not allowed to discuss the Request for Proposal with anyone including responders before the proposal submission deadline.

A full request for proposal is available on the Minnesota Supreme Court website: www.courts.state.mn.us

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 Juanita Voigt at (651) 366-4774 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 are 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:

Juanita Voigt
Consultant Services
Office of Technical Support
Minnesota Department of Transportation
395 John Ireland Blvd. Mail Stop 680

Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) Engineering Services Division Notice Concerning Professional/Technical Contract Opportunities and Taxpayers’ Transportation Accountability Act Notices

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. Mn/DOT is also posting notices as required by the Taxpayers’ Transportation Accountability Act on the above referenced website.

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.

Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission Request for Letters of Interest Proposals—Professional Services for Legal, Engineering and Technical, and Administrative Consulting Services

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes Annotated* 103B.227, Subd. 5, the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC) hereby solicits Letters of Interest Proposals for legal, engineering and technical, and administrative consulting services for fiscal years 2009 and 2010. The BCWMC's 2009 operating budget is \$499,875 and proposed 2009 capital budget is \$800,000.

Letters should include a brief description of the company and the experience of the individual(s) proposing to perform services for the Commission. Letters of interest proposals shall be in a sealed envelope clearly marked, "BCWMC – Letter of Interest Proposal." The Commission will review the letters and reserves to itself the right to take such action as it deems in its best interests. All Letters of Interest Proposals shall be submitted on or before November 18, 2008 to:

Mr. Michael Welch, Chair
BCWMC – Letter of Interest Proposal
ATTN: Sue Virnig
7800 Golden Valley Road
Golden Valley, MN 55427
(NO CALLS)

Dakota County Transportation Department Notice of Request for Proposals (RFP) for Transportation System Study Services

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the Dakota County Transportation Department requests proposals for professional services from qualified consultants to conduct a transportation system study of local roadways, county highways and trunk highways in Rosemount and Empire Township and surrounding adjacent areas.

The purpose of this study is to develop a plan that addresses transportation issues within this area of Dakota County in a coordinated and balanced manner with area land use development and land preservation plans. The University of Minnesota is currently considering conceptual residential, industrial, and commercial land use plans for 5,000 acres, known as UMore Park, in this area. Also, the State has established 2,800 acres, known as Vermillion Highlands, in this area for research, recreation and wildlife. This transportation system study will allow Dakota County, the City of Rosemount, Empire Township, the University of Minnesota, the Department of Natural Resources, and the public to develop a transportation system together, over time, that will result in safe and efficient travel in the area as cost-effectively as possible, while at the same time recognizing agency land use development and preservation land use objectives.

The following is the anticipated solicitation schedule:

Issue Request for Proposals:	October 20 th , 2008
Receive Proposals:	November 12, 2008
Select Consultant:	November 26, 2008
Award Contract:	December 16, 2008

All firms interested in receiving a Request for Proposal may contact Brian Sorenson at (952) 891-7122 or:
brian.sorenson@co.dakota.mn.us.

Non-State Bids, Contracts & Grants

Metropolitan Council - Metro Transit

Invitation for Bids for Testing on Underground Storage Tanks

Procurement Number 7795 Contract Number 08P096

Metro Transit, a division of the Metropolitan Council, is seeking the services of a qualified firm for Testing Underground Storage Tanks.

The IFB will be issued October 22, 2008.

Bids are due by 2:00 p.m. on November 18, 2008.

Firms interested in receiving the Invitation for Bids 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*

Metropolitan Council - Metro Transit

Request for Proposals Design of Storage Tank Additions to OHB and South Garages

Procurement Number 7876 Contract Number 08P152

Metro Transit, a division of the Metropolitan Council, is seeking the services of a qualified firm for the Design of Storage Tank Additions to the OHB and South Garages. The project includes professional design services, pre-bid and bid services, and construction support services.

The RFP will be issued October 20, 2008.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, November 6, 2008 at the Metro Transit Overhaul Base located at 515 N Cleveland Ave., Second Floor, St. Paul, MN 55114.

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

Proposals are due by 2:00 p.m. on November 25, 2008.

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*

Non-State Bids, Contracts & Grants

Metropolitan Council - Metro Transit

Request for Proposals for Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA) Transit

Technologies: Traffic Signal Priority System

Procurement Number 7898

Contract Number 08P172

Metro Transit, a division of the Metropolitan Council, is seeking the services of a qualified firm for the Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA) Transit Technologies: Traffic Signal Priority System. The project includes professional design services, software and hardware integration and installation services.

The RFP will be issued October 22, 2008

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at 9:00 AM on Friday, October 31, 2008 at the Metro Transit Control Center located at 519 Tenth Avenue North, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55411.

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

Proposals are due by 2:00 p.m. on November 14, 2008.

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

Minnehaha Creek Watershed District

Sealed Bids Requested for the Furnishing of All Labor, Materials and All Other Items Necessary to Complete the Minnehaha Creek Gorge Restoration – Phase I - Minneapolis Veteran’s Home

Owner:	Minnehaha Creek Watershed District
Class of Work:	Storm Sewer, Bituminous, Porous Concrete, Bio-engineered Slopes, Riprap
Project Location:	Hennepin County, Minnesota
Pre-Bid Meeting:	9:00 AM, October 31, 2008 (Mandatory)
Bids Close At:	2:00 PM, November 5, 2008

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS: Sealed Bid Proposals for the furnishing of all labor, materials and all other items necessary to complete the work described herewith, will be received by Minnehaha Creek Watershed District at its office located at 18202 Minnetonka Blvd., Deephaven, MN, until 2:00 PM, November 5, 2008, after which such bids will be opened and read aloud.

The work, in accordance with drawings and specifications prepared by Wenck Associates, Inc. consists of the following major items of work: Storm Sewer Construction, Installation of StormTech® Underground Storm Water Storage Units, or Approved Equal, Porous Concrete Paving, Bituminous Paving, Excavation, Bio-engineered Slopes, Riprap. Contractors desiring a copy of the bid package, plans, specifications and proposal forms may obtain them from the offices of Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, the payment of a \$65.00 non-refundable fee for each bid package. Bid packages are also available for examination at the District office.

All communications relative to this project should be addressed to the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Attn: Renae Clark, Project

Non-State Bids, Contracts & Grants

Manager, rclark@minnehahacreek.org or (952) 471-0590, prior to opening of the Bid. Bid Proposals shall be submitted on forms furnished for that purpose. Each bid proposal shall be accompanied by a "Bid Security" in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to Minnehaha Creek Watershed District ("OWNER") in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, or a surety bond in the same amount, running to the OWNER, with a surety company duly authorized to do business in the state of Minnesota, such Bid Security to be a guarantee that the bidder, if awarded a contract, will enter into a contract with Minnehaha Creek Watershed District; and the amount of the certified check will be retained or the bond enforced by the OWNER in case the bidder fails to do so.

The OWNER will retain the deposits for the three lowest bidders until the contract has been awarded and executed but not longer than sixty (60) days. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days following the bid opening. A mandatory PRE-BID meeting will be held at the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District office at 9:00 AM on October 31, 2008. The bid of the lowest responsible bidder is intended to be accepted on or before the expiration of sixty (60) days after the date of the opening of bids. The OWNER, however, reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any minor irregularities, informalities or discrepancies, and further reserves the right to award the contract in the best interest of Minnehaha Creek Watershed District.

This project is being bid at the same time as with two additional projects, one administered by MCWD titled "Minnehaha Gorge Restoration – Phase II Minnehaha Falls/Glen" and also a project constructed by the Department of the Army on the site titled "MINNEHAHA CREEK WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION (WPA) WALLS—CAP SECTION 14— MINNEAPOLIS, MN."

Interested parties are strongly encouraged to review these project advertisements and submit bids accordingly. The Department of Army contact is as follows: William J. Hurley, (651) 290-5416, US Army Engineer District, St. Paul, Contracting Division CEMVP-CT, 190 East Fifth Street, St. Paul, MN 55101-1638.

Minnehaha Creek Watershed District

Sealed Bids Requested for the Furnishing of All Labor, Materials and All Other Items Necessary to Complete the Minnehaha Creek Gorge Restoration – Phase II - Minnehaha Falls-Glen

Owner:	Minnehaha Creek Watershed District.
Class of Work:	Bio-engineered Slopes, Riprap, Trail Construction, Road Surfacing.
Project Location:	Hennepin County, Minnesota.
Pre-Bid Meeting:	9:00 AM, November 3, 2008 (Mandatory).
Bids Close At:	12:00 PM (noon), November 6, 2008.

Sealed Bid Proposals for the furnishing of all labor, materials and all other items necessary to complete the work described herewith, will be received by Minnehaha Creek Watershed District at its office located at 18202 Minnetonka Blvd., Deephaven, MN, until 12:00 PM (noon), November 6, 2008, after which such bids will be opened and read aloud.

The work, in accordance with drawings and specifications prepared by Wenck Associates, Inc. consists of the following major items of work: Construction of bio-engineered slopes, Riprap, rock vanes and toe boulders, Aggregate trail surfacing, Limestone block retaining wall, Bituminous Surfacing, Access Road Improvement. Contractors desiring a copy of the bid package, plans, specifications and proposal forms may obtain them from the offices of Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, the payment of a \$65.00 non-refundable fee for each bid package. Bid packages are also available for examination at the District office.

All communications relative to this project should be addressed to the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Attn: Renae Clark, Project Manager, rclark@minnehahacreek.org or (952) 471-0590, prior to opening of the Bid. Bid Proposals shall be submitted on forms furnished for that purpose. Each bid proposal shall be accompanied by a "Bid Security" in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to Minnehaha Creek Watershed District ("OWNER") in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, or a surety bond in the same amount, running to the OWNER, with a surety company duly authorized to do business in the state of Minnesota, such Bid Security to be a guarantee that the bidder, if awarded a contract, will enter into a contract with Minnehaha Creek Watershed District; and the amount of the certified check will be retained or the bond enforced by the OWNER in case the bidder fails to do so.

Non-State Bids, Contracts & Grants

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This project is being bid at the same time as with two additional projects, one administered by MCWD titled “Minnehaha Gorge Restoration – Phase I Minneapolis Veteran’s Home” and also a project constructed by the Department of Army on the site titled “MINNEHAHA CREEK WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION (WPA) WALLS—CAP SECTION 14— MINNEAPOLIS, MN.”

Interested parties are strongly encouraged to review these project advertisements and submit bids accordingly. The Department of Army contact is as follows: William J. Hurley, (651) 290-5416, US Army Engineer District, St. Paul, Contracting Division CEMVP-CT, 190 East Fifth Street, St. Paul, MN 55101-1638

University of Minnesota

Request for Proposal for Sand & Aggregate Mining Partner(s) at UMore Park, City of Rosemount and Empire Township, Minnesota

Project # 11021-2008-1020

I. NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The University of Minnesota desires to identify and contract with one or more mining partners to do the mining and reclamation of large tracts of UMore Park which is currently an undeveloped agricultural research property. Consecutive with and subsequent to mining, UMore Park may be developed into a dynamic, University-founded community for the 21st century.

The University wants to recover this regionally significant sand and gravel resource for the benefit of the larger community, at the same time as generating financial support for the University’s mission.

Mining is an interim use and the reclamation of land post-mining can be used to further increase the interest and opportunity for subsequent development.

The University seeks a mining partner or partners who will perform to the highest operating standards at the best possible rate of financial support to the University. The mining partner(s) must demonstrate the capacity, track record and planning to show that they will be the best suited to what could be a several decades-long partnership with the University. Operations must be conducted in a manner consistent with the principles established by the Board of Regents.

Visit <http://www.cppm.umn.edu/purchasing/rfp.html> to download a full copy of the RFP

II. CONTACT FOR RFP INQUIRIES:

Refer questions to:

PURCHASING SERVICES:

Mr. Denis Larson
Facilities Management
400 Donhowe Building
319 15th Ave. SE
Minneapolis, MN 55455-1082
Phone: (612) 625-5554
Fax: (612) 624-5796
E-mail: d-lars@umn.edu

III. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Non-State Bids, Contracts & Grants

(Be advised that these dates are subject to change as University deems necessary)

RFP Document Available	October 20, 2008 – Monday
Last Day for Questions / Inquiries - Noon	October 30, 2008– Thursday
RFP Response Deadline - Due at 1:00 PM	November 7, 2008– Friday
Evaluation & Selection of Short-listed Finalists	Second half of November, 2008
Respondent Presentations	Second half of November, 2008

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

University of Minnesota (U of M) Subscribe to Bid Information Service (BIS)

The University of Minnesota offers 24-hour/day, 7-day/week access to all Request for Bids/Proposals through its web-based Bid Information Service (BIS). Subscriptions to BIS are free. Visit our website at bidinfo.umn.edu or call the BIS Coordinator at (612) 625-5534.

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

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