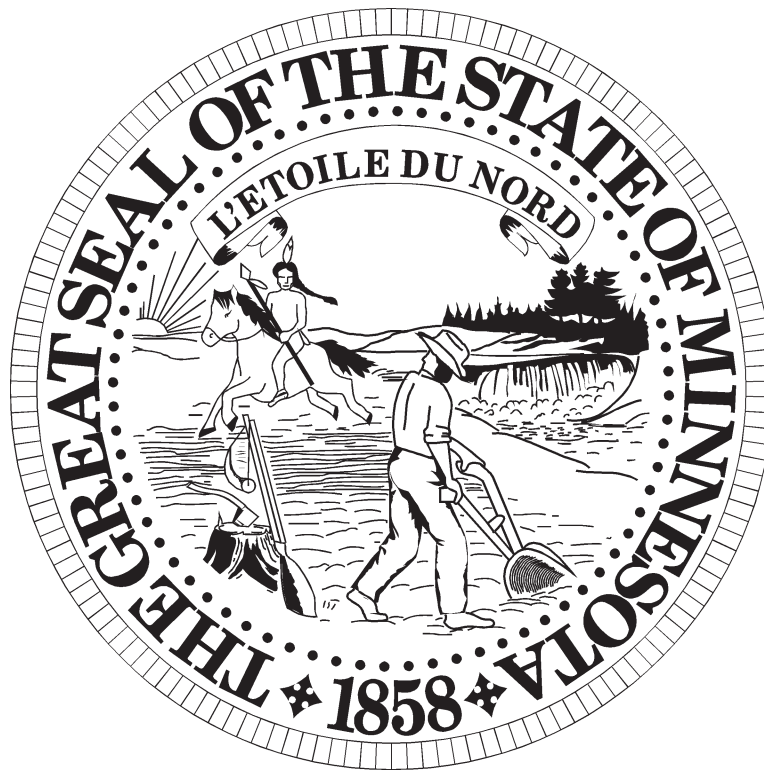


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An agency must first solicit **Comments on Planned Rules** or **Comments on Planned Rule Amendments** from the public on the subject matter of a possible rulemaking proposal under active consideration within the agency (*Minnesota Statutes* §§ 14.101).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

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 Proposed emergency rules, and withdrawn proposed rules, are also published in the *State Register*.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

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

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

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

Minnesota Board of Electricity

Proposed Permanent Rules Adopting the 2014 National Electrical Code

DUAL NOTICE: Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules Without a Public Hearing Unless 25 or More Persons Request a Hearing, and Notice of Hearing if 25 or More Requests for Hearing Are Received; Revisor's ID Number R-04205, OAH docket # 8-1900-31255

Proposed Amendment to Rules Governing Adoption of the 2014 National Electrical Code, *Minnesota Rules*, chapter 1315

Introduction. The Minnesota Board of Electricity ("Board") intends to adopt rules without a public hearing following the procedures in the rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, *Minnesota Rules*, parts 1400.2300 to 1400.2310, and the Administrative Procedure Act, *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.22 to 14.28. If, however, 25 or more persons submit a written request for a hearing on the rules by 4:30 p.m. on March 21, 2014, the Board will hold a public hearing in Minnesota Room, Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, 443 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, starting at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, April 7, 2014. To find out whether the Board will adopt the rules without a hearing or if it will hold the hearing, you should contact the agency contact person after March 21, 2014, and before April 7, 2014.

Agency Contact Person. Submit any comments or questions on the rules or written requests for a public hearing to the contact person. The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry ("Department" or "agency") provides administrative support to the Board including for rulemaking purposes. The agency contact person is: Suzanne Todnem at Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, 443 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, MN 55155, **phone:** (651) 284-5006, and **e-mail:** dli.rules@state.mn.us. **TTY** users may call the Department of Labor and Industry at (651) 297-4198.

Subject of Rules and Statutory Authority. The proposed rules are about the Minnesota Electrical Code. The statutory authority to adopt the rules is 2012 *Minnesota Statutes*, section 326B.32, subdivision 2(a)(3). A copy of the proposed rules is published in the *State Register* and attached to this notice as mailed.

Comments. You have until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 21, 2014, to submit written comment in support of or in opposition to the proposed rules or any part or subpart of the rules. Your comment must be in writing and received by the agency contact person by the due date. Comment is encouraged. Your comments should identify the portion of the proposed rules addressed, the reason for the comment, and any change proposed. You are encouraged to propose any change that you desire. Any comments that you have about the legality of the proposed rules must also be made during this comment period.

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Request for a Hearing. In addition to submitting comments, you may also request that the Department hold a hearing on the rules. You must make your request for a public hearing in writing, which the agency contact person must receive by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 21, 2014. You must include your name and address in your written request. In addition, you must identify the portion of the proposed rules that you object to or state that you oppose the entire set of rules. Any request that does not comply with these requirements is not valid and the agency cannot count it when determining whether it must hold a public hearing. You are also encouraged to state the reason for the request and any changes you want made to the proposed rules.

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

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

Modifications. The Department might modify the proposed rules, either as a result of public comment or as a result of the rule hearing process. It must support modifications by data and views submitted to the agency or presented at the hearing. The adopted rules may not be substantially different than these proposed rules unless the Department follows the procedure under *Minnesota Rules*, part 1400.2110. If the proposed rules affect you in any way, the Department encourages you to participate in the rulemaking process.

Cancellation of Hearing. The Department will cancel the hearing scheduled for April 7, 2014, if the agency does not receive requests for a hearing from 25 or more persons. If you requested a public hearing, the agency will notify you before the scheduled hearing whether the hearing will be held. You may also call the agency contact person at 651-284-5006 after Friday, March 21, 2014, or go on-line at:

<http://www.dli.mn.gov/PDF/docket/1315docket.pdf>

to find out whether the hearing will be held.

Notice of Hearing. If 25 or more persons submit valid written requests for a public hearing on the rules, the Department will hold a hearing following the procedures in *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20. The Department will hold the hearing on the date and at the time and place listed above. The hearing will continue until all interested persons have been heard. Administrative Law Judge Eric L. Lipman is assigned to conduct the hearing. Judge Lipman's Legal Assistant, Denise Collins, can be reached at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, P.O. Box 64620, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620, **telephone:** (651) 361-7900 and **fax:** (651) 539-0300.

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

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

Statement of Need and Reasonableness. The statement of need and reasonableness summarizes the justification for the proposed rules, including a description of who will be affected by the proposed rules and an estimate of the probable cost of the proposed rules. It is now available from the agency contact person. You may review or obtain copies for the cost of reproduction by contacting the agency

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contact person or by going on-line at <http://www.dli.mn.gov/PDF/docket/1315docket.pdf>.

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

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

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

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

Dated:

Anthony C. Toft
Board Chair

1315.0200 SCOPE.

Subpart 1. Title. This chapter shall be known and cited as the "Minnesota Electrical Code."

~~Subpart 1~~ Subp. 1a. Electrical code. All new electrical wiring, apparatus, and equipment for electric light, heat, power, technology circuits and systems, and alarm and communication systems must comply with the regulations contained in the ~~2011~~ 2014 edition of the National Electrical Code (NEC) as approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI/NFPA ~~70-2011~~ 70-2014), Minnesota Statutes, section 326B.35, and the Minnesota State Building Code as adopted by the commissioner of labor and industry. The ~~2011~~ 2014 edition of the National Electrical Code, developed and published by the National Fire Protection Association, Inc., is incorporated by reference and made part of the Minnesota State Building Code. The National Electrical Code is not subject to frequent change and is available in the office of the commissioner of labor and industry, from the Minnesota Bookstore, 660 Olive Street, Saint Paul, MN 55155, through public libraries, from major bookstores and other retail sources, or from National Fire Protection Association, Inc., One Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169-7471.

Subp. 2. [Repealed, 12 SR 102; 12 SR 151]

EFFECTIVE DATE. These amendments are effective July 1, 2014, or five days after publication of the amendments' notice of adoption in the *State Register*, whichever is later.

Proposed Rules

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

Division of Fish and Wildlife

Proposed Permanent Game and Fish Rules: Southeast Trout Fishing

DUAL NOTICE: Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules Without a Public Hearing Unless 25 or More Persons Request a Hearing, and Notice of Hearing if 25 or More Requests for Hearing Are Received; Revisor's ID Number R-04234

Proposed Amendment to Rules Governing Fishing Regulations for Trout in Southeast Minnesota, *Minnesota Rules*, chapters 6262 and 6264

Repeal of Obsolete Rules, *Minnesota Rules*, part 6264.0400, subpart 3

Introduction. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) intends to adopt rules without a public hearing following the procedures in the rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, *Minnesota Rules*, parts 1400.2300 to 1400.2310, and the Administrative Procedure Act, *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.22 to 14.28. If, however, 25 or more persons submit a written request for a hearing on the rules by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 28, 2014, a public hearing will be held starting at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, at the following locations:

In person: 6th Floor Main Conference Room, DNR Central Office,
500 Lafayette Road, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155; and

Video-conference site: Room 110, Science and Technology Center,
University Center Rochester, 859 30th Avenue SE, Rochester, Minnesota 55904

To find out whether the DNR will adopt the rules without a hearing or if a hearing will be held, you should contact the agency contact person after March 28, 2014, and before April 9, 2014.

Agency Contact Person. Submit any comments or questions on the rules or written requests for a public hearing to the agency contact person. The agency contact person is: Linda Erickson-Eastwood at Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, **phone:** (651) 259-5206, **fax:** (651) 297-4916, and **e-mail:** linda.erickson-eastwood@state.mn.us.

Subject of Rules and Statutory Authority. The proposed rules are about possible amendments to and repeal of rules governing various trout fishing regulations. The proposed rules would: make changes related to trout angling in southeastern Minnesota, repeal obsolete rules, and make the specific changes described below.

- Extend the current southeast winter season to all designated trout streams in southeast Minnesota
- Allow catch-and-release angling on designated trout streams in some southeast Minnesota State Parks from October 15 to December 31
- Extend the current southeast Minnesota fall catch-and-release season to October 15

The general statutory authority to adopt the rules is found in *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 84.027, subds. 2 and 13; and 97A.045, subds. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. Statutory authority for particular provisions of the proposed rules is as follows:

Rule part	Statute sections
6262.0200	97C.395, 97C.401, 97C.411, 97C.415, 97C.041
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A copy of the proposed rules is published in the *State Register* and attached to this notice as mailed.

Comments. You have until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 28, 2014, to submit written comment in support of or in opposition to the proposed rules or any part or subpart of the rules. Your comment must be in writing and received by the agency contact person by the due date. Comment is encouraged. Your comments should identify the portion of the proposed rules addressed, the reason for the comment, and any change proposed. You are encouraged to propose any change that you desire. Any comments that you have about the legality of the proposed rules must also be made during this comment period.

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Request for a Hearing. In addition to submitting comments, you may also request that a hearing be held on the rules. You must make your request for a public hearing in writing, which the agency contact person must receive by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 28, 2014. You must include your name and address in your written request. In addition, you must identify the portion of the proposed rules that you object to or state that you oppose the entire set of rules. Any request that does not comply with these requirements is not valid and the agency cannot count it when determining whether it must hold a public hearing. You are also encouraged to state the reason for the request and any changes you want made to the proposed rules.

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

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

Modifications. The DNR might modify the proposed rules, either as a result of public comment or as a result of the rule hearing process. It must support modifications by data and views submitted to the agency or presented at the hearing. The adopted rules may not be substantially different than these proposed rules unless the DNR follows the procedure under *Minnesota Rules*, part 1400.2110. If the proposed rules affect you in any way, the DNR encourages you to participate in the rulemaking process.

Cancellation of Hearing. The hearing scheduled for April 9, 2014, will be canceled if the agency does not receive requests for a hearing from 25 or more persons. If you requested a public hearing, the agency will notify you before the scheduled hearing whether the hearing will be held. You may also call the agency contact person at (651) 259-5206 after March 28, 2014, to find out whether the hearing will be held. On the scheduled day, you may check for whether the hearing will be held by calling: (651) 259-5206 or going online at:

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/rules/rulemaking.html>.

Notice of Hearing. If 25 or more persons submit valid written requests for a public hearing on the rules, a hearing will be held following the procedures in *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20. The hearing will be held on the date and at the time and place listed above. The hearing will continue until all interested persons have been heard. Administrative Law Judge Barbara L. Neilson is assigned to conduct the hearing. Judge Neilson can be reached at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, P.O. Box 64620, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620, **telephone:** (651) 361-7845, and **fax:** (651) 539-0300.

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

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

Statement of Need and Reasonableness. The statement of need and reasonableness summarizes the justification for the proposed rules, including a description of who will be affected by the proposed rules and an estimate of the probable cost of the proposed rules. It is now available from the agency contact person. You may review or obtain copies for the cost of reproduction by contacting the agency contact person. The SONAR is posted on the DNR's website at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/rules/rulemaking.html>.

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

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

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

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

Dated: 5 February 2014

Tom Landwehr, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

6262.0200 FISHING REGULATIONS FOR INLAND WATERS.

Subpart 1. **General inland fishing regulations.** Fish may be taken in inland waters by angling during the time specified for each of the following species, however, certain waters of the state are subject to experimental regulations, special regulations, or are closed for the taking and possession of fish. When the closing date of a season falls on a Saturday, the season will extend through the following Sunday.

Species and Open Season

Daily and Possession Limits

[For text of item A, see M.R.]

B. Brown trout.

Except as provided in part 6264.0400, subparts 35, 36, 37, and 114, the following restrictions apply.

(1) In all streams in Houston, Fillmore, Mower, Dodge, Olmsted, Winona, Wabasha, and Goodhue Counties. April January 1 to September 30 October 15.

5 in aggregate with rainbow and brook trout and splake. No more than 1 may be over 16 inches in length. ~~No harvest of trout is allowed from April~~ Angling for trout is limited to catch and release only from January 1 up to but not including the Saturday nearest April 15 and from September 15 to September 30 October 15. During these time periods, all trout must be immediately returned to the water ~~and all hooks must be barbless. It is unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any trout while on or fishing in these waters. All legal methods of taking trout are allowed.~~

[For text of subitems (2) and (3), see M.R.]

C. Brook trout and splake.

Except as provided in part 6264.0400, subparts 35, 36, 37, and 114, the following restrictions apply.

(1) In all streams in Houston, Fillmore, Mower, Dodge, Olmsted, Winona, Wabasha, and Goodhue Counties. April January 1 to September 30 October 15.

5 in aggregate with rainbow and brown trout and splake. No more than 1 may be over 16 inches in length. ~~No harvest of trout is allowed from April~~ Angling for trout is limited to catch and release only from January 1 up to but not including the Saturday nearest

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April 15 and from September 15 to ~~September 30~~ October 15. During these time periods, all trout must be immediately returned to the water ~~and all hooks must be barbless. It is unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any trout while on or fishing in these waters. All legal methods of taking trout are allowed.~~

[For text of subitems (2) and (3), see M.R.]

D. Rainbow trout, including steelhead.
Except as provided in part 6264.0400, subparts 35, 36, 37, and 114, the following restrictions apply.

(1) In all streams in Houston, Fillmore, Mower, Dodge, Olmsted, Winona, Wabasha, and Goodhue Counties. ~~April January 1 to September 30~~ October 15.

5 in aggregate with brown and brook trout and splake. No more than 1 may be over 16 inches in length. ~~No harvest of trout is allowed from April~~ Angling for trout is limited to catch and release only from January 1 up to but not including the Saturday nearest April 15 and from September 15 to September 30 October 15. During these time periods, all trout must be immediately returned to the water ~~and all hooks must be barbless. It is unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any trout while on or fishing in these waters. All legal methods of taking trout are allowed.~~

[For text of subitems (2) and (3), see M.R.]

[For text of items E to Q, see M.R.]

[For text of subp 2, see M.R.]

6264.0400 DESIGNATED SPECIAL MANAGEMENT WATERS.

[For text of subps 1 and 2, see M.R.]

Subp. 3. [See repealer.]

[For text of subps 4 to 35, see M.R.]

Subp. 36. **Protected slot limits on trout streams; no bait restriction.** ~~Notwithstanding subpart 3, items G, H, and J, the following limits and angling methods apply.~~ While on or fishing in the following waters, all trout in possession must be less than 12 inches in length or greater than 16 inches in length. All trout that are 12 to 16 inches in length, inclusive, must be returned to the water immediately. A person's possession limit may not include more than one trout over 16 inches in length. All legal methods of taking trout are allowed.

Name	Location	County
A. Beaver Creek East	T.102, R.6, S.5,6,8,17 from the confluence with Beaver Creek in S.5, T.102, R.6, upstream approximately 2.3 miles to the source in S.17, T.102, R.6	Houston
B. Forestville Creek (North Branch Creek)	T.102, R.12, S.13,14,15 from the confluence with South Branch Root River in S.13, T.102, R.12, upstream approximately 2.6 miles to the source in S.15, T.102, R.12	Fillmore
C. Mahoods Creek	T.103, R.12, S.20 from the confluence with Spring Valley Creek upstream approximately 0.2 miles to the source	Fillmore
D. Root River, South Branch	T.102, R.11, S.7,18 and R.12, S.13,23,24 from the posted boundary located in the NE 1/4 NE 1/4 S.7, T.102 R.11, upstream approximately 4.8 miles to the posted boundary in the NE 1/4 NE 1/4 S.23, T.102, R.12	Fillmore

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E. Spring Valley Creek	T.103, R.12, S.8,17,18,19,20 from the confluence with Deer Creek in S.9, T.103, R.12, upstream approximately 6.8 miles to the posted boundary at the intersection of Fillmore Township Road 359	Fillmore
F. West Indian Creek	T.109, R.11, S.16,17,21 from Wabasha County Road 4 crossing in S.16, T.109, R.11, Highland Township, upstream approximately 3.3 miles to the source	Wabasha
G. Wisel Creek	T.102, R.8, S.19,20,29,30, 31,32 and T.101, R.8, S.5,6 from the confluence with South Fork Root River in S.19, T.102, R.8, upstream approximately 8.6 miles to permanent source in S.6, T.101, R.8	Fillmore

Subp. 37. **Protected slot limits on trout streams; artificial lures and flies.** Notwithstanding subpart 3, items D, F, I, U, and V, the following limits and angling methods apply. While on or fishing in the following waters, all trout in possession must be less than 12 inches in length or greater than 16 inches in length. All trout that are 12 to 16 inches in length, inclusive, must be returned to the water immediately. A person's possession limit may not include more than one trout over 16 inches in length. Legal methods for taking trout are limited to artificial lures and flies.

Name	Location	County
A. Canfield Creek (South Branch Creek)	T.102, R.12, S.24,25 from the confluence with South Branch Root River in S.24, T.102, R.12, upstream approximately 1.6 miles to the permanent source	Fillmore
B. Garvin Brook	T.107, R.8, S.33,34 and T.106, R.8, S.4,5,8 from the posted boundary at the intersection of Highway 14 upstream approximately 5.0 miles to the posted boundary at the confluence with Peterson Creek in S.8, T.106, R.8	Winona
C. Gribben Creek	T.103, R.9, S.9,16,21,27,28 from the confluence with the Root River in S.9, T.103, R.9 upstream 3.9 miles to the permanent source	Fillmore
D. Hay Creek	T.112, R.15, S.23,24,26,27 from the posted boundary at the point where Hay Creek crosses the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 section line in S.24, T.112, R.15, upstream approximately 4.0 miles to the posted boundary in the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 S.27, T.112, R.15	Goodhue
E. Logan Creek	T.107, R.11, S.3 from the confluence with the North Branch Whitewater River in S.3, T.107, R.11, upstream approximately 0.9 miles to the permanent source	Olmsted
F. Trout Run Creek	T.104, R.10, S.4,5,8,9,16,17,20,21 and T.105, R.10, S.18,19, 30,31,32 from the confluence with the North Branch Root River upstream approximately 13.3 miles to the source - entire stream	Fillmore
G. Whitewater River, North Branch	T.108, R.11, S.31,32,33,34 and T.107, R.11, S.1,2,3 and R.10, S.6,7 from the posted boundary at the second low-water crossing in S.6, T.107, R.10, upstream from Elba where state land begins going upstream approximately 12.1 miles to Wabasha County Road 4 crossing	Wabasha, Olmsted, Winona

[For text of subps 38 to 113, see M.R.]

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Subp. 114. State park catch and release trout fishing. Within the boundaries of a state park, catch and release angling for trout is allowed from October 15 to December 31. While a person is on or fishing in the following waters within state park boundaries, angling for trout is limited to catch and release only, whereby any trout caught must be immediately returned to the water.

<u>Stream Name</u>	<u>County</u>
<u>East Beaver Creek</u>	<u>Houston</u>
<u>Forestville Creek</u>	<u>Fillmore</u>
<u>Canfield Creek</u>	<u>Fillmore</u>
<u>Trout Run Creek</u>	<u>Winona</u>
<u>South Branch Root River</u>	<u>Fillmore</u>
<u>Middle Branch Whitewater</u>	<u>Winona</u>

REPEALER. Minnesota Rules, part 6264.0400, subpart 3, is repealed.

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

Emergency Executive Order 14-04: Extending Relief from Regulations to Motor Carriers and Drivers Operating in the State of Minnesota

I, MARK DAYTON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, the entire upper Midwest continues to experience colder than average temperatures, and such weather is expected to continue; and

WHEREAS, continued and extreme arctic cold weather conditions are prolonging shortages and interruptions in the availability of propane and other home heating fuels throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, an increasing number of household, farms, businesses, and other enterprises are at serious risk of running out of heating fuel; and

WHEREAS, propane, liquid heating fuels, #1 fuel oil, and kerosene are needed for home heating, emergency service vehicles, buses, generators, and diesel vehicles; and

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WHEREAS, extremely low volumes of propane, liquid heating fuels, #1 fuel oil, and kerosene are forcing fuel suppliers to travel to terminals around the state and in other states.

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

1. A state of emergency exists in Minnesota that requires relief from regulations incorporated in *Minnesota Statutes*, section 221.0314, subdivision 9, pertaining to hours of service for motor carriers and drivers providing direct assistance in emergency relief efforts.
2. Motor carriers and drivers transporting propane, liquid heating fuels, #1 fuel oil, and kerosene to affected areas of the state and providing direct assistance for emergency relief efforts, are exempted from the regulations incorporated in *Minnesota Statutes*, section 221.0314, subdivision 9, pertaining to hours of service.
3. Nothing in this order shall be construed to relieve motor carriers and drivers transporting supplies and materials and providing direct assistance for emergency relief efforts from regulations pertaining to driver qualifications; driving of commercial motor vehicles; commercial drivers' licenses; drug and alcohol testing for drivers; or equipment, parts, and accessories necessary for the safe operation of vehicles.
4. No motor carrier or driver operating under the terms of this order shall require or allow an ill or fatigued driver to operate a motor vehicle. Any driver who informs a carrier that he or she needs immediate rest shall be given at least ten consecutive off-duty hours before the driver is required to return to service.
5. Upon the expiration of this order, or when a motor carrier or driver ceases to provide direct assistance to the emergency relief effort, a driver that has had at least thirty-four consecutive hours off-duty must be permitted to start his or her on-duty status hours and 60/70-hour clock at zero.

Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, section 4.035, subdivision 2, this Emergency Executive Order is effective immediately and must be filed with the Secretary of State and published in the *State Register* as soon as possible after its issuance. Emergency relief from regulations for motor carriers and drivers transporting propane, liquid heating fuels, #1 fuel oil, and kerosene to affected areas of the state, shall remain in effect for 30 days or until the commercial motor carrier or driver ceases direct assistance in providing emergency relief, whichever occurs first. For purposes of this Emergency Executive Order, direct assistance is defined in *Minnesota Statutes*, section 221.0269, subdivision 3, paragraph (c). This Emergency Executive Order may be extended in accordance with *Minnesota Statutes*, section 221.0269, subdivision 2.

In Testimony Whereof, I have set my hand on this 6th day of February, 2014.

Mark Dayton
Governor

Filed According to Law

Mark Ritchie
Secretary of State

Office of the Governor

Emergency Executive Order 14-05: Amending Emergency Executive Order 14-04, Extending Relief from Regulations to Motor Carriers and Drivers Operating in the State of Minnesota

I, MARK DAYTON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:\

WHEREAS, the entire upper Midwest continues to experience colder than average temperatures, and such weather is expected to continue; and

Executive Orders

WHEREAS, continued and extreme arctic cold weather conditions are prolonging shortages and interruptions in the availability of propane and other home heating fuels throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, an increasing number of household, farms, businesses, and other enterprises are at serious risk of running out of heating fuel; and

WHEREAS, propane, liquid heating fuels, #1 fuel oil, and kerosene are needed for home heating, emergency service vehicles, buses, generators, and diesel vehicles; and

WHEREAS, extremely low volumes of propane, liquid heating fuels, #1 fuel oil, and kerosene are forcing fuel suppliers to travel to terminals around the state and in other states; and

WHEREAS, motor carriers and drivers who transport propane, liquid heating fuels, #1 fuel oil, and kerosene, will also need to simultaneously transport gasoline, diesel fuel, ethanol, and biodiesel.

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

1. A state of emergency exists in Minnesota that requires relief from regulations incorporated in *Minnesota Statutes*, section 221.0314, subdivision 9, pertaining to hours of service for motor carriers and drivers providing direct assistance in emergency relief efforts.
2. Motor carriers and drivers transporting propane, liquid heating fuels, #1 fuel oil, kerosene, gasoline, diesel fuel, ethanol, and biodiesel to affected areas of the state and providing direct assistance for emergency relief efforts, are exempted from the regulations incorporated in *Minnesota Statutes*, section 221.0314, subdivision 9, pertaining to hours of service.
3. Nothing in this order shall be construed to relieve motor carriers and drivers transporting supplies and materials and providing direct assistance for emergency relief efforts from regulations pertaining to driver qualifications; driving of commercial motor vehicles; commercial drivers' licenses; drug and alcohol testing for drivers; or equipment, parts, and accessories necessary for the safe operation of vehicles.
4. No motor carrier or driver operating under the terms of this order shall require or allow an ill or fatigued driver to operate a motor vehicle. Any driver who informs a carrier that he or she needs immediate rest shall be given at least ten consecutive off-duty hours before the driver is required to return to service.
5. Upon the expiration of this order, or when a motor carrier or driver ceases to provide direct assistance to the emergency relief effort, a driver that has had at least thirty-four consecutive hours off-duty must be permitted to start his or her on-duty status hours and 60/70-hour clock at zero.

Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, section 4.035, subdivision 2, this Emergency Executive Order is effective immediately and must be filed with the Secretary of State and published in the *State Register* as soon as possible after its issuance. Emergency relief from regulations for motor carriers and drivers transporting propane, liquid heating fuels, #1 fuel oil, kerosene, gasoline, diesel fuel, ethanol, and biodiesel to affected areas of the state, shall remain in effect until March 8th, 2014, or until the commercial motor carrier or driver ceases direct assistance in providing emergency relief, whichever occurs first. For purposes of this Emergency Executive Order, direct assistance is defined in *Minnesota Statutes*, section 221.0269, subdivision 3, paragraph (c). This Emergency Executive Order may be extended in accordance with *Minnesota Statutes*, section 221.0269, subdivision 2.

In Testimony Whereof, I have set my hand on this 7th day of February, 2014.

Mark Dayton
Governor

Filed According to Law

Mark Ritchie
Secretary of State

Official Notices

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

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

Minnesota Department of Administration (Admin)

Real Estate and Construction Services

Notice of State Real Property for Sale

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State of Minnesota is offering for sale approximately 47 acres of vacant land outside of the road Right-of-Way, along with a 20 foot access easement to the land located in Section 24, Township 111, Range 24 West in Lexington Township, Le Sueur County, Minnesota near Le Center. For a bid package, see

<http://mn.gov/admin/government/real-estate/sales-acquisitions/for-sale-and-lease.jsp>

Minnesota Board on Aging

Notice of 2014 Meetings of the Minnesota Board on Aging

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 2014 meetings of the Minnesota Board on Aging will be held at 9:00 a.m., at 540 Cedar, Elmer L. Andersen Building, Conference Room 2370, St. Paul, Minnesota on the following dates:

March 21
June 20
July 18
September 19
December 5 - (1:00 p.m. start time)

For additional information please call (651) 431-2500 or 1-800-882-6262. Please check the MBA web site at www.mnaging.org for any changes to this notice.

Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS)

Provider and Enrollment Division

Notice of Availability of the Minnesota Health Care Programs Provider Participation List [*Minnesota Rules*, Parts 9505.5200 to 9505.5240, Also Known as DHS Rule 101-Provider Compliance List]

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Health Care Programs provider participation list for **January 2014** is now available. The provider participation list is a compilation of health care providers who are in compliance with DHS Rule 101 (*Minnesota Rules*, Parts 9505.5200 to 9505.5240). If a provider name is not on the list, the Department considers the provider non-compliant. The list of providers is separated by provider type, each section is in alphabetical order by provider name, and there is no additional information on the list other than the provider's name. This list is distributed on a quarterly basis to the Department of Employee Relations, the Department of Labor and Industry, and the Department of Commerce. To obtain the list, contact Andrea Thomas, Rule 101

Specialist, at (651) 431-3103 or toll-free at 1-800-366-5411. You may fax your request to (651) 431-7462 or mail to the Department of Human Services, PO Box 64987, St. Paul, MN 55164-0987.

Lucinda Jesson, Commissioner
Department of Human Services

Metropolitan Council Notice of Public Hearing on 2030 Transportation Policy Plan Amendment

The Metropolitan Council will hold a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan to include two highway projects identified by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) as part of its Corridors of Commerce program. The two projects are Minnesota Highway 610, from its current terminus at Hennepin County Highway 81 to Interstate 94 and a project on Interstate 94 to add an eastbound auxiliary lane from Minnesota Highway 241 to Minnesota Highway 101, to extend the westbound exit ramp at Highway 101 and to add a third westbound lane between Highways 101 and 241.

The state will fund these projects through the Corridors of Commerce program, approved by the Minnesota Legislature in 2013.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing and offer comments. Those attending may register in advance to speak by calling the Council at (651) 602-1140.

Upon request, the Metropolitan Council will provide reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities. **Advance notice, indicating the specific accommodation needed, is appreciated.**

The public hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Transportation Committee:

- o **Monday, March 24, 5 p.m.**
Metropolitan Council Chambers
390 Robert Street North, St. Paul
Served by many regional transit routes

The Council will also receive comments on the proposed amendment through **April 4** as follows (comments must be received by **5 p.m.**):

- o Written comments: Metropolitan Council
390 N. Robert St., St. Paul, 55101
- o **Fax** comments to: (651) 602-1464
- o Send TTY comments to: (651) 291-0904
- o **E-mail:** public.info@metc.state.mn.us
- o Record comments on Council's Public Comment Line at (651) 602-1500

Staff will review public comment and evaluate changes to the proposed policies to address the comments submitted by the public. A recommendation for final adoption of the amendments will be considered by the Metropolitan Council following the public comment period.

The Council will also receive comments on a proposed administrative modification to the Transportation Policy Plan that would update the plan to include modern streetcar corridors under study in the region and emerging regional policy issues related to modern streetcar projects.

For more information about the proposed amendment or the proposed administrative modification, visit:

www.metrocouncil.org/transportation.aspx

Official Notices

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)

Watershed Division

Notice of Extension of Public Notice Period for Draft Lake Volney and Jefferson-German Lake Chain Excess Nutrients Total Maximum Daily Load Reports

Extended Public Comment Period Begins: February 17, 2014

Extended Public Comment Period Ends: March 3, 2014

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is extending the public comment periods for Lake Volney and Jefferson-German Lake Chain Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) studies. The draft TMDL reports, titled Upper Cannon Lakes: Excess Nutrients (Lake Volney and Jefferson-German Chain), are available for review at: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/tmdl/tmdl-draft.html>

Comments must be received by the MPCA by 4:30 P.M. on February XXX, 2014:

Shaina Keseley
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
18 Wood Lake Dr SE
Rochester, MN 55904
Phone: (507) 206-2622 (direct)
Minnesota Toll Free: 1-800-657-3864
Fax: (507) 280-5513
E-mail: shaina.keseley@state.mn.us

TTY users may call the MPCA teletypewriter at (651) 282-5332 or 1-800-657-3864.

This is an extension of the original public comment period, which ran December 9-January 9, 2013/14 in the *Minnesota State Register*.

Dated: February 2014

Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT)

Engineering Services Division,

Office of Construction and Innovative Contracting

Notices of Suspension and Debarment

NOTICE OF DEBARMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Department of Transportation ("MnDOT") has ordered that the following vendors be debarred for a period of thirty (30) months, effective August 22, 2011 until February 22, 2014:

- Marlon Louis Danner and his affiliates, South St. Paul, MN
- Danner, Inc. and its affiliates, South St. Paul, MN
- Bull Dog Leasing, Inc. and its affiliates, Inver Grove Heights, MN
- Danner Family Limited Partnership and its affiliates, South St. Paul, MN
- Ell-Z Trucking, Inc. and its affiliates, South St. Paul, MN
- Danner Environmental, Inc. and its affiliates, South St. Paul, MN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MnDOT has ordered that the following vendors be debarred for a period of three (3) years, effective March 25, 2011 until March 25, 2014:

- Philip Joseph Franklin, Leesburg, VA
- Franklin Drywall, Inc. and its affiliates, Little Canada, MN
- Master Drywall, Inc. and its affiliates, Little Canada, MN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MnDOT has ordered that the following vendors be debarred for a period of three (3) years, effective May 6, 2013 until May 6, 2016:

- Gary Francis Bauerly and his affiliates, Rice, MN
- Gary Bauerly, LLC and its affiliates, Rice, MN
- Watab Hauling Co. and its affiliates, Rice, MN

Minnesota Statute section 161.315 prohibits the Commissioner, counties, towns, or home rule or statutory cities from awarding or approving the award of a contract for goods or services to a person who is suspended or debarred, including:

- 1) any contract under which a debarred or suspended person will serve as a subcontractor or material supplier,
- 2) any business or affiliate which the debarred or suspended person exercises substantial influence or control, and
- 3) any business or entity, which is sold or transferred by a debarred person to a relative or any other party over whose actions the debarred person exercises substantial influence or control, remains ineligible during the duration of the seller's or transfer's debarment.

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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.

SEE ALSO: Office of Grants Management (OGM) at: <http://www.grants.state.mn.us/public/>

Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) Agricultural Marketing and Development Division (AMDD) Notice of Request for Proposals for Grant Projects that “Enhance the Competitiveness” of Minnesota Specialty Crops; Funding Priorities Offered for Comment

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is accepting competitive grant proposals for specialty crop research and development projects, in anticipation of a federal block grant under the USDA's Specialty Crop Block Grant (SCBG) Program (CFDA 10.170). The MDA anticipates a federal allocation of approximately \$800,000.

The goal of the program is to increase the competitiveness of specialty crops. The USDA defines specialty crops as fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops (including floriculture). For a complete list of eligible crops:

www.ams.usda.gov/scbgp

2014 MN SCBG Funding Priorities (please comment):

- Innovation in production, aggregation, processing, packaging,
- Improving operational efficiencies, reducing costs or other barriers, and increasing access to distribution systems and new markets for specialty crops,

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- Increasing the demand-for and supply-of locally produced specialty crops,
- Pest and disease control, and varietal improvement,
- Development of food safety practices including “Good Agricultural Practices”, “Good Handling Practices” and “Good Manufacturing Practices”, and
- Practices that encourage conservation and environmental stewardship, including organic specialty crops research.

Please direct comments or questions to Brian Erickson, MDA, Agricultural Marketing and Development Division, **phone:** (651) 201-6539 or **e-mail:** brian.j.erickson@state.mn.us

MDA will accept eligible applications received electronically (**by e-mail**) to brian.j.erickson@state.mn.us by 4:00 p.m. CST, April 30, 2014 (applicants are responsible to request confirmation of proposal receipt).

For a full copy of the 2014 Minnesota Specialty Crop Block Grant RFP and Grant Manual, grant application guidance/sample applications, and a fillable .pdf application form, go to <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/grants/grants/specialty.aspx>

This request does not obligate the State to grant funds. 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 Department of Human Services (DHS)

Health Care Administration

Notice of Request for Proposals (RFP) to Provide Innovative Forms of Health Care Delivery under Alternative Payment Arrangements to Medical Assistance (MA) and MinnesotaCare Enrollees

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Department of Human Services is requesting proposals for the purpose of delivering health care services to Medical Assistance (MA) and MinnesotaCare enrollees under alternative payment arrangements through the Integrated Health Partnerships (IHP - formerly known as Health Care Delivery Systems or HCDS) Demonstration.

The projected service begin date is January 1, 2015.

Proposals submitted in response to the RFP in this notice must be sent to:

Attention: Mathew Spaan
Health Care Administration
Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 64984
St. Paul, MN 55155-0984

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 **3:00 p.m. Central Time on June 2, 2014. Late proposals will NOT be considered.** Fax or e-mailed proposals will **NOT** be considered. The RFP can be viewed by visiting the Department of Human Services RFP website after 12 noon on February 18, 2014 at http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/id_000102.

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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In addition to the following listing of state contracts, readers are advised to check the Statewide Integrated Financial Tools (SWIFT) Supplier Portal at: <http://supplier.swift.state.mn.us> as well as the Office of Grants Management (OGM) at: <http://www.grants.state.mn.us/public/>

Informal Solicitations: Informal solicitations for professional/technical (consultant) contracts valued at over \$5,000 through \$50,000, may either be advertised in the Supplier Portal (see link above) or posted on the Department of Administration, Materials Management Division's (MMD) Web site at: <http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/solicitations.htm>.

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 advertised in the SWIFT Supplier Portal or alternatively, in the *Minnesota State Register* if the procurement is not being conducted in the SWFT system.

Minnesota Department of Administration (Admin)

State Designer Selection Board Project No. 14-01

Notice of Availability of Request for Proposal (RFP) for Designer Selection for: Renovations to the Waste Water Treatment Plant at Camp Ripley, Little Falls, Minnesota

The State of Minnesota, Department of Administration 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 National Guard's website <http://www.MinnesotaNationalGuard.org/rfp>.

A **MANDATORY** informational meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.** Central Time at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, Camp Ripley, 15000 Highway 115, Little Falls, Minnesota 56345.

Any questions should be directed to Mr. Dennis Arntson at **fax:** (320) 632-7473 or **e-mail:** dennis.m.arntson.nfg@mail.mil Project questions will be taken by this individual only. Questions regarding this RFP must be received by February 25, 2014 no later than 8:00 a.m. Central Time.

Proposals must be delivered to Kathy Grochowski, Executive Secretary, State Designer Selection Board, Real Estate and Construction Services, Room 309, Administration Building, 50 Sherburne Ave., St. Paul, MN 55155, **phone:** (651) 201-2389) not later than **12:00 noon on Monday, March 3, 2014**. Late responses will not be considered.

The Minnesota National Guard 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)

Board of Trustees

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Construction Manager at Risk (Cm@R) Services for Comstock Memorial Union Renovation and Addition Project, Minnesota State University Moorhead

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State of Minnesota, acting through its Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, on behalf of Minnesota State University Moorhead (MSUM), through the MSUM Student Union and Student Activities Department, is soliciting applications for Construction Manager at Risk (CM@r) Services for the design and construction of the Comstock Memorial Union renovation and addition project. The services will proceed through all phases of design (schematic design, design development, and construction documentation) and will proceed with construction phase upon receipt of/sale of the 2015 revenue

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bond proceeds. Construction cost is anticipated to be approximately \$6,083,000.

A mandatory informational meeting is scheduled for *February 18, 2014, at 10:00 AM* on the Minnesota State University Moorhead campus, in Comstock Memorial Union, Room 205. All firms interested in this meeting should contact Jeff Goebel (218) 477-2069 / goebelj@mnstate.edu to confirm attendance. All potential or interested Responders must attend the meeting. Firms who do not attend this meeting will not be considered.

To view the complete RFQ documents see: <http://finance.mnscu.edu/facilities/design-construction/announcements/>

For this RFQ, written questions or communications regarding this RFQ shall be submitted via e-mail to goebelj@mnstate.edu and shall include the name of the questioner and their telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Addendum to the RFQ will be sent to vendors via e-mail. Vendors should acknowledge receipt of any addendum when submitting a proposal.

Sealed Statements of Qualifications must be received in the building and at the room as noted in the RFQ document no later than *March 4, 2014, at 3:00 pm*.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) Lake Superior College Notice of Request for Proposals (RFP) for Welding Air Filtration Systems, and Related Accessories, and / or Assembly and Installation

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lake Superior College will receive sealed proposals for welding air filtration systems, and related accessories, and / or assembly and installation. BID specifications, drawings, and instructions can be obtained from Gary Adams, Physical Plant Director, at the address or email shown below.

Gary Adams, Physical Plant Director
Lake Superior College
2101 Trinity Road, RM W2580
Duluth, MN 55811
Telephone: (218) 733-2005
Fax: (218) 733-2031
E-mail Address: g.adams@lsc.edu

Proposals must be delivered to Gary Adams, Physical Plant Director, Lake Superior College, 2101 Trinity Road, RM W2580, Duluth, MN 55811, not later than 1 PM on Wednesday, February 26, 2014. Late responses will not be considered.

Lake Superior College reserves the right to accept / reject any or all proposals or portions thereof. Also, the College may waive any irregularities or informalities in proposals received. This Request for Proposal does not obligate the College to complete a proposed contract, and the College reserves the right to cancel the solicitation if it is considered to be in its best interest.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) Minneapolis Community and Technical College Rebid - Request for Qualifications for Public Art

Minneapolis Community and Technical College is requesting statements of qualification from interested, qualified Artists, and intends to retain an Artist to provide a public art work, hereafter referred to as the "Work". This RFQ is undertaken by Minneapolis Community and Technical College pursuant to the authority contained in provisions of *Minnesota Statute* § 16B.35, 136F.06, 136F.581, 471.59 and other applicable laws.

The estimated total value of Art contract is \$90,000-\$95,000. This cost includes: all expenses, labor, and equipment to prepare the site for the timely installation of the Work, including but not limited to engineering, footings, plumbing, electricity, permits, inspections and lighting as necessary for the presentation or activation of the Work.

MCTC is open to artists' consideration of various sites within public areas of Technology building, multiple sites within public areas of Technology building, or grounds surrounding Technology building. Sites to consider, but not limited to, include curtain wall facing Loring Park, atrium, public corridors, stairs, seating elements, walls, interior plaza, exterior plaza, and non-traditional public spaces.

A complete copy of the RFQ is available by contacting Georgia Boyle, (612) 659-6833 or georgia.boyle@minneapolis.edu.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) Normandale Community College Advertisement for Sealed Bids for Chilled Water Piping Insulation

Sealed Bids for: *Chilled Water Piping Insulation*
Kopp Student Center
Normandale Community College
Bloomington, MN

will be received by: *Jessica Wolf*
Room B1605
Normandale Community College
Bloomington, MN 55431

Until 1:00pm *local time*, Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud.

Project Scope: Insulate exposed and concealed chilled water lines for a chilled beam system in the Student Center.

A **MANDATORY** Pre-Bid Meeting and walkthrough will be held at 9:00am, Thursday, February 20, 2014, in Room B1604, Normandale Community College. The College Representatives will review the bidding procedures, Bidding Documents and other conditions with interested Bidders and answer questions.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) 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 professional services for new construction, remodeling, commissioning, site and utility work, facilities, roads and grounds, and land development.

The Request for Information (RFI) documents can be found online at:

<http://www.finance.mnscu.edu/facilities/design-construction/index.html>

under Announcements. This RFI is to permit a consultant to be added to the MnSCU Master List of Consultants. The consultants
(Cite 38 SR 1121)

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currently on the Master List DO NOT need to respond to this RFI. The current Master List can be viewed at www.finance.mnscu.edu/facilities/design-construction/pm_emanual/index.html

and click on “#38 - Facilities P/T Consultants Master List”.

If unable to access the RFI electronically, copies of the RFI may also be requested from:

Nancy Marandola - Minnesota State Colleges & Universities

Phone: (651) 201-1780

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

Proposals must be delivered to:

Minnesota State Colleges & Universities
ATTN: Facilities Design and Construction
Wells Fargo Place
30 Seventh Street East, Suite 350
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-7804

Proposals must be received NOT later than **March 3, 2014 at 2:00 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 (MnSCU) Notice of Request for Proposal for External Auditing Services

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities is seeking to acquire external auditing services from an independent accounting firm duly licensed to practice in the State of Minnesota, pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* Section 326.192, or a similarly qualified government agency.

Proposals are being sought from parties interested in providing the following external auditing services (details below); eight financial statements audits for three fiscal years 2014, 2015 and 2016, A-133 compliance audit of federal student financial aid for three fiscal years 2014, 2015, 2016, one financial statement audit for three calendar years 2014, 2015, 2016, and NCAA Agreed Upon Procedures at six universities for Fiscal Year 2015. Proposals may be submitted as a package or separately for individual audits.

- **Systemwide Financial Statement Audit:** To conduct an annual audit in compliance with generally accepted government auditing standards and render an independent audit opinion on the general purpose system-wide financial statements for the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) [*Final audit adjustments due by early November following the end of each fiscal year*],
- **Revenue Fund Financial Statement Audit:** To conduct an annual audit in compliance with generally accepted government auditing standards and render an independent audit opinion on the financial statements of the MnSCU Revenue Fund, as required by the applicable bond covenants, [*Final audit adjustments due by early October following the end of each fiscal year*],
- **Financial Statement Audit of Bemidji State University:** To conduct an annual audit in compliance with generally accepted government auditing standards and render an independent audit opinion on the general purpose financial statements for the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) [*Final audit adjustments due by mid-October following the end of each fiscal year*],
- **Financial Statement Audit of Metropolitan State University:** To conduct an annual audit in compliance with generally accepted government auditing standards and render an independent audit opinion on the general purpose financial statements for the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) [*Final audit adjustments due by mid-October following the end of each fiscal year*],

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- **Financial Statement Audit of St. Cloud State University:** To conduct an annual audit in compliance with generally accepted government auditing standards and render an independent audit opinion on the general purpose financial statements for the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) *[Final audit adjustments due by mid-October following the end of each fiscal year]*,
- **Financial Statement Audit of Winona State University:** To conduct an annual audit in compliance with generally accepted government auditing standards and render an independent audit opinion on the general purpose financial statements for the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) *[Final audit adjustments due by mid-October following the end of each fiscal year]*,
- **Financial Statement Audit for iSeek Solutions:** To conduct an annual audit in compliance with generally accepted government auditing standards and render an independent audit opinion on the financial statements. *[Audit completion by November 1st of each fiscal year]*,
- **Financial Statement Audit of Itasca Community College Student Housing Funds, Itasca Hall and Wenger Hall:** To satisfy requirements of Trust Agreements between US Bank, Itasca County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, and Itasca Community College Revenue Bonds Series 2013. *[Final audit adjustments due by December 31 following the end of each fiscal year]*,
- **Federal Student Financial Aid Audit:** To satisfy the annual audit requirements established by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement for major federal financial assistance programs administered by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and provide the required reports on internal control and compliance required by federal regulations *[Final audit adjustments due by December 31 following the end of each fiscal year]*,
- **Financial Statement Audit of St. Cloud State University's Radio Station:** To satisfy grant requirements for an annual calendar year audit per the Corporation for Public Broadcasting regulations. *[Final audit adjustments due by March 31 following the end of each calendar year]*, and
- **NCAA Agree Upon Procedures at Six State Universities:** To conduct agreed upon procedures for Fiscal Year 2015 as required by NCAA for Division II institutions at the following state universities:
 - o **Bemidji State University**
 - o **Minnesota State University, Mankato**
 - o **Minnesota State University Moorhead**
 - o **Southwest Minnesota State University**
 - o **St. Cloud State University**
 - o **Winona State University***[Final completion due by January 15, 2016]*

This request for proposal does not obligate the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities to complete the proposed project, and the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities reserves the right to cancel the solicitation if it is considered to be in its best interest.

Responders may propose additional tasks, activities or alternative suggestions if they will substantially improve the results of the project. These items shall be separated from the required items on the cost proposal.

All proposals must be sent to and received by:

Beth Buse, Executive Director
Office of Internal Auditing
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
30 East 7th Street, Suite 350
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-4946

Not later than **4 PM on Monday, March 13, 2014**, as indicated by the date and time stamp on each response package by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities mail room, if packages are delivered by U.S. Mail, or by the 3rd floor Minnesota State Colleges and Universities receptionist, if packages are hand-delivered or delivered by courier.

Late proposals will not be considered. All costs incurred in responding to this RFP will be borne by the responder.

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Submit six copies of the proposal. Proposals are to be sealed in mailing envelopes or packages with the responder's name and address clearly written on the outside. Each copy of the proposal must be signed, in ink, by an authorized member of the firm. Prices and terms of the proposal as stated must be valid for the length of any resulting contract.

Contacts

A full Request for Proposal is available on a public web site at www.internalauditing.mnscu.edu/RFP/ or by contacting Darla Senn (darla.senn@so.mnscu.edu).

Other questions should be directed to the following person:

Beth Buse, Executive Director of Internal Auditing

Telephone: (651) 201-1799

e-mail: beth.buse@so.mnscu.edu

Questions and answers that will be informative to all prospective bidders will be posted on the same web site. Other personnel are NOT allowed to discuss the request for proposal with anyone, including responders, before the proposal submission deadline.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) System Office, Advancement Division Notice of Request for Proposal for Positioning Assessment and Brand Strategy Development

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities is requesting proposals to assist with a positioning and brand assessment. Information and analysis gathered in the assessment will be used to further improve the ability of our colleges and universities to serve students from all backgrounds (particularly those from communities traditionally underserved by higher education – low income, 1st generation, and communities of color) and more effectively contribute to Minnesota's economic prosperity by informing the system positioning/branding strategy and enrollment strategies. The data, research findings and analysis completed in the assessment will be used to inform decision making on how best to communicate the collective value of the 31 colleges and universities of MnSCU in a manner that:

- Strengthens the brand and positioning of each college and university;
- Improves the ability of each college and university to serve students and communities;
- Increases awareness among key audiences, strengthens partnerships with communities and businesses, leads to stronger support among opinion leaders and public officials, and results in increased enrollment.

Response requirements include an overview of recommended approach(es) for achieving objectives and goals; itemization and description of project components; and a cost estimate for each of the major deliverables. Technical specifications and full response requirements are available at: <http://www.advancement.mnscu.edu/rfp/brandingRFP/index.html>

All responses and/or questions are to be submitted to:

Carmen Shields, Marketing and Development Director

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

30 7th St. E., Suite 350

St. Paul, MN 55101-7804

Phone: (651) 201-1566

E-mail: carmen.shields@so.mnscu.edu

Sealed proposals must be received by 3:00 pm on Monday, March 10, 2014. MnSCU personnel other than Carmen Shields are not allowed to discuss the Request for Proposal with anyone, including responders, before the proposal submission deadline.

This request does not obligate Minnesota State Colleges and Universities to complete the proposed project, and the system reserves the right to cancel this solicitation if it is considered to be in its best interest.

MnSCU includes 24 two-year community and technical colleges and seven state universities operating on 54 campuses in 47 communities throughout the state.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities is an Equal Opportunity employer and educator.

Minnesota Historical Society and Oversight Board of the Statewide Survey of Historical and Archaeological Sites Request for Proposals for Investigating Minneapolis Park Historic Landscapes

Overview

The Minnesota Historical Society (Society) and the Oversight Board of the *Statewide Survey of Historical and Archaeological Sites* (Board) seek a qualified consultant to investigate historic landscapes in Minneapolis neighborhood parks. The purpose of the project is to create a baseline inventory of neighborhood park historic landscapes, to develop a framework for evaluating the historical significance of these landscapes, and to consider strategies for the preservation and interpretation of significant park historic landscapes. These efforts should assist the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) with identifying, interpreting, and managing historically significant park landscapes and assist historic preservationists and development agencies with accurately and efficiently assessing impacts of undertakings on historic park landscapes. The project cost may not exceed \$50,000.

The Request for Proposals is available by emailing Mary Green Toussaint, Acting Contracting Officer, at mary.green-toussaint@mnhs.org.

Four (4) hard copies of a proposal must be received by Mary Green Toussaint, Acting Contracting Officer, Minnesota Historical Society, 345 Kellogg Boulevard West, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102-1906, or by a staff member at the first floor reception desk no later than **2:00 p.m. Local Time, Thursday, March 13, 2014. Late proposals will NOT be considered.**

Dated: 18 February 2014

Minnesota Racing Commission Notice of Contractual Position for Chief Commission Veterinarian

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Racing Commission (MRC) is requesting proposals for the contractual position of Chief Commission Veterinarian for calendar year 2014 into 2015 with the option of extending the contract for up to an additional four years in increments determined by the State.

There will be two live race meets running between May 16, 2014 and September 13, 2014. Canterbury Park will hold a 69 day TB/QH race meeting, Thursday through Sunday, and holidays, from May 16, 2014 to September 13, 2014. Running Aces Harness Park will run a 57 day harness race meet, Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, and holidays, from May 24, 2014 to August 30, 2014. The contractor will need to be available to work full-time from mid-April through September and as needed from October through mid-April to handle administrative duties that arise during the off-season.

Providers must be licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Minnesota and have or acquire USDA APHIS certification.

Preference will be given to qualified providers who have experience serving in a regulatory veterinary capacity. Further preference will be given to qualified providers whom also hold an advanced degree in veterinary related sciences.

For further information or to obtain a copy of the complete Request for Proposal, free of charge, please contact:

Tom DiPasquale, Executive Director
Minnesota Racing Commission

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1100 Canterbury Road
P.O. Box 630
Shakopee, MN 55379
Phone: (952) 496-7950
E-mail: *Tom.dipasquale@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 3:00pm CST Tuesday, March 4, 2014. Late proposals will not be considered. Faxed or emailed proposals will not be considered.

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

Minnesota 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 Kelly Arneson 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 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:

Kelly Arneson
Consultant Services
Office of Technical Support
Minnesota Department of Transportation
395 John Ireland Blvd. - Mail Stop 680
St. Paul, MN 55155

Minnesota 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.

Minnesota Zoo**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Visitor Research and Evaluation of Zoo-wide Interpretive Themes**

The Minnesota Zoo is soliciting **information** (RFI) regarding evaluation strategies and logistics of qualified vendors, specifically related to evaluating Zoo guests' exposure to and recognition of four Zoo-wide interpretive themes. The results of an evaluation will be integrated into the Zoo's 2014 strategic planning process.

The four Zoo-wide interpretive themes should come across as messages to guests in all of their experiences at the Zoo, whether guests read graphic labels, visit the Zoo's web site, go to a free demonstration, or sign up for a paid class. In the future, the Zoo would like to address areas of the guest experience where these themes are communicated less effectively than others, and address those inconsistencies. In order to do so, the Zoo needs a baseline of how well it is communicating the four interpretive themes to guests in different types of experiences and in different physical spaces.

The purpose of this Request for Information (RFI) is to identify and obtain information from potential evaluators to assist the Zoo in finalizing an RFP. The release of the RFI does not guarantee that the Zoo will release the RFP. This RFI is strictly for informational purposes.

Details are included in the complete Request for Information which is available by e-mailing Jessica Madole, Interpretive Program Developer at the Minnesota Zoo: **e-mail:** Jessica.Madole@stste.mn.us. The deadline for submitting information is 2:00 PM Central Time, February 28, 2014.

This Request for Information does not obligate the State of Minnesota or the Minnesota Zoo to complete the work contemplated in this notice and the State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation. All expenses incurred in response to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder.

Non-State Public 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.

Besides the following listing, readers are advised to check: <http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/solicitations.htm> as well as the Office of Grants Management (OGM) at: <http://www.grants.state.mn.us/public/>.

Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC)

Crystal Airport

Notice of Call for Bids for 2014 Pavement Rehabilitation

MAC Contract No.: 109-1-037
Bids Close at: 2:00 pm on Tuesday March 18, 2014

Notice to Contractors: Sealed Bid Proposals for the project listed above will be received by the MAC, a public corporation, at the office thereof located at 6040 - 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55450 until the date and hour indicated. Major items of work include Pavement removal, excavation, P-208 aggregate base, P-401 bituminous pavement, pavement marking, pavement jointing & turf restoration.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE): The goal of the MAC for the utilization of DBE on this project is 9%.

Bid Security: Each bid shall be accompanied by a "Bid Security" in the form of a certified check made payable to the MAC in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, or a surety bond in the same amount, running to the MAC, with the surety company thereon duly authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota.

Availability of Bidding Documents: Bidding documents are on file for inspection at the office of Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc.; at the Minnesota Builders Exchange; McGraw Hill Construction Dodge; and NAMC-UM Plan Room. Bidders desiring bidding documents may secure a complete set from and make checks payable to: Northstar Imaging Services, Inc.; 1325 Eagandale Court – Suite 130; Eagan, MN 55121; phone: (651) 686-0477. Deposit per set (non-refundable): \$50.

MAC Internet Access of Additional Information: A comprehensive Notice of Call for Bids for this project will be available on February 17, 2014, at MAC's web address of <http://www.metroairports.org/Airport-Authority/Business-Opportunities/Solicitations.aspx> (construction bids).

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