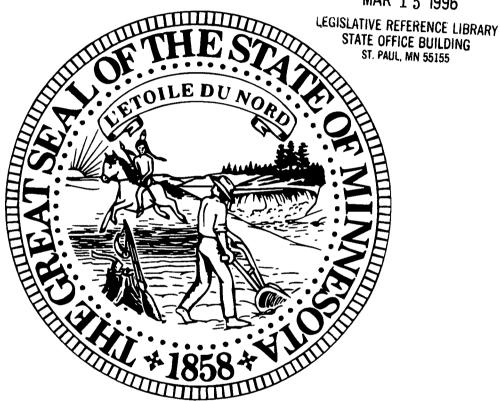
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Board of Dentistry

Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Advertising, CPR, Licensure by Credentials, and Reinstatements

The rules proposed and published at *State Register*, Volume 20, Number 26, pages 1614-1616, December 26, 1995 (20 SR 1614), are adopted as proposed.

Pollution Control Agency

Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Air Emissions

The rules proposed and published at State Register, Volume 20, Number 7, pages 270-291, August 14, 1995 (20 SR 270), are adopted with the following modifications:

Rules as Adopted

7005.0100 DEFINITIONS.

Subp. 10a. Emission factor' means the most accurate and representative emission data available from one of the following sources:

- A. For criteria pollutants, the emission factor listed in AIRS Facility Subsystem Source Classification Codes and Emission Factor Listing for Criteria Air Pollutants, EPA, 450/4-90-003 the Compilation of Air Pollutant Emission Factors (AP-42), fourth edition, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Technical Support Division, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711, March 1990, which is incorporated by reference and is available at the Minnesota state law library and through the Minitex interlibrary loan system. It is not subject to frequent change.
- B. For hazardous air pollutants (HAPs), the emission factor listed in Factor Information Retrieval (FIRE) Data System, EPA-454/C-94-032, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Technical Support Division, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27111, October 1994, which is incorporated by reference and is available through the Minitex interlibrary loan system. Where more than one emission factor is listed, emission factor means the one approved by the commissioner using best engineering judgment and based on one or more of the considerations in item C, subitem (2). It is not subject to frequent change.
- C. (1) Where no emission factor is available in AIRS or FIRE one of the documents described in item A or B, or where the agency has determined that a more representative emission factor is available under this item, emission factor means an emission factor developed or approved by the commissioner and derived from the following sources:
- (a) the AIRS Facility Subsystem Source Classification Codes and Emission Factor Listing for Criteria Air Pollutants, EPA, 450/4-90-003, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Technical Support Division, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711, March 1990, which is incorporated by reference and is available at the Minnesota state law library and through the Minitex interlibrary loan system; it is not subject to frequent change;
- (b) other EPA publications including, but not limited to, Compilation of Air Pollutant Emission Factors (AP-42), Locating and Estimating documents, Control Technology Center documents, the preamble and background information documents for New Source Performance Standards or National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants;

(b) (c) EPA databases and computer programs;

- (e) (d) engineering publications;
- (d) (e) performance test data from the same or a similar emission unit at the same or a similar facility; or
- (e) (f) manufacturer's performance tests; or
- (g) emission data developed by the regulated party using the best engineering judgment criteria listed in subitem (2).
- (2) The commissioner shall develop or approve an emission factor using best engineering judgment and based on one or more of the following considerations:
- (b) the <u>design and operational</u> similarity between the emission units tested and the emission units to which the emission factor is to be applied;

7007.1130 REGISTRATION PERMIT OPTION D.

- Subp. 2. Application content. An application for a registration permit under this part must contain all of the following requirements:
- E. the calculations required by subpart 4, and the total actual emissions per pollutant that result from those calculations. A stationary source in which the only hazardous air pollutant (HAP) emissions are VOC emissions and that has actual VOC emissions less than five tons per year, and combustion sources with a total heat input less than 30 MMBtu/hr burning fuel oil and burning gas (natural gas or propane) are not required to calculate emissions of HAPs. If the stationary source has not been operated, the owner or operator shall estimate actual emissions during normal operation in performing the calculations required by subpart 4. If the stationary source has been operated less than 12 months on the date of application under this part, the owner or operator shall estimate actual emissions by multiplying by 12 the larger of the following:
- Subp. 4. Calculation of actual emissions. The owner or operator of a stationary source may use a calculation worksheet provided by the commissioner for calculating actual emissions under this part, or may use the calculation methods under items A to E. The owner or operator must calculate actual emissions for each emissions unit, except that similar emissions units may be aggregated for emission calculation purposes. The owner or operator of a stationary source shall use the calculation method in item B instead of the calculation method in item A if the data described in item B are available for the stationary source. The alternative methods described in items C, D, and E may be used by the owner or operator without advance notification to the commissioner. The commissioner shall reject data submitted using the methods described in items B to E if the conditions set forth for the method are not fully met. To prevent double counting of emissions, the owner or operator must select one calculation method under this subpart for each emissions unit at the stationary source. Fugitive dust emissions must be included in the calculations under this subpart, if the stationary source is a category listed in part 7007.0200, subpart 2, item B, subitems (1) to (27).
- A. All calculations of actual emissions required under this part shall be based on the stationary source's operating parameters, and must use the following equation:
 - $E = OP \times EF \times [1-CE]$, where
 - E = Actual Emissions in tons per year
 - OP = Operating Parameter as required by the Emission Factor (hours of operation or units produced)
 - EF = Emission Factor (pounds of pollutant per hour of operation or units produced) as defined in part 7005.0100, subpart 10a-
 - CE = Control Efficiency (percent expressed as a decimal fraction of 1.00) determined according to part 7011.0070.

7007.1250 INSIGNIFICANT MODIFICATIONS.

- Subpart 1. When an insignificant modification can be made. The permittee may make a modification described in either item A or B at a permitted stationary source without getting a permit amendment, unless the modification is prohibited by subpart 2.
 - B. Any modification that will:
- (2) result in an increase of an air pollutant which is listed below in table 1, but in an amount less than the corresponding threshold; or
- (3) result in an increase of a hazardous air pollutant, at a major source as defined in *Code of Federal Regulations*, title 40, section 63.2, in an amount less than 25 percent of the de minimis emission rates established in the rules promulgated by the admin-

KEY: PROPOSED RULES SECTION — <u>Underlining</u> indicates additions to existing rule language. <u>Strike outs</u> indicate deletions from existing rule language. If a proposed rule is totally new, it is designated "all new material." **ADOPTED RULES SECTION** — <u>Underlining</u> indicates additions to proposed rule language. <u>Strike outs</u> indicate deletions from proposed rule language.

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istrator under section 112(g) of the act. This subitem becomes effective when the rules promulgated by the administrator under 112(g) of the act become effective.

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| Pollutant | Threshold |
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| NO _x | 2.28 pounds per hour |
| SO ² | 2.28 pounds per hour |
| VOCs | 2.28 pounds per hour |
| PM-10 | .855 pounds per hour |
| CO | 5.70 pounds per hour |
| Lead | .025 pounds per hour |

For purposes of this subpart, whether or not the modification will cause an increase in emissions shall be calculated as described in part 7007.1200. An owner or operator may not use control equipment efficiencies for listed control equipment determined by part 7011.0070 to qualify for an insignificant modification, unless the specifications for the control equipment are from a control equipment manufacturer, as defined in part 7011.0060, subpart 3. Modifications which would otherwise be insignificant under this part may be title I modifications, for which a major amendment is required, using the methods of calculation required under title I of the act. Permittees are reminded to review the definition of title I modifications and the requirements of title I of the act.

7007.1300 INSIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES LIST.

- Subp. 2. Insignificant activities not required to be listed. The activities described in this subpart are not required to be listed in a permit application under part 7007.0500, subpart 2, item C, subitem (2).
 - D. Finishing Processing operations:
 - F. Drain, waste, and vent piping:
 - (3) sludge and septage landspreading site sites;
- Subp. 3. Insignificant activities required to be listed. The activities described in this subpart must be listed in a permit application, and calculation of emissions from the emissions units listed under this subpart, in addition to all other emissions from the stationary source, eould make the stationary source subject to different applicable requirements or different requirements under parts 7007.0100 to 7007.1850. For purposes of this subpart, applicable requirement means applicable requirement as defined in part 7007.0100, subpart 7, items B to L. these activities shall be provided if required by the agency, under part 7007.0500, subpart 2, item C, subitem (2). If emissions units listed in this subpart are subject to additional requirements under section 114(a)(3) of the act (Enhanced Monitoring) or section 112 of the act (Hazardous Air Pollutants), or if part of a title I modification, or if accounted for, make a stationary source subject to a part 70 permit, emissions from the emissions units must be calculated in the permit application.
 - D. Finishing Processing operations:

The Department of Revenue began issuing revenue notices in July of 1991. Revenue notices are statements of policy made by the department that provide interpretation, detail, or supplementary information concerning a particular statute, rule, or departmental practice. The authority to issue revenue notices is found in *Minnesota Statutes* §270.0604.

Department of Revenue

Revenue Notice #96-1: Collections; Revocation of Licenses; Definition

Minnesota Statutes, Section 270.72, subd. 1, states;

"TAX CLEARANCE REQUIRED. The state or a political subdivision of the state may not issue, transfer, or renew, and must revoke, a license for the conduct of a profession, occupation, trade, or business, if the commissioner notifies the licensing authority that the applicant owes the state delinquent taxes, penalties, or interest." [Emphasis Added].

Additionally, Minnesota Statutes, Section 270.72, subd. 1, states;

"A licensing authority that has received a notice from the commissioner may issue, transfer, renew, or not revoke the applicant's license only if (a) the commissioner issues a tax clearance certificate and (b) the commissioner or the applicant forwards a copy of the clearance to the authority." [Emphasis Added].

The term "revoke," generally implies that the license has been terminated in such a way that the licensee may not be reinstated, or may be reinstated only after a period of time. For purposes of *Minnesota Statutes* § 270.72, the Department of Revenue deems the term "revoke" to mean that the taxpayer's license will be suspended until the tax obligation has been satisfied and the tax clearance certificate has been issued. This means that the taxpayer's license is not terminated indefinitely, and that once certain conditions have been met, the licensee will not be required to repeat the licensing procedure in order to have his or her license reinstated.

Dated: 18 March 1996

Patricia A. Lien Assistant Commissioner for Tax Policy

Department of Revenue

Revenue Notice #96-2: Solid Waste Assessment Conversions for Mixed Municipal Solid Waste

Minnesota Statutes, section 116.07, subd. 10 (d), provides for a solid waste generator assessment for each nonresidential customer at the rate of 60 cents per noncompacted cubic yard of periodic waste collection capacity purchased by a customer. The statute provides that, "the commissioner of revenue, after consultation with the commissioner of the pollution control agency, shall determine, and may publish by notice, compaction rates for other types of waste where they exist and conversion schedules for waste that is managed by measurements other than cubic yards."

After consulting the commissioner of the pollution control agency, the commissioner of revenue has determined that if waste collectors or waste management facilities charge for solid waste collection and disposal services based on the weight of the mixed municipal solid waste, they should charge at the rate of \$6.00 per ton and use the following conversion standards for mixed municipal solid waste:

Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Conversions

| | | Solid Waste Assessment |
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| 200 pounds = | 1 noncompacted cubic yard = | \$0.60 |
| 600 pounds = | 1 compacted cubic yard = | \$1.80 |
| 1 pound = | 0.005 cubic yards = | \$0.003 |
| 200 pounds = | 1 cubic yard = | \$0.60 |
| 1 ton = | 10 cubic yards = | \$6.00 |
| 30 gallon bag* = | 0.15 cubic yards = | \$0.09 per 30 gallon bag |
| 33 gallon bag = | 0.165 cubic yards = | \$0.10 per 33 gallon bag |
| 200 gallons = | 1 cubic yard = | \$0.60 per 200 gallons |

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*Formula for bag conversion: Size of bag / $200 \times $0.60 = assessment$.

For example, 40 gal./200 x \$0.60 = \$0.12 per bag.

Dated: 18 March 1996

Patricia A. Lien Assistant Commissioner for Tax Policy

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Pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes §14.101, an agency, in preparing proposed rules, may seek information or opinion from sources outside the agency. Notices of intent to solicit outside opinion must be published in the *State Register* and all interested persons afforded the opportunity to submit data or views on the subject, either orally or in writing.

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

Department of Agriculture

Agronomy and Plant Protection Division

Notice of Solicitation of Outside Information or Opinions Regarding Best Management Practices for Nitrogen Use on Irrigated Potatoes

Introduction

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is responsible for the designation and promotion of voluntary Best Management Practices (BMPs) related to nitrogen fertilizer use. The overall structure and specifics of the BMPs were formally adopted in 1991. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture is now seeking comments on the proposed voluntary BMPs for nitrogen fertilizer management on irrigated potatoes. The proposed BMPs were developed by the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota Extension Service in consultation with MDA and the Area II Potato Growers.

Agency Contact Person. Please direct comments, questions, or requests for additional information on the proposed BMPs to:

Bruce Montgomery, Soil Scientist

Minnesota Department of Agriculture-Agronomy and Plant Protection Services

90 West Plato Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55107-2094 Telephone: 612-297-7178 FAX: 612-297-2271

Electronic mail: bmontgom@mda-ag.mda.state.mn.us

Comments will be accepted until 4:30 P.M., April 26, 1996.

Existing Nitrogen Fertilizer BMP Structure

The BMPs are based upon a three-tier strategy. Each succeeding tier enhances or refines the previous tier. The three tiers are (1) Statewide BMPs, (2) Regional BMPs, and (3) Special Situation BMPs.

- (1) Statewide BMPs apply to all areas of the state. The succeeding tiers further refine statewide recommendations. The application of these BMPs result in specific practices that are uniquely tailored to a given situation. Detailed information is available in the Minnesota Extension publication titled Best Management Practices for Nitrogen Use Statewide in Minnesota (AG-FO-6125-C (1993)).
- (2) Regional BMPs account for some of the local variation in soils, hydrogeologic conditions, and climatic conditions. The state has been divided into five regions based upon general climatic conditions, soil characteristics, and the resulting sensitivity to groundwater contamination. The counties listed do not denote the exact boundaries for each region, but are listed as a guide to nitrogen users where the prevalent conditions may apply. Regional BMPs refine the prescriptions of the statewide BMPs. For additional detailed information, refer to the following Minnesota Extension bulletins: Best Management Practices for Nitrogen Use in: a) Southeastern Minnesota (AG-FO-6126-B); b) South-Central Minnesota (AG-FO-6127-C); c) Southwestern and West-Central Minnesota (AG-FO-6128-C); d) Northwestern Minnesota (AG-FO-6130); and e) East-Central and Central Minnesota (AG-FO-6129).
- 3) Special Situation BMPs describe management criteria for the following conditions: a) irrigated soils (Refer to Best Management Practices for Nitrogen Use on Irrigated, Coarse Textured Soils (AG-FO-6131-B)) for additional information, b)

coarse textured, non-irrigated soils, c) turf, and d) areas near surface water. These areas pose additional environmental susceptibility problems and require additional management considerations.

Proposed Nitrogen Fertilizer BMP Amendments

The proposed BMPs will be a separate classification within the Special Situation BMPs-Irrigated soils. Listed below is an abbreviated version of the most important points. The complete text and supporting data is available upon request by contacting the MDA.

The proposed BMPs are to be used in conjunction with the statewide and regional BMPs where applicable. BMPs for nitrogen management on irrigated potatoes need to be somewhat flexible due to differences in soil types, climatic conditions, types of potato cultivars grown, harvest criteria, and the types of equipment available for nitrogen applications.

Practices listed under General Irrigated Potato BMPs are recommended for any potato variety grown under irrigated conditions on coarse-textured soils. This includes early season varieties (defined here as those potatoes with the vines killed within the time frame of July through early August) and medium and late season (vines killed after mid-August) varieties.

Practices listed under Specific Irrigated Potato BMPs were developed through research dominated by the Russet Burbanks variety. The response may vary slightly with other varieties. Additional research will be conducted to fine-tune nitrogen timing for early harvested varieties.

The following abbreviations will be used throughout the remaining text: "N" represents the term "nitrogen'" and "lb N/A" represents "pounds of nitrogen per acre."

A. General Irrigated Potato BMPs

1. Select a realistic nitrogen rate:

- (a) Develop realistic yield goals based on variety and harvest data. Different potato varieties and differences due to harvest dates will have a pronounced effect of yield and yield goals. Earlier maturing varieties require less N than later maturing varieties. An overestimate of yield goal will result in excessive applications of N which can potentially result in nitrate losses to groundwater.
- (b) Yield goals should be based on total yield rather than marketable yield. Since undersized and other non-marketable potatoes compete with marketable sized potatoes for available nutrients, the University of Minnesota N recommendations have historically been based on total yield. Growers should make estimates of the total yield (marketable and non-marketable potatoes) prior to harvest for future N planning.
- (c) Account for nitrogen from previous crops.
- (d) Test irrigation water for nitrate content and adjust N fertilizer accordingly. Refer to Best Management Practices for Nitrogen Use on Irrigated, Coarse Textured Soils (AG-FO-6131-B) for additional information.
- (e) **Do not apply N fertilizer above recommended rates.** Rates of N recommended for potatoes can be found in the most updated version of *Nutrient Management for Commercial Fruit and Vegetable Crops in Minnesota* (AG-BU-5886-F).

2. Match N applications with crop needs:

- (a) Do not fall apply N to soils in the textural classes of sandy loam, loamy sand and sand.
- (b) Use a minimal amount of starter N. Early N applications on sandy soils are highly susceptible to leaching due to low evapotranspiration rates and wet conditions typically found during April and May.
- (c) N applied through the hilling stage should be cultivated or incorporated into the hill.
- (d) Plan the majority of N inputs within 50 days after emergence.
- 3. Use petiole analysis to aid in making post-hilling N applications.
- 4. Do not use fertilizers containing nitrate in the starter.
- 5. Follow proven water management strategies to provide effective irrigation and minimize leaching. Water management has a profound effect on N movement. For more information on irrigation scheduling, refer to Irrigation Water Management Considerations for Sandy Soils in Minnesota (AG-FO-3875) and Irrigation Scheduling: Checkbook Method (AG-FO-1322).
- 6. Establish a cover crop following potatoes whenever possible.

B. Specific Management Practices

(Note: The following practices have been based on research dominated by the Russet Burbank variety. The

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response may vary with other potato varieties. Additional research will be conducted to fine-tune N timing for early harvested varieties)

- 1. Medium and Late Season Varieties
 - (a) Circumstances when fertigation is available:
 - (1) Apply 20 to 40 lb N/A in the starter. Starter rates should be included as part of the total recommended N rate.
 - (2) Do not use fertilizer containing nitrate in the starter.
 - (3) Apply one-third to one-half of the recommended N at or around emergence; cultivate or incorporate fertilizer into the hill.
 - (4) Apply one-third of the recommended N at final hilling. Cultivate or incorporate the fertilizer into the hill. On some heavier-textured soils during rainy periods, it may not be possible to time this application properly due to row closure. In this situation, the N can be applied using fertigation.
 - (5) Base timing of subsequent N applications on petiole analysis. Apply up to 40 lb N/A per application through the irrigation system.
 - (6) Establish a cover crop after harvest whenever possible.
 - (b) Circumstances when fertigation is not available:
 - (1) Apply 20 to 40 lb N/A in the starter.
 - This amount should be included in the total N rate recommended.
 - (2) Do not use fertilizer containing nitrate in the starter.
 - (3) Apply one-third to one-half of the recommended N at or around emergence; cultivate or incorporate fertilizer into the hill.
 - (4) Apply the remainder of the recommended N rate at final hilling. Cultivate or incorporate the fertilizer into the hill.
 - (5) Establish a cover crop after harvest whenever possible.
- 2. Early Season Varieties (with or without fertigation)
 - (a) Use a minimal amount of starter N.

Producers are encouraged to experiment with reduced rates of starter N until sufficient University of Minnesota research recommendations are available. Starter rates should be included as part of the total recommended N rate.

- (b) Do not use fertilizer containing nitrate in the starter.
- (c) Apply one-third to two-thirds of the recommended N at or around emergence; cultivate or incorporate fertilizer into the hill.
- (d) Apply the remainder of the recommended N rate at final hilling. Cultivate or incorporate the fertilizer into the hill.
- (e) If fertigation is available: base timing of subsequent N applications on petiole analysis. Apply up to 30 lb N/A per application through the irrigation system.
- (f) Establish a cover crop after harvest.

Board of Animal Health

Meeting Notice

The Board of Animal Health quarterly meeting will be Friday, April 26, 1996. The meeting will convene at 9:30 a.m. at the Board offices, 90 West Plato Boulevard.

State Board of Education

Request for Comments on Planned Adoption of Rules Governing Graduation Standards for a **Basic Requirement in Writing**

Subject of Rule. The Minnesota State Board of Education requests comments on its planned adoption of rules governing graduation standards for a basic requirement in writing. The board is considering adopting rules to require passing a test in writing in addition to the tests of the basic requirements of reading and mathematics for a student to be eligible for a high school diploma. This additional basic requirement will affect students entering 9th grade in 1997 and thereafter.

Persons Affected. The adoption to the rules would affect public school students, their parents, teachers, school administrators and local school boards. The board does not contemplate appointing an advisory committee to comment on the planned rule.

Statutory Authority. Minnesota Statutes, section 121.11 Subd. 7c requires the board to adopt rules on statewide results-oriented graduation requirements.

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on this planned amendment to the rules in writing or orally until 4:30 p.m. on May 31, 1996. The board does not anticipate that a draft of the rule will be available before publication of the proposed rule. Written or oral comments, questions, and requests for more information on this planned rule should be addressed to:

Mary Lynne McAlonie Rulemaking Coordinator 550 Cedar Street 732 Capital Square St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2273

Telephone: (612) 297-7820 (24 hours a day)

FAX (612) 282-6779

TDD/TTY (612) 297-2094

Comments submitted in response to this notice will not be included in the formal rulemaking record when a proceeding to adopt a rule is started.

State Board of Education

Request for Comment on Planned Rules Governing Desegregation/Integration Minnesota Rules 3535.0100 - 3535.1100

Subject of Rule. The Minnesota State Board of Education requests comments on its planned adoption of rules governing school desegregation. The board is developing a new desegregation rule that will eliminate situations where students are intentionally segregated on the basis of race. This planned rule would require racially identifiable schools that are not the result of intentional segregation to develop plans to provide choices to racially integrate the student population. It would also require racially isolated districts to work collaboratively with other districts to provide incentives for integration across district boundaries.

Persons Affected. The adoption of the planned Desegregation Rules would affect public school students, their parents, teachers, school administrators and local school boards. The board does not contemplate appointing any additional advisory committee on the planned rule.

Statutory Authority. Minnesota Statutes, section 121.11 Subd. 7d requires the board to adopt rules relating to desegregation/ integration.

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments in writing or orally until 4:30 p.m. on May 10, 1996. Drafts of the proposal under development may be obtained by calling the telephone number listed below. Written or oral comments, questions, and requests for more information on the development of the planned rules should be addressed to:

Robert Miller, Manager Office of Desegregation/Integration 564 Capital Square Building 550 Cedar Street Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101-2273

Telephone: (612) 296-2822 FAX (612) 296-3272

Comments submitted in response to this notice will not be included in the formal rulemaking record when a proceeding to adopt a rule is started.



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Housing Finance Agency and Department of Trade and Economic Development and Department of Economic Security

Notice of HUD Approval of the 1996-2000 Minnesota Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan and 1995 Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan Annual Performance Report

The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA), the Minnesota Department of Trade and Economic Development, and the Minnesota Department of Economic Security announce the approval of the 1996-2000 Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan and the Consolidated Plan Annual Performance Report (FY 1995) by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The 1996-2000 Consolidated Plan is a condition of funding for several HUD block grants. These grants are: the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership, and the Emergency Shelter Grant. The Consolidated Plan has an annual plan section and sets state priorities for these three grants for the next five years.

The Annual Performance Report provides information on housing and community development assistance in Minnesota that was made available through state agencies during the 1995 program year (10/1/94 through 9/30/95).

Copies of the 1996-2000 Consolidated Plan and 1995 Consolidated Plan Annual Performance Report may be obtained from:

MHFA 400 Sibley Street, Suite 300 St. Paul, MN 55101

phone: 612/296-7608, 1/800/657-3769

Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD): 612/297-2361

fax: 612/296-8139

Department of Labor and Industry

Labor Standards Division

Notice of Prevailing Wage Certifications for Commercial Construction Projects

Effective March 18, 1996 prevailing wage rates were determined and certified for commercial construction projects in the following counties:

Anoka: Elk River Building & Grounds Facility-Anoka; New Lighting-Vehicle Storage Area-Anoka & Camden Truck Stations-Anoka; Anoka Airport Maintenance Building Addition-Phase 2-Anoka.

Blue Earth: Blue Earth County Buildings-Mankato.

Brown: New Ulm-Turbine No. 2 Restoration of Return to Service-New Ulm.

Clearwater: Bagley Ice Arena-Bagley.

Freeborn: Albert Lea School District 241-Albert Lea.

Hennepin: Champlin Elementary Office Remodel-Champlin; Baker National Golf Course Maintenance Facility-Medina; Glen Lake Golf Course and Club House-Minnetonka; New Lighting-Vehicle Storage Area-Anoka & Camden Truck Stations-Minneapolis; Morris Park Phase 2 Asbestos Abatement Project-Minneapolis; Gideon H. Pond House Restoration-Bloomington; GTC West Vertical Circulation-Elevators and Escalators-MSP Int'l Airport; MN DOT Golden Valley ADA Restroom Renovation-Golden Valley; Folwell Middle School Deferred Maintenance 1996-Minneapolis; Minneapolis Public School Nutrition Center Boiler Replacement-Minneapolis; MN/DOT Camden Truck Station-Minneapolis.

Murray: Lake Shetek State Park, Zuya Group Camp Dining Hall Rehab-Near Currie.

Olmsted: Mayo Civic Center Expansion-Rochester.

Ramsey: Asbestos Abatement Battle Creek Elementary-St Paul; A-Plus Appliance, 747 Payne Ave-St Paul; Asbestos Abatement Ames Elementary School-St Paul; Washington Technology Magnet School-Elevator-St Paul.

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Rice: Remodel Noyes Hall, Academy for the Deaf-Faribault. St. Louis: Tower City Hall Accessibility Renovation-Tower.

Scott: Picnic Shelters at Cleary Lake Regional Park-Scott County.

Washington: New Security Windows "C" Annex Building #9-Stillwater.

Wright: Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements-Digester Cover/Mixing-Monticello.

Copies of the certified wage rate for these projects may be obtained by writing the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, Prevailing Wage Section, 443 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4306. The charge for the cost of copying and mailing are \$1.36 per project. Make check or money order payable to the State of Minnesota.

Gary W. Bastian, Commissioner

Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association

Notice of Premium Rate Meetings

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the executive director of the Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association (MCHA) and a representative of the Minnesota Department of Commerce will hold a series of premium rate meetings across the State of Minnesota, as indicated below. The purpose of these meetings is to allow MCHA enrollees an opportunity to comment on proposed premium rates. Any rate change must be approved by the Minnesota Department of Commerce. New premium rates would go into effect on July 1, 1996.

For additional information, call the MCHA Executive office at (612) 593-9609

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| REDWOOD FALLS | Monday, March 25, 1996 Redwood Inn 1305 East Bridge Street Redwood Falls, Minnesota 56283 | 6:30 p.m. |
| ROCHESTER | Tuesday, March 26, 1996 Best Western Apache Hiawatha Room 1517 SW 16th Street Rochester, Minnesota 55902 | 6:30 p.m. |
| DULUTH | Wednesday, March 27, 1996 Holiday Inn Erie/Ontario Rooms 200 West First St. Duluth, Minnesota 55802 | 6:30 p.m. |
| FERGUS FALLS | Thursday, March 28, 1996 Best Western/Fergus Falls Interstate 94 and Highway 210 Fergus Falls, Minnesota 56538 | 6:30 p.m. |
| MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL | Friday, March 29, 1996 Holiday Inn/Metrodome Aragon Ballroom 1500 Washington Avenue South Minneapolis, Minnesota 55454 | 6:30 p.m. |

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Minnesota State Retirement System

Board of Directors, Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors, Minnesota State Retirement System, will be held on Friday, March 22, 1996, at 9:00 a.m. in the office of the System, 175 W. Lafayette Frontage Road, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Pollution Control Agency

Public Notice on Proposed Air Emission Facility General Permit

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) proposes to issue an air emissions general permit governing nonmetallic mineral processing operations. The proposed general permit covers 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 issuance of this general permit is authorized by *Minnesota Rules* 7007.1100, subp. 1 which allows the MPCA to issue a general permit if "numerous and similar stationary sources are subject to substantially similar regulatory requirements. . ." The general permit authorizes operations in all areas of the state except areas designated nonattainment for Particulate Matter less than 10 microns (PM10).

The proposed general permit will replace the Existing Stationary Nonmetallic Mineral Processing Plant General Permit which was first issued in 1994. Current holders of that general permit will need to apply for the new general permit or an individual Part 70, state, or registration permit.

The stationary sources eligible for the proposed general permit are nonmajor sources as defined in *Minnesota Rules* 7007.0200. The general permit covers stationary sources required to obtain permits by *Minnesota Rules* 7007.0250. The proposed general permit contains federally enforceable conditions to limit the Potential to Emit (PTE) of each criteria pollutant (including Particulate Matter (PM) or Total Suspended Particulate (TSP)) to less than 100 tons per year (tpy); therefore, each stationary source covered by this general permit is a nonmajor source as defined in 40 CFR § 52.21 Prevention of Significant Deterioration (*Minnesota Rules* 7007.3000). Also, each stationary source is a nonmajor source as defined in 40 CFR § 52.24 (*Minnesota Rules* 7007.4000) for all pollutants. Finally, each stationary source is nonmajor under *Minnesota Rules* 7007.0200, and thus this is a state permit not a part 70 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 the fines crushing production limitation described below)

Screens

Wet screening operations and associated transfer operations downstream of the wet screening operation in the production line process up to, but not including, the next crusher in the production line of a nonmetallic mineral processing stationary source. A wet screening operation means a screening facility designed and operated to remove unwanted material from the product by a washing process whereby the product is completely saturated with water in a slurry.

Transfer operations (including belt conveyors, enclosed truck/railcar loading stations, bucket elevators, storage bins, stackers, ladders, chutes, classification screws, feeders, pneumatic systems, and bagging operations)

Internal combustion engines

Storage piles

Paved and unpaved roads and parking lots

Bulldozers, loaders, and other related vehicles

Insignificant activities as defined in Minnesota Rules 7007.1300, subp. 2 and 3

For clarification, specific examples of equipment not allowed to be operated under this general permit include: grinding mills, air conveying systems, air separators, air classifiers, calciners, and aggregate heaters/dryers. In addition, a stationary source constructed, modified, and operated under this general permit shall not contain equipment which is an affected facility under any New Source Performance Standard (NSPS) under 40 CFR pt. 60 other than 40 CFR pt. 60, subp. OOO (except certain storage tanks which might be subject to a recordkeeping requirement under 40 CFR pt. 60, subp. Kb). Add-on air pollution control equipment to

capture and remove air pollutants from process air streams (and location of operations indoors) is allowed, but compliance with all emission limits in this general permit must be maintained without considering the effect of such controls.

Except as specifically provided below, 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

The initial steps in producing manufactured sand

Exceptions:

Other - De Minimis Quantities: A de minimis quantity is a quantity of materials, other than those listed above, that may be produced or processed such that the total amount of actual emissions from producing or processing of all de minimis quantities in any calendar year at any stationary source location must be less than one ton (i.e., 1 ton/year per site) of PM. No pollutants other than PM and PM10 may be emitted as a result of producing or processing the other material, except those emitted from the operation of associated internal combustion engines. Whenever the Permittee produces or processes de minimis quantities of other materials, calculations of the projected and actual PM and PM10 emissions from producing or processing de minimis quantities must be kept by the Permittee along with records of the dates, site, tons of material produced or processed and a description of the material.

Fines Crushing: Crushing material to a maximum size of 3/16 inch or smaller in any calendar year at any stationary source location covered by this general permit is limited to less than 50,000 tons (i.e., 50,000 tons/year per site). Whenever the Permittee performs fines crushing, records must be kept by the Permittee indicating the dates, site, and tons of material produced or processed as well as a description of the material. Crushing material to a maximum size of 3/16 inch is referred to in this general permit as "fines crushing." Fines crushing involves the production of manufactured sand and products of a similar size.

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 is located in or comes to be located in a PM10 nonattainment area.
- 2. The stationary source has emission sources or produces or processes material other than as provided for above.

The highest allowable PTE rates in tpy for each stationary source eligible for the proposed general permit are as follows:

| Pollutant | PM | PM10 | SO2 | NOX | СО | VOCs |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| PTE | < 100 | < 100 | < 100 | < 100 | < 100 | < 100 |

Where: SO2 = Sulfur Oxides; NOx = Nitrogen Oxides; CO = Carbon Monoxide and

VOCs = Volatile Organic Compounds

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 standard application requirements and this general permit application are discussed in the technical support document, and the MPCA has developed application forms tailored to this general permit which the MPCA plans to use. The application forms associated with the general permit will be updated periodically, but will continue to contain the elements discussed in the technical support document and needed to determine eligibility for, and compliance with, the general permit.

The MPCA, anticipating that the final application forms for this general permit will change very little, if at all, before the general permit is issued, will accept permit applications on the draft application forms from prospective permittees who wish to receive this general permit as soon as possible. If changes are made to the final application forms, the MPCA will require all applicants to provide any additional information required by the final forms before issuing a general permit to each applicant.

The preliminary determination to issue the general permit is tentative. There are four formal procedures for public participation in the MPCA's consideration of the proposed general permit. These procedures are set forth in *Minnesota Rules* 7007.0850, subp. 3. First, interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed permit. Second, interested persons may request that approval of this permit be placed on the agenda of a MPCA Board meeting. Third, interested persons may request the MPCA to

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hold a public information meeting. Fourth, interested persons may request the MPCA to hold a contested case hearing, which is a trial-like proceeding conducted by a judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act.

Interested persons who submit comments or requests to the MPCA shall set forth:

- 1. a statement of the person's interest in the draft general permit;
- a statement of the action the person wishes the MPCA to take, including specific references to the section of the draft permit that the person believes should be changed; and
- the reasons supporting the person's position, stated with sufficient specificity as to allow the Manager of the Air Quality Division to investigate the merits of the person's position(s).

The public comment period commences March 18, 1996, and terminates April 17, 1996.

Comments and requests should be mailed to:

Jeffrey Peltola Air Quality Division Minnesota Pollution Control Agency 520 Lafayette Road North St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

All written comments and requests for an MPCA Board meeting, public information meeting or contested case hearing received during the public comment period will be considered by the Manager of the Air Quality Division. The Manager of the Air Quality Division will issue a final determination in a timely manner after the expiration of the public comment period.

A copy of the draft Nonmetallic Mineral Processing Air Emission General Permit and draft application forms will be mailed to any interested person upon the MPCA's receipt of a written request. Additional materials relating to the issuance of this general permit, including the technical support document that explains the basis for the general permit, are available for inspection at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Air Quality Division, 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, phone (612)282-2603, and at the MPCA's Regional Offices at the following addresses and phone numbers between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Duluth Government Center Region 1

Room 704

320 West Second Street Duluth, Minnesota 55802 Phone (218)723-4660

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Dated: 8 March 1995

Charles W. Williams Commissioner

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Pollution Control Agency

Official Public Notice in the Matter of the Formation of an Advisory Committee to Assist in the Development of Proposed Rule Amendments to *Minnesota Rules* 7050; Governing Waters of the State

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) intends to form an advisory committee to advise the MPCA regarding specific issues pertaining to the Great Lakes Initiative (GLI). The Environmental Protection Agency requires all the Great Lakes States to adopt the GLI by March, 1997. The MPCA is adopting the GLI as a part of its current rule-making effort for *Minnesota Rules* 7050; governing waters of the state. The announcement of this MPCA rulemaking effort was published in the *State Register* through a Notice to Solicit Outside Information and Opinion in December 1994 (19 S.R. 1430) and in November 1995 (20 S.R. 1119).

In the November 1995 notice named above (20 S.R. 1119), the MPCA indicated that it would not be forming an advisory committee to assist in the preparation of proposed amendments to *Minnesota Rules* 7050. However, during the comment period provided in the November 1995 notice, several parties requested that such a committee be formed. In response to these requests, please note that the MPCA now intends to form an advisory committee to assist in the preparation of proposed rule amendments pertaining to specific issues of the GLI.

The purpose of the advisory committee is to review specific issues pertaining to the GLI and provide related recommendations to the MPCA. The MPCA is inviting representatives of industry, municipalities, environmental groups, academia, other government as well as affected and interested parties located within the Lake Superior Basin, to participate as members of this GLI Advisory Committee (GLIAC). GLIAC will involve approximately four meetings and will meet once per month during March, April, May, and June 1996. All GLIAC meetings are open to the public. The initial GLIAC meeting will take place on March 28, 1996, at 10:00 A.M. and will adjourn at approximately 4:30 P.M. The location of this initial GLIAC meeting on March 28, 1996, will be at the Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI). The NRRI is located at 5013 Miller Trunk Highway in Duluth, Minnesota. Please note that the number of planned GLIAC meetings may be subject to change and that future meeting times may also change.

For more information regarding the GLIAC or regarding proposed rule amendments to Minnesota Rules 7050, please contact:

Dave Maschwitz Minnesota Pollution Control Agency 520 Lafayette Road Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155-4194 (612) 296-7255 1-800-657-3843 (MN Toll Free)

FAX: (612) 297-8683

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Department of Transportation

State Aid Variance Committee Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioner of Transportation has appointed a State Aid Variance Committee who will conduct a meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 1996 at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room 194 Water's Edge Building, 1500 West County Road B-2, Roseville Minnesota, 55113.

This notice is given pursuant to Minnesota Statute 47k.705.

The purpose of this open meeting is to investigate and determine recommendations for variances from minimum State Aid roadway standards and administrative procedures as governed by *Minnesota Rules* for State Aid Operations 8820.3300 adopted pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* 161 and 162.

The agenda will be limited to these questions:

 Petition of the City of Spring Lake Park for a variance from Minnesota Rules on the proposed construction project on the University Avenue Service Road (Municipal State Aid Street No. 102) North of 81st Avenue, to allow a 30 foot rightof-way width and 15 mph design speed, in lieu of the required minimum 60 foot right-of-way width and 30 mph design speed.

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- 2. **Petition of the City of Fridley** for a variance from *Minnesota Rules* on the completed construction project on Cheri Lane-Fillmore Street (Municipal State Aid Street No. 319) at the intersection of I-694 in the City of Fridley to allow a 20 mph horizontal design speed, in lieu of the required 30 mph design speed.
- 3. Petition of the City of Brooklyn Park for a variance from Minnesota Rules on the proposed reconstruction project on Municipal State Aid Street No. 117 (Candlewood Drive), between County State Aid Highway No. 14 (Zane Avenue North) and County State Aid Highway No. 103 (West Broadway) in the City of Brooklyn Park, to allow a horizontal design speed of 25 mph, in lieu of the required 30 mph design speed.
- 4. **Petition of Stearns County** for a variance from *Minnesota Rules* on the proposed construction project on County State Aid Highway No. 75 (Division Street) in Waite Park, Minnesota, to allow a vertical clearance of 21 feet, in lieu of the required 22 foot minimum clearance between proposed Bridge No. 73552 and the Burlington Northern Railroad tracks.

The cities and counties previously listed are requested to follow the following time schedule when appearing before the Variance Committee:

9:30 a.m. City of Spring Lake Park

9:45 a.m. City of Fridley

10:00 a.m. City of Brooklyn Park

10:15 a.m. Stearns County

Dated: 4 March 1996

Patrick B. Murphy
Division Director
State Aid for Local Transportation

Department of Transportation

Petition of Crow Wing County for a variance from State Aid requirements for RECOVERY AREA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Crow Wing County Board has made written request to the Commissioner of Transportation pursuant to *Minnesota Rules* 8820.3300 for a variance from rules as they apply to a proposed reconstruction project on County State Aid Highway No. 11 between County State Aid Highway No. 4 and County State Aid Highway No. 3 in the City of Breezy Point, Minnesota.

The request is for a variance from *Minnesota Rules* for State Aid Operations 8820.9920, adopted pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* Chapter 161 and 162, so as to allow an existing transmission line to remain in place approximately 32 feet from centerline, in lieu of the required 42 foot clear zone on the proposed reconstruction project on County State Aid Highway No. 11, between County State Aid Highway No. 4 and County State Aid Highway No. 3 in the City of Breezy Point, Minnesota.

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

If a written objection is received within 20 days from the date of this notice in the *State Register*, the variance can be granted only after a contested case hearing has been held on the request.

Dated: 1 March 1996

Patrick B. Murphy
Division Director
State Aid for Local Transportation

Department of Transportation

Petition of Stearns County for a variance from State Aid requirements for VERTICAL CLEARANCE FOR BRIDGE UNDERPASS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Steams County Board has made written request to the Commissioner of Transportation pursuant to *Minnesota Rules* 8820.3300 for a variance from rules as they apply to a proposed construction project on County State Aid Highway No. 75 (Division Street), at proposed Bridge No. 73552 over the Burlington Northern Railroad tracks in Waite Park, Minnesota.

The request is for a variance from *Minnesota Rules* for State Aid Operations 8820.9956, adopted pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* Chapter 161 and 162, so as to permit a 21 foot minimum clearance between the bottom of Bridge No. 73552 and the Burlington Northern Railroad tracks in lieu of the required 22 foot minimum clearance on the proposed construction project on County State Aid Highway No. 75 (Division Street) in Waite Park, Minnesota.

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

If a written objection is received within 20 days from the date of this notice in the State Register, the variance can be granted only after a contested case hearing has been held on the request.

Dated: 4 March 1996

Patrick B. Murphy
Division Director
State Aid for Local Transportation

Department of Transportation

Petition of the City of St. Paul for a variance from State Aid requirements for STREET WIDTH

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the St. Paul City Council has made written request to the Commissioner of Transportation pursuant to *Minnesota Rules* 8820.3300 for a variance from rules as they apply to a proposed reconstruction project on Municipal State Aid Street No. 142 (Hoyt Avenue), between Huron Street and Victoria Street in St. Paul.

The request is for a variance from *Minnesota Rules* for State Aid Operations 8820.9935, adopted pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* Chapter 161 and 162, so as to permit a 30 foot curb to curb width with parking allowed on one side of the street on the proposed reconstruction project on Municipal State Aid Street No. 142 (Hoyt Avenue), between Huron Street and Victoria Street in St. Paul, in lieu of the required 32 foot curb to curb width with parking allowed on one side of the street.

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

If a written objection is received within 20 days from the date of this notice in the State Register, the variance can be granted only after a contested case hearing has been held on the request.

Dated: 3 March 1996

Patrick B. Murphy
Division Director
State Aid for Local Transportation

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State Grants=

In addition to requests by state agencies for technical/professional services (published in the State Contracts section), the State Register also publishes notices about grant funds available through any agency or branch of state government. Although some grant 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 notices, and to provide financial estimates as well as sufficient time for interested parties to respond.

Department of Corrections

Proposals Sought for Adolescent Female Offenders

The Minnesota Department of Corrections, Office of Planning for Female Offenders, is requesting proposals for grants for programming for adolescent female offenders. Twenty nine thousand dollars (\$29,000) is available for one year (7/1/96 - 6/30/97). Two programs of \$14,500 each will be funded. Program parameters are not defined in order to allow counties and agencies to address the needs they are experiencing in their areas. Selection criteria will give priority to non CCA counties, gender and cultural specific programming. For more information or a copy of the RFP call Ethel Jackman at 612/642-0450.

Proposals must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 6, 1996 by:

Ethel Jackman Minnesota Department of Corrections Office of Planning for Female Offenders 1450 Energy Park Drive, Suite 200 St. Paul, Minnesota 55108-5129

Professional, Technical & Consulting Contracts

Department of Administration procedures require that notice of any consultant services contract or professional and technical services contract which has an estimated cost of over \$10,000 be printed in the State Register. These procedures also require that the following information be included in the notice: name of contact person, agency name and address, description of project and tasks, cost estimate, and final submission date of completed contract proposal. Certain quasi-state agencies are exempted from some of the provisions of this statute.

In accordance with *Minnesota Rules* Part 1230.1910, certified Targeted Group Businesses and individuals submitting proposals as prime contractors shall receive the equivalent of a 6% preference in the evaluation of their proposal. For information regarding certification, call the Materials Management Helpline (612)296-2600 or [TDD (612)297-5353 and ask for 296-2600].

Department of Administration

InterTechnologies Group

Notice of Availability of Contract for Mainframe, Midrange, PC, Network, & Network/Operation Programming and Systems Analysis Services

The InterTechnologies Group (InterTech), Department of Administration, for the State of Minnesota and political subdivisions, is requesting a proposal from qualified firms to provide computer programming and systems analysis services (FY97 & FY98 i.e. July 1, 1996 thru June 30, 1998) to be used by the State on an as-needed basis. This will involve basic functional analysis automation, feasibility studies, application system and database design, computer programming design, coding, testing, implementation, and documentation. This may involve backup assistance to staff programmers on a specific phase of a project, or it may involve responsibility for an entire project assigned at the discretion of the state. This work will be on projects done for the state agencies and political subdivisions participating in the cooperative purchasing venture administered by the Department of Administration/ Materials Management Division. The total amount expended for this activity is estimated at \$24,000,000 for FY97 and FY98.

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The full text of the Request For Proposal is available on request from Bryan Eastep at (612) 296-5108. Proposal must be returned to:

Gerald Joyce
Materials Management Division
112 Administration Bldg.
50 Sherburne Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55155
Fax: 297-3996

Responses must be received no later than 2:30 p.m. on April 26, 1996.

Minnesota Department of Transportation

Office of Advanced Transportation Systems

Minnesota Guidestar Program

Notice of Request for Proposals for Partners (RFPP)

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is requesting proposals for partnership for Mayday Plus - an Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) project. The Mayday Plus mission is to test and establish an emergency detection and response infrastructure within a 60 mile radius of Rochester, Minnesota, and to prepare for scalable statewide deployment of a self-sustaining automated accident location and collision severity notification system.

The RFPP provides guidelines for preparing proposals, as well as a project overview, draft technical approach, Mayday Plus functional requirements and evaluation strategy.

The Department may award a single or coordinated deployment partnership. Any agreement(s) entered into as a result of the RFPP will become effective upon approval and execution by the appropriate Department and State officials.

A copy of the RFPP may be obtained by requesting the Minnesota Guidestar Mayday Plus RFPP from:

Mr. Don Olson, CPPB
Minnesota Department of Administration
112 Sherburne Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155
Phone (612) 296-3771
FAX (612) 297-3996
TDD Relay Service (612) 297-5353

All proposals must be received at the above address no later than 3:00 PM May 10, 1996.

By issuance of the RFPP or by consideration of any response hereto, the State does not commit that it will execute a contract with any proposer.

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 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.

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Metropolitan Council

Public Notice of Request for Proposals (RFP) for Housing Resources Consultant

The Metropolitan Council is requesting proposals to provide consultant services to municipalities to assist them in carrying out projects to meet their affordable and life-cycle housing goals under the Metropolitan Livable Communities Act.

Passed by the Legislature in 1995, the Act supports and encourages metropolitan area communities by providing financial incentives for their efforts to ensure greater housing choice by increasing the availability of affordable and life-cycle housing. Services include:

- assist municipalities in understanding the affordable and life-cycle housing development process
- determine project feasibility
- identify development sites and funding and technical assistance resources.

Proposals for Housing Resources Consultant should be submitted to the Metropolitan Council, Mears Park Centre, 230 E. Fifth Street, St. Paul, MN 55101, attention: Thomas C. McElveen. Please submit five copies of each proposal. Proposals must be received no later than 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 27, 1996.

Copies of the RFP may be obtained by calling 612/291-6541 or 612/291-0904 (TTY).

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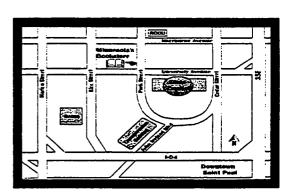
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