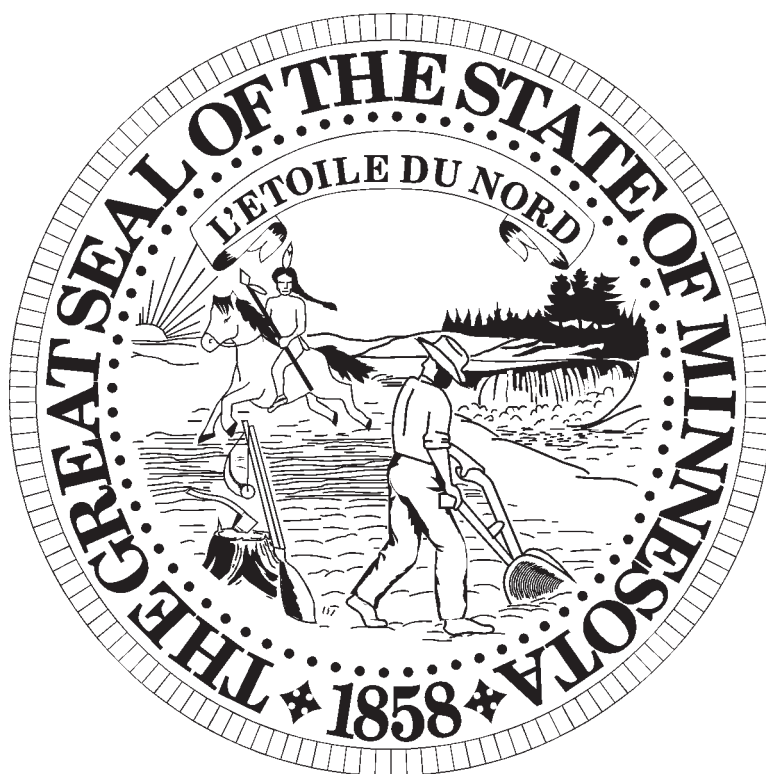


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Department of Human Services

Health Care Purchasing and Delivery Systems Division

Health Care Administration

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

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

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

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

On January 13, 2003 at 27 SR 1117-1130, the Department published the MAC list, listing the federal and state MACs. Additional changes to the state MAC list were published on February 18, 2003 (27 SR 1331-1334), March 3, 2003 (27 SR 1386-1393), April 21, 2003 (27 SR 1583-1584), August 4, 2003 (28 SR 102-103), October 13, 2003 (28 SR 505-506), October 20, 2003 (28 SR 528-529), December 15, 2003 (28 SR 784-785), January 26, 2004 (28 SR 934-935), March 8, 2004 (28 SR 1089-1090), April 5, 2004 (28 SR 1232), April 19, 2004 (28 SR 1313-1314), May 3, 2004 (28 SR 1367-1368), August 9, 2004 (29 SR 173), August 23, 2004 (29 SR 224-225), November 8, 2004 (29 SR 510), November 15, 2004 (29 SR 534-535), February 7, 2005 (29 SR 923-924), February 14, 2005 (29 SR 951-952), March 7, 2005 (29 SR 1038-1039), April 11, 2005 (29 SR 1174-1175), June 27, 2005 (29 SR 1607), July 18, 2005 (30 SR 49-50), August 15, 2005 (30 SR 147), August 29, 2005 (30 SR 226-227), October 17, 2005 (30 SR 402-403), November 14, 2005 (30 SR 511-512), December 12, 2005 (30 SR 617-618), and January 9, 2006 (30 SR 770-771).

Effective January 31, 2006 the Department will add the following outpatient prescribed drugs to the state MAC list:

<u>GCN</u>	<u>Drug Name</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>MAC Price</u>
14556	DIDANOSINE	250MG	5.25
14557	DIDANOSINE	400MG	8.19
14559	DIDANOSINE	200MG	4.05
25211	FAT EMULSIONS	20%	.05
44533	ZIDOVUDINE	300MG	.57
13909	TRAMADOL HCL/ACETAMINOPHEN	37.5-325MG	.50

These additions are made to bring Medical Assistance reimbursement to pharmacists more closely in line with the actual acquisition cost of the drugs listed above. The Department estimates that there will be a state savings of \$320,000 for State Fiscal Year 2005 (July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006).

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

Written comments and requests for information may be sent to Jarvis Jackson, R.Ph., Health Care Purchasing and Delivery Systems Division, Health Care Administration, Minnesota Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 64984, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0984; **phone:** (651) 431-2504 or **email:** jarvis.jackson@state.mn.us.

Official Notices

Department of Human Services

Health Care Administration,

Health Care Purchasing and Delivery Systems Division

Public Notice Regarding Medical Assistance Medication Therapy Management Services, and Corresponding Rate

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to recipients, providers of services, and to the public of a new Medical Assistance (Medicaid) service, and the accompanying rate.

In 2005, the legislature enacted legislation providing for a new Medical Assistance service, medication therapy management, a form of disease management. This legislation was enacted in *Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session*, chapter 4, article 8, section 39 (codified at *Minnesota Statutes*, §256B.0625, subd. 13h).

Effective upon federal approval, the Medical Assistance Program will pay for medication therapy management services provided on or after April 1, 2006. Notice of this new service was previously published in the *State Register* on July 25, 2005 (30 SR 72).

Medication therapy management services will be provided by qualified, licensed pharmacists to Medical Assistance patients to optimize the therapeutic outcomes of patients' medications. It will be provided to patients: 1) taking four or more prescriptions to treat or prevent two or more chronic medical conditions; or 2) with drug therapy problems identified or authorized by the Department that resulted in, or will likely result in, significant nondrug Medical Assistance Program costs.

The service will be comprised of the following components:

1. assessing a patient's health status;
2. developing a medication treatment plan;
3. monitoring and evaluating a patient's response to therapy;
4. providing a comprehensive medication review to identify, resolve, and prevent medication-related problems;
5. documenting the care provided and communicating essential information to a patient's primary care providers;
6. providing verbal education and training to enhance patient understanding and appropriate use of medications;
7. providing information, support services, and resources to enhance patient adherence to therapeutic regimens; and
8. coordinating and integrating medication therapy management services within the broader health care services provided to a patient

Medication therapy management services will be paid the lower of submitted charges or:

- for the first encounter, \$52.00 for the first 15 minutes, then \$24.00 for each additional 15-minute unit (with a maximum of four additional 15-minute units per encounter). For each provider a patient visits, the first encounter is limited to one every 365 days.
- for subsequent encounters, \$34.00 for the first 15 minutes, then \$24.00 for each additional 15-minute unit (with a maximum of four additional 15-minute units per encounter). There will be a maximum of seven subsequent encounters per patient, every 365 days.

The Department anticipates that the state's Medical Assistance costs will be \$11,410 for the last three months of State Fiscal Year 2006 (April-June 2006), with savings of \$136,980 in State Fiscal Year 2007.

This notice is published pursuant to *Code of Federal Regulations*, Title 42, section 447.205 (42 CFR §447.205), which requires publication of a notice when there is a rate change in the methods and standards for setting payment rates for noninstitutional Medical Assistance services. Written comments and requests for information may be sent to Jarvis Jackson, R. Ph., Interim Pharmacy Program Manager, Health Care Purchasing and Delivery Systems Division, Health Care Administration, Minnesota Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 64984, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0984, **phone:** (651) 431-2504 or **email:** jarvis.jackson@state.mn.us

Teachers Retirement Association

Notice of Meeting of the Board of Trustees February 15, 2006

The Board of Trustees, Minnesota Teachers Retirement Association will hold a meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. in Suite 400, 60 Empire Drive, St. Paul, MN to consider matters which may properly come before the Board.

State Grants & Loans

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

Minnesota Department of Agriculture Agricultural Resources Management and Development Notice of Request for Proposals for the 2006 AgBMP Loan Program Allocation

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Department of Agriculture will accept applications for its 2006 Agricultural Best Management Practices Loan Program (*Minnesota Statutes* § 17.117).

Counties, Soil and Water Conservation Districts and authorized Joint Power Organizations may submit applications to participate in the department's loan programs. Funds may be used to provide loans to farmers, rural landowners or farm supply businesses for projects that implement local comprehensive water plans or replace existing, failing individual sewage treatment systems. Approximately \$2 million has been tentatively earmarked for this year's awards, however, the final amount allocated may be different.

Applications must be post marked or received by the department by 4:00 p.m. February 3, 2006 to be considered during this application period.

To obtain copies the complete request for proposal and application packet contact:

Dwight Wilcox
AgBMP Loan Program
Minnesota Department of Agriculture
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St. Paul, MN 55155
phone: (651) 201-6618
fax: (651) 201-6120
e-mail: dwight.wilcox@state.mn.us
website: <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/agbmp/>

State Contracts

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Department of Administration

Real Estate Management Division

Request for Proposals for Lease of Office, Laboratory and Loading Dock Space

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State of Minnesota, Department of Administration, on behalf of the Department of Commerce; Weights & Measures Division, requests Proposals for lease of approximately 12,087 usable square feet of office, laboratory and loading dock space within the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area.

To be eligible to submit a Proposal in response to the Weights & Measures RFP, a Non-Binding Letter of Intent to Submit a Proposal must be received by **2:30 p.m. CST, February 27, 2006**. The Proposal must be received in the Real Estate Management Division, Administration Building, 50 Sherburne Avenue, Room 309, St. Paul MN 55155 no later than **2:30 p.m. CST, March 15, 2006**.

All information and requirements regarding preparation and submission of a Proposal may be obtained at www.admin.state.mn.us, or requested by **fax** at (651) 215-6245, or requested by **e-mail** to Kathy.meyer@state.mn.us.

Department of Administration

State Architect's Office

Notice of Availability of Request for Proposal (RFP) to Provide Constructibility and Interdisciplinary Coordination Review of Drawings and Specifications for a New 150 Bed Segregation Unit at Minnesota Correctional Facility MCF-Stillwater (SAO Project No. 78501 SWL)

The State of Minnesota through its Department of Administration, State Architect's Office ("State") is soliciting proposals for the services of Constructibility and Interdisciplinary Coordination Review of Drawings and Specifications for a new 150 Bed Segregation Unit at the Minnesota Correctional Facility MCF - Stillwater, located at 970 Pickett St. North, Bayport, MN 55003

The full Request for Proposal is available at www.sao.admin.state.mn.us click on "Solicitation Announcements", click on "RFP for Constructibility and Interdisciplinary Coordination for Project No. 78501 SWL". If interested firms and individuals are unable to access a copy of the complete RFP from State's Web Site, **e-mail** gordon.christofferson@state.mn.us or fax your request to (651) 296-7650 to have a copy emailed, mailed, or faxed to requester. Requests for a copy of the RFP must be received no later than **4:00 PM Central Time on February 10, 2006** to ensure a timely response prior to the RFP due date.

Written proposal responses must be received no later than, **2:00 p.m. Central Time on February 28, 2006**. RFP clarifications or changes and responses to questions, if any, will also be available on Web Site www.sao.admin.state.mn.us, click on "Solicitation Announcements", click on "RFP for Constructibility and Interdisciplinary Coordination for Project No. 78501 SWL". Late responses will not be considered.

Questions may be **faxed** to attention of Gordon Christofferson at 651.296.7650 or **emailed** to gordon.christofferson@state.mn.us. Questions must be received no later than **4:00 p.m. on February 17, 2006** and response to questions will be available by end of day **February 22, 2006** on Web Site www.sao.admin.state.mn.us. The contact person identified is to be the only person authorized to respond to questions.

Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development

Notice of Request for Proposals to Design & Provide Low Vision Training

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), State Services for the Blind (SSB) is seeking a qualified vendor to design and provide low vision training. This contract will be for two years with an option to extend 3 additional 1 year periods.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Proposals are requested from entities to work with and as an agent of SSB to assess staff competencies and to design low vision training for professional and support staff. Low vision training will include the anatomy of the eye, eye pathology, the vocational and non-vocational implications of visual impairments, various types of magnification, the elements of field-based and clinical vision assessments, interpreting eye exams and low vision clinician reports, and training on the uses and limitations of optical and non-optical aids.

The professional staffs have masters' degrees in vocational rehabilitation counseling and varying levels of experience working with individuals who are blind, visually impaired or DeafBlind. Support staffs have varying educational and experiential backgrounds. The knowledge gained from this training will be utilized when counselors and support staff provide services to senior citizens, who need assistance with independent living skills, and when counselors provide vocational services to individuals seeking to obtain or maintain employment who may also need assistance with independent living skills.

Estimated Cost is \$30,000 per year.

A written request (by email) is required to receive the Request for Proposal. For a copy of the full Request for Proposal, or more information contact:

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St. Paul, MN 55114-1840
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E-mail: cathy.carlson@state.mn.us
or: CCARLSON@ngwmail.des.state.mn.us

Other personnel are not authorized to answer questions regarding this Request for Proposals.

Deadline for proposals is 3:30 p.m. CST on Tuesday February 28, 2006. Late proposals will NOT be considered. Fax 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.

State Contracts

Minnesota Historical Society

Notice of Request for Bids for PRINTING SERVICES – *Schoolhouses of Minnesota*

The Minnesota Historical Society, dba the Minnesota Historical Society Press/Borealis Books, is seeking bids from qualified firms for the printing of the book entitled *Schoolhouses of Minnesota* (6,000 casebound books, plus additional 1,000s and 1,000 flat & trimmed jackets to ship to warehouse with books).

The schedule is, as follows: April 1, 2006 - all to printer; August 1, 2006 - finished books at the Society's warehouse and Press.

The Request for Bids is available by calling or writing Mary Green-Toussaint, Contracting & Purchasing Assistant, Minnesota Historical Society, 345 Kellogg Blvd. W., St. Paul, MN 55102. **Telephone** is (651) 297-7007; **e-mail** is mary.green-toussaint@mnhs.org.

Bids must be received no later than 2:00 p.m., Local Time, Tuesday, February 21, 2006. No late bids will be accepted.

Dated: January 30, 2006

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

Office of Technical Support Services (OTSS)

Revised Request for Proposal (RFP) for Chief Information Security Officer (CISO)

Professional/technical services of an individual are needed to provide the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Technical Support Services, with a qualified and experienced person to work on site at the OTSS' central office located at 444 Cedar Street, Town Square, St. Paul, Minnesota, to provide services as the Department's CISO for approximately 5 months. The CISO will work with the DPS Chief Information Officer (CIO) to establish an operational information security program at the Department and assist in the selection of permanent security staff. Tasks to include: reviewing, modifying and documenting the new Security Unit functions and responsibilities to effectively respond to the Minnesota Legislative Auditor's 2005 organizational and operational issues; developing the strategy and plans for any additions or changes in the staffing pattern and staffing levels for the department's security unit; reviewing and/or assisting the department in writing position descriptions for the OTSS permanent CISO, information systems auditors, and security technical specialists for the team; preparing the personnel documentation to solicit qualified security unit personnel for OTSS; reviewing and recommending qualified applicants to OTSS to fill OTSS positions; establishing communications links and processes for proactive cross divisional security coordination and incident response; preparing presentation materials and making presentations to the department's IT Governance Group and other related groups as instructed by the department's CIO.

The acting CISO will also be responsible for assisting in the selection, contract development and management of technical consultants' implementation of new security tools including; a new Meta Directory, Intrusion Detection Systems, Identity Management systems, Application and Security Management systems, and Security auditing and reporting systems.

Minimum skills and experience required by respondents to this RFP include: Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), strong experience in security policy development and implementation, 5-7 years experience in implementing and operating security technology and tools, 5-7 years experience in evaluating and implementing application security, strong organizational skills, 5-7 years program and personnel management experience in the area of IT/IS (information technology/information security) security, strong writing and communication skills, and must be able to prioritize security needs in a limited funding environment.

Resumes are required with three references that are specific to the individual that may be contacted by DPS. Resumes must outline individual's background and experience, and include examples of similar work done by the individual. Resumes must clearly describe the individual's background and experience that is relevant to this engagement.

This contract is anticipated to begin on February 15, 2006 and be completed on July 31, 2006. However, if funding is extended and if additional work is needed by DPS after July 31, 2006, DPS will retain the option to extend the contract, with the selected contractor's consent, for up to an additional three month period. The value of the contract for subsequent extension period may be adjusted.

Details are contained in a complete RFP, which may be obtained by **e-mailing:** Connie.Mattson@state.mn.us All questions concerning this RFP should be emailed to Connie Mattson and should be received by Connie no later than 2:00 PM Central Standard Time on February 1, 2006. Answers to questions will be emailed to all entities requesting a complete RFP. Final date for submitting proposals is 2:00 PM Central Standard Time on February 6, 2006.

**Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT)
Engineering Services Division****Notice of Potential Availability of Contracting Opportunities for a Variety of
Highway Related Technical Activities (the “Consultant Pre-Qualification Program”)**

This document is available in alternative formats for persons with disabilities by calling Ron Bisek at (651) 296-1361 for persons who are hearing or speech impaired by calling the Minnesota Relay Service at (800) 627-3529.

Mn/DOT, working in conjunction with the Consultant Reform Committee, the Minnesota Consulting Engineers Council, and the Department of Administration, has developed the Consultant Pre-qualification Program as a new method of consultant selection. The ultimate goal of the Pre-Qualification Program is to streamline the process of contracting for highway related professional/technical services. Mn/DOT anticipates that most consultant contracts for highway-related technical activities will be awarded using this method, however, Mn/DOT also reserves the right to use RFP or other selection processes for particular projects. Nothing in this solicitation requires Mn/DOT to complete or use the Consultant Pre-qualification Program.

Mn/DOT is currently requesting applications from consultants. Refer to Mn/DOT’s Consultant Services web site, indicated below, to see which highway related professional/technical services are available at this time. Following the advertisement of particular category of services, applications will be accepted on a continual basis.

All expenses incurred in responding to this notice will be borne by the responder. Response to this notice becomes public information under the Minnesota Government Data Practices.

Consultant Pre-Qualification Program information, application requirements and application forms are available on Mn/DOT’s **web site** at: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/consult>

Send completed application material to:

Ron Bisek
Consultant Services
Office of Technical Support
Minnesota Department of Transportation
Consultant Services
395 John Ireland Boulevard, Seventh Floor North, Mail Stop 680
St. Paul, MN 55155

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

**Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT)
Engineering Services Division****Notice Concerning Professional/Technical Contract Opportunities**

NOTICE TO ALL: The Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) is now placing additional public notices for professional/technical contract opportunities on Mn/DOT’s Consultant Services **website** at: www.dot.state.mn.us/consult.

New public notices may be added to the website on a daily basis and be available for the time period as indicated within the public notice.

Non-State 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.

City of Moorhead

Request for Qualifications for Design Engineering Services

The City of Moorhead is soliciting proposals from consultants for the following project:

Design Engineering Services for the 21st Street South
and Main Avenue SE Grade Separation Project.
SP 144-116-06, Federal Project: OM03MN72(100)

The City of Moorhead reserves the right to reject any or all submittals. Qualification-based selection criteria will be used to analyze submittals from responding consultants. Upon completion of the technical rankings, the City of Moorhead will enter into contract negotiations with the firm evaluated most qualified.

Interested firms should contact Robert Zimmerman or Clair Hanson in the City of Moorhead Engineering Department to obtain a full copy of the RFQ. They can be reached at Moorhead City Hall, 500 Center Avenue, P.O. Box 779, Moorhead, MN 56561, **phone:** (218) 299-5390, **fax:** (218) 299-5399. Any questions or comments pertaining to the RFQ may also be directed to Mr. Zimmerman or Mr. Hanson.

All proposals received by 12:00 PM on March 1, 2006 at the Moorhead City Engineers Office will be given equal consideration. Minority, women-owned, and disadvantaged businesses are encouraged to participate. There is a **6.0% DBE Goal** for this contract.

All proposals must clearly identify on the outside of the envelope the following:

Proposal for Design Engineering Services
21st Street South and Main Ave SE Grade Separation,
Moorhead, MN

Hennepin County

Request for Information - Continuity of Services Consulting

The purpose of this Request for Information (RFI) is to identify interested Continuity of Operations (COOP) consultants, seek information regarding their companies, and determine the scope and costs of their products and services. Responses to this RFI will be used to familiarize Hennepin County (the County) with available solutions for the following objectives:

Develop a Comprehensive Plan for Continuity of Government with strategies for:

- Technology Operations Recovery
- Manual Operations Recovery
- General Business Continuity
- Awareness and Training Programs
- Maintaining and exercising the Business Continuity Plan

This RFI will be posted on a designated page of the County's web site. You may navigate to the web page for this RFI by starting at www.hennepin.us, then click on links in this order: Your County Government (upper left corner); Doing Business with Hennepin; Contract Opportunities; RFI for Continuity of Services Consulting (under the "Current RFI's, RFQ's, RFI's..." heading). Or, try typing RFI in the searchbox.

Non-State Contracts & Grants

Hennepin County Designer Selection Committee (DSC) Advertisement for Architectural/Engineering Services

The Hennepin County Designer Selection Committee (DSC) will be selecting architectural/engineering firms for design and construction administration services for the following projects:

- Public Safety / 911 Communications Facility
- Correctional Facility HVAC Modifications
- North Minneapolis Family Center
- Emergency Operations Center

To obtain a Request for Proposal, please access the Hennepin County internet site at www.hennepin.us. From the County home page, search for "DSC RFP" in the search box in the upper right corner. From the Hennepin County Designer Selection Committee page, you may view and print the document for your use.

Letters of interest are not required for RFP noted above. All proposals received by the deadline noted in the RFP will be reviewed by the Designer Selection Committee. If you experience difficulty locating or downloading the RFP, you may call Allen Rezac, Hennepin County Property Services, at (612) 348-7718.

Metropolitan Council

Notice of Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Eight 24-inch Plug Valves for the Anoka L-42 Forcemain Project

Reference Number 05P142

The Metropolitan Council is requesting bids for eight 24-inch plug valves for the Anoka L-42 Forcemain project.

Issue Invitation for Bids

January 23, 2006

Bids Due

February 23, 2006

Award Contract

March 2006

All firms interested in submitting bids for this contract and desiring to receive an IFB package are invited to make a request by e-mail, fax, mail or phone to:

Steve Kaukola
Administrative Assistant, Contracts and Procurement Unit
Metropolitan Council
230 East Fifth Street
St. Paul, MN 55101
Phone: (651) 602-1064
Fax: (651) 602-1083
E-mail: steve.kaukola@metc.state.mn.us

Minnesota Statutes, Sections 473.144 and 363.073, and *Minnesota Rules*, Parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 will be incorporated into any contract based upon the Proposal or any modifications to it. If a contract for the project is awarded in excess of \$100,000, the requirements of *Minnesota Rules* 5000.3530 will be applicable.

University of Minnesota Subscribe to Bid Information Service (BIS)

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

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



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