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

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 Proposed emergency rules and withdrawn proposed rules are also published in the *State Register*.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

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

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

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

# **Department of Administration**

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# Minnesota Department of Agriculture Commissioner's Office

# Proposed Permanent Rules Relating to Repeal of Obsolete Rules Proposed Repeal of Rules Governing the Family Farm Security Program; *Minnesota Rules*, 1560.1800-1560.3200.

**Introduction.** The Department of Agriculture intends to repeal obsolete rules following the procedures set forth in the Administrative Procedure Act, *Minnesota Statutes*, section 14.3895.

Agency Contact Person. Comments or questions on the rules and written requests to proceed with an alternative process must be submitted to: Carol Milligan, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St. N, St. Paul, MN 55155-2538; phone: (651) 201-6606; Fax: (651) 201-6118; E-mail: *carol.milligan@state.mn.us.* TTD users may call the Minnesota Relay at (800) 627-3529.

**Subject of Rules and Statutory Authority.** The proposed repeal is of obsolete rules that set requirements for program eligibility, application, payment reimbursement and default procedures, and guarantee and loan service conditions. The statutory authority to repeal the rules is *Minnesota Statutes*, section 41.53, subd. 2. A copy of the proposed repeal is published in the *State Register* and attached to this notice as mailed.

Comments. You have until 4:30 p.m. on April 7, 2006 to submit written comment in support of or in opposition to the proposed

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repeal or any part or subpart of the repeal. Your comment must be in writing and received by the agency contact person by the due date. Comment is encouraged. Your comment should identify the portion of the rule proposed for repeal involved and the reason for the comment. You are encouraged to propose that any part or subpart not be repealed. Any comments that you would like to make on the legality of the proposed repeal must also be made during this comment period.

**Request for an Alternative Process.** If 25 or more people submit a written request, the agency will have to meet the requirements of sections 14.131 to 14.20 for rules adopted after a public hearing or the requirements of sections 14.22 to 14.28 for rules adopted without a public hearing, including preparation of a statement of need and reasonableness and the opportunity for a hearing. Your request must be in writing and must be received by the agency contact person by 4:30 p.m. on, April 7, 2006. Your written request for an alternative process must include your name and address. You must identify the rule which you feel should not be repealed or state that you oppose the entire repeal. Any request that does not comply with these requirements is not valid and cannot be counted by the agency for determining whether an alternative process is necessary. You are also encouraged to state the reason for the request.

**Modifications.** The proposed repeal may be modified as a result of public comment. The modifications must be supported by comments and information submitted to the agency, but the modifications can only alter which rules or parts are repealed. If the proposed repeal affects you in any way, you are encouraged to participate in the repeal process.

Adoption and Review of Rules. If no alternative process is required, the agency may repeal the rules after the end of the comment period. The repealed rules and supporting documents will then be submitted to the Office of Administrative Hearings for review for legality. You may ask to be notified of the date the repeal is submitted to the office. If you want to be so notified, or want to receive a copy of the repealer, or want to register with the agency to receive notice of future rule proceedings, submit your request to the agency contact person listed above.

Dated: January 23, 2006

Jim Boerboom Assistant Commissioner

#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO REPEAL OBSOLETE RULES

**REPEALER.** *Minnesota Rules*, parts 1560.1800; 1560.1900; 1560.2000; 1560.2100; 1560.2200; 1560.2300; 1560.2400; 1560.2500; 1560.2600; 1560.2700; 1560.2800; 1560.2900; 1560.3000; 1560.3100; and 1560.3200, are repealed.

# **Expedited Emergency Rules**

Provisions exist for the Commissioners of some state agencies to adopt expedited emergency rules when conditions exist that do not allow the Commissioner to comply with the requirements for emergency rules. The Commissioner must submit the rule to the attorney general for review and must publish a notice of adoption that includes a copy of the rule and the emergency conditions. Expedited emergency rules are effective upon publication in the State Register, and may be effective up to seven days before publication under certain emergency conditions.

Expedited emergency rules are effective for the period stated or up to 18 months. Specific *Minnesota Statute* citations accompanying these expedited emergency rules detail the agency's rulemaking authority.

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### Department of Natural Resources Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules; Light Goose Population Control

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the above entitled rules have been adopted through the process prescribed by *Minnesota Statutes*, section 84.027, subdivision 13 (b). The statutory authority for the contents of the rule is *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 97B.731 and 97B.803.

The emergency conditions that do not allow compliance with *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 97A.0451 to 97A.0459, are that the need for population control of light geese is based on the annual determination of their populations and prescribed authorization by the federal government. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service is in the process of completing an Environmental Impact Statement concerning long-term population control needs and methods. Until that document is completed and approved the federal government will continue to

provide an annual framework, subject to change.

Dated: January 7, 2006

Gene Merriam Commissioner of Natural Resources

#### 6240.0600 SPECIAL PERMITS FOR LIGHT GOOSE POPULATION CONTROL.

Subpart 1. Definition. For purposes of this part, "light goose" means a lesser snow goose including a blue phase lesser snow goose (*Anser c. caerulescens*) or a Ross' goose (*Anser rossii*).

Subp. 2. **Permit required.** A person may not take a light goose during the period prescribed in subpart 3 except under a valid permit and in full compliance with the conditions contained in the permit and in this part. Residents and nonresidents may apply for permits. No hunting license or stamps are required. A permit holder must have a permit in possession at all times when taking or transporting light geese taken under this part and must retain the permit for as long as the permit holder possesses light geese taken under this part.

Subp. 3. Open harvest period. Light geese may be taken from March 1 to April 30 with permits issued under this part. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

Subp. 4. Bag limits. No daily or bag limits apply to the taking of light geese under this part.

Subp. 5. Game refuges and waterfowl refuges. All state refuges closed to migratory waterfowl hunting are closed to taking light geese under this part. All waterfowl refuges closed by posting to taking ducks or geese during any portion of the fall waterfowl seasons are closed to taking light geese under this part. All controlled hunting stations in the Lac qui Parle Game Refuge, Chippewa and Lac qui Parle Counties, are closed to taking light geese under this part.

#### Subp. 6. Permit conditions; applicability of other laws and rules.

<u>A. A permit issued under this part is effective on the date of issuance or on March 1, whichever occurs later. A permit expires on April 30 of the year of issuance.</u>

B. Except as provided in subparts 2 to 5, all applicable provisions of state statutes and federal law for taking migratory waterfowl apply to taking light geese under this part. All applicable rules for taking migratory waterfowl apply to taking light geese under this part, unless inconsistent with or otherwise provided in this part.

C. Permittees must submit records of their light goose harvest by July 1 on forms provided by the commissioner.

<u>Subp. 7.</u> **Permit application.** <u>Application for a permit under this part must be made using the application processes established by the commissioner under *Minnesota Statutes*, section 84.027, subdivision 15.</u>

Subp. 8. Penalties. <u>Violation of this part or the conditions of any permit issued under this part shall result in revocation of the permit</u> and may result in other penalties as provided by state or federal law.

# **Official Notices**

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

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

# Minnesota Department of Agriculture Minnesota Rural Finance Authority Notice of Public Hearing on the Issuance of an Agricultural Development Revenue

# Bond under *Minnesota Statutes*, Chapter 41C for Bare Farmland in West Heron Lake Township, Jackson County, Minnesota

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing will be held on February 27, 2006, at 9:00 a.m., Department of Agriculture Building, Agricultural Finance Division, 625 Robert Street North, Saint Paul, Minnesota, on a proposal that the Minnesota Rural Finance Authority (the Authority) issue its revenue bond under *Minnesota Statutes*, Chapter 41C, in order to finance the purchase of approximately 44 acres of bare farmland located immediately south of Okabena, MN on the west side of County Road 9; Section 7, West Heron Lake Township, Jackson County, Minnesota on behalf of Bradley Milbrath, (the Borrower/s).

The maximum aggregate face amount of the proposed bond issue is \$60,000.00. The revenue bond will be a limited obligation of the Authority, payable solely from the revenue pledged to the payment thereof. No holder of such revenue bond will ever have the right to compel any exercise of the taxing power of the State of Minnesota to pay the bond or the interest thereon, nor to enforce payment against any property of the Authority or the State of Minnesota, except the revenues specifically pledged to the payment thereof.

Before issuing the revenue bond, the Authority will enter into an agreement with the Borrower whereby the Borrower will be obligated to make payments at least sufficient at all times to pay the principal of and interest on such revenue bond when due.

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

Dated: February 1, 2006

Jim Boerboom RFA Director

# Minnesota Department of Agriculture

### Minnesota Rural Finance Authority

### Notice of Public Hearing on the Issuance of an Agricultural Development Revenue Bond under *Minnesota Statutes*, Chapter 41C for 160 Acres of Farmland with Building in Selma Township, Cottonwood County, Minnesota

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing will be held on February 27, 2006, at 9:00 a.m., Department of Agriculture Building, Agricultural Finance Division, 625 Robert Street North, Saint Paul, Minnesota, on a proposal that the Minnesota Rural Finance Authority (the Authority) issue its revenue bond under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 41C, in order to finance the purchase of 160 acres of farmland with a building site located five miles north of Mountain Lake, MN on County Road 1; Section 34, Selma Township, Cottonwood County, Minnesota on behalf of Brandon Jay Junker, (the Borrower/s).

The maximum aggregate face amount of the proposed bond issue is \$200,000.00. The revenue bond will be a limited obligation of the Authority, payable solely from the revenue pledged to the payment thereof. No holder of such revenue bond will ever have the right to compel any exercise of the taxing power of the State of Minnesota to pay the bond or the interest thereon, nor to enforce payment against any property of the Authority or the State of Minnesota, except the revenues specifically pledged to the payment thereof.

Before issuing the revenue bond, the Authority will enter into an agreement with the Borrower whereby the Borrower will be obligated to make payments at least sufficient at all times to pay the principal of and interest on such revenue bond when due.

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

Dated: February 1, 2006

Jim Boerboom RFA Director

## Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association

### Notice of Meeting of the Actuarial Committee February 14, 2006

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a meeting of the Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association's (MCHA) Actuarial Committee will take place Tuesday, February 14, 2006, 9:00 a.m. at the MCHA Executive Office, 5775 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 910, St. Louis Park. For additional information, please call Lynn Gruber at (952) 593-9609.

# Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association Notice of Meeting of the Actuarial Committee February 23, 2006

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a meeting of the Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association's (MCHA) Actuarial Committee will take place Thursday, February 23, 2006, 9:00 a.m. at the MCHA Executive Office, 5775 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 910, St. Louis Park. For additional information, please call Lynn Gruber at (952) 593-9609.

# Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association Notice of Meeting of the Board of Directors February 8, 2006

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a meeting of the Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association's (MCHA) Board of Directors will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2006, at the MCHA Executive Office, 5775 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 910, St. Louis Park, MN.

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

# **Department of Human Services**

### Disabilities Services Division, Continuing Care Administration Public Notice Regarding a Medical Assistance Case Management Service, and Rates

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** to recipients, providers of services, and to the public of a new Medical Assistance (Medicaid) service, and accompanying rates. This notice supersedes the notice published on June 27, 2005 at 29 SR 1608.

In 2001, the legislature enacted legislation providing for home care case management services under the Medical Assistance Program beginning January 1, 2003. This legislation is codified at *Minnesota Statutes*, §256B.0621. Pursuant to *Laws of Minnesota 2003, First Special Session*, chapter 14, article 13C, section 2, implementation was delayed until July 1, 2005.

The Department has submitted an amendment to its Medical Assistance State plan to add this new service. Upon federal approval, the Medical Assistance Program will cover home care case management services to assist individuals receiving home care services to gain access to medical, social, educational, financial, housing and other services and supports necessary to meet their needs so that they may remain in the community.

Home care case management services will be coordinated on an individual client basis. Examples of home care case management services are: assessments of individuals' needs for services and supports; routine communication with individuals and their families, legal representatives, caregivers, service providers, and other relevant people; developing and reviewing individual service plans; completing and maintaining necessary records; coordinating referrals to appropriate service providers; and identification of other possible home and community-based services.

The Department expects that providers will be county agencies, federally recognized American Indian tribes, entities under contract with county agencies or federally recognized American Indian tribes, and private entities.

*Minnesota Statutes*, §256B.0621 required that home care case management providers would be certified by the Department. The 2005 Minnesota Legislature amended this law to require that only private entities and entities under contract with counties or federally recognized American Indian tribes receive certification.

In addition, *Minnesota Statutes*, §256B.0621 required that, at a minimum, all providers would have a bachelor's degree or a license in a health or human services field, as well as the capacity and experience mandated in state law. The 2005 Minnesota Legislature amended this law to require that: 1) certified providers have a minimum of a bachelor's degree, or a license in a health or human services field, or comparable training and two years of experience in human services (as well as the capacity and experience mandated in state law). The Department will apply these standards to <u>all</u> providers of case management, except that when case management is provided through an Indian Health Service or a "638" facility, providers need only to be credentialed as health professionals under standards set by the

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governing bodies of federally recognized American Indian tribes; 2) certified providers cannot provide out-of-home residential services (services provided out of a person's familial home, such as foster care, board and lodge, and boarding care home services) to persons receiving home care case management services; and 3) certified providers supplying services other than out-of-home residential services to persons receiving home care case management services requires counties to ensure that: a) any possible conflict of interest is explained each year, in writing and at a face-to-face meeting, after which informed consent is provided by persons receiving home care case management services; and b) information on a range of other service provider options is provided to such persons.

County agency providers will be required to have the capacity and experience mandated in *Minnesota Statutes*, §256B.0621, subd. 4. Upon federal approval, Medical Assistance will pay the following rates:

• To counties and private entities, \$15.53 per 15-minute unit.

• To federally recognized American Indian tribes providing services through Indian Health Service (IHS) or "638" facilities, the federally-approved "encounter" rate negotiated between the IHS and the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and published annually by the IHS in the *Federal Register*.

• To contractors, a negotiated rate with a cap of \$15.53 per 15-minute unit.

The Department anticipates that the total Medical Assistance costs will be \$903,000 through June 30, 2006, the end of State Fiscal Year 2006 (of which \$451,500 is projected to be state costs), and \$2,710,000 from July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007 (State Fiscal Year 2007), of which \$1,355,000 is projected to be state costs.

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 Lynn Beutel, Disabilities Services Division, Minnesota Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 64967, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0967, **phone:** (651) 431-2435 or **e-mail:** *lynn.beutel@state.mn.us* 

# **Department of Human Services**

### Health Care Purchasing & Delivery Systems Division

### Public Notice Regarding State Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007 Medical Assistance Rate Methodology Changes for Certain Medical Assistance Enrolled Providers for Medical Education and Research

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** to recipients, providers of services under the Medical Assistance Program, and the public, of final Medical Assistance (Medicaid) payment rate methodology changes for certain Medical Assistance enrolled providers for medical education and research.

This notice is published pursuant to 42 *United State Code* §1396(a)(13)(A) (§1902(a)(13)(A) of the Social Security Act), which requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to publish final facility payment rates, the methodologies underlying the establishment of such rates, and the justification for such rates. This notice supplements the notice of proposed rate changes published on May 23, 2005 at 29 SR 1460-1461.

In 1993, the Minnesota Legislature directed the Department of Health to study the costs and financing of medical education. The department researched the annual cost of medical education and research, established a percentage of the annual growth rate in the state's total health care expenditures to be allocated for the cost of medical education and research, and pooled these funds into a Medical Education and Research Trust Fund. Since 1998, pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, §62J.692, subdivision 4, the fund has distributed its trust proceeds to eligible accredited medical education teaching institutions, consortia and programs operating in the state.

In past years, pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, §62J.692, subdivision 8, DHS requested, and received, from the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Medical Assistance funds for a portion of the medical education and research payments. In accordance with *Minnesota Statutes*, §62J.692, subdivision 6, the Department of Health's distributions include the federal portion.

In order to receive those federal funds, DHS provided for an annual Medical Assistance payment to certain inpatient hospitals for medical education and research. The Department agreed to CMS' request to sunset this payment methodology as of the start of State Fiscal Year 2006 (July 1, 2005).

Therefore, effective July 1, 2005, DHS sought CMS approval to move part of the annual payment to all the Medicaid-enrolled provider types eligible for the Department of Health's trust fund distribution (inpatient hospitals and noninstitutional providers such as dentists, physicians and physician group practices, rural health clinics and community mental health centers). The annual payment to each provider type will be the equivalent of the provider's medical education and research payment for the current State Fiscal Year. On January 20,

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2006, DHS received CMS approval of this methodology, for State Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007.

The Department of Human Services expects that this proposed change will cost the state \$12,300,171 in State Fiscal Year 2006.

Pursuant to 42 CFR §447.205(c)(5), we must provide an address where written comments may be sent and reviewed by the public. Written comments and requests for information, including the rate methodology documents submitted to CMS, should be addressed to Stephanie Schwartz, Federal Relations Unit, Minnesota Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 64983, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0983, phone: (651) 431-2187 or e-mail: *stephanie.schwartz@state.mn.us* 

# **Minnesota Pollution Control Agency**

### Public Notice of Intent to Reissue National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)/State Disposal System (SDS) General Permit MN G790000

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) proposes to reissue the NPDES/SDS General Permit (general permit) to cover facilities discharging or proposing to discharge treated wastewater from ground water remediation projects to waters of the state or the unsaturated zone. The general permit will be reissued for a term of approximately five years. The public comment period begins February 6, 2006, and ends at 4:30 p.m. on March 8, 2006.

This general permit is being proposed as a mechanism to regulate the discharge of ground water contaminated with volatile organic compounds (VOCs). It is important that these requests be addressed without delay due to the need to initiate remediation as soon as possible in order to prevent the possible spread of contaminant plumes in ground water. This general permit will allow cleanup actions at contaminated sites to begin without the delays of individual permit issuance procedures. This general permit was originally issued on June 25, 1991, and since then has authorized discharges at over one hundred petroleum remediation sites throughout the state. Currently about twenty sites remain covered by this general permit.

The authority to develop and issue a general permit is based on the 1979 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated revisions to the NPDES program regulations, which created a class of permits called general permits. The general permits are issued under 40 *Code of Federal Regulations* section 122.28 and *Minnesota Rule* 7001.0210. General permits can be issued in NPDES approved states if the approved state program includes general permit activities. EPA approved the General Permit Program of the MPCA on December 15, 1987.

The existing general permit regulates the discharge of ground water contaminated with petroleum products. It is proposed to expand the general permit to include non-petroleum related VOC contaminants and discharges associated with short-term (less than 180 days) construction dewatering activities where there exists a reasonable potential to encounter VOC contaminated ground water. Coverage under the general permit will only be authorized in cases where:

1. Contamination is limited to pollutants regulated by the general permit. Metals, except lead present in gasoline as tetraethyllead, would not be authorized.

- 2. Pollutant reduction/removal is achieved using best available technology economically achievable.
- 3. The discharge is not to an Outstanding Resource Value Water-prohibited.
- 4. Following treatment, pollutant levels in the discharge would not cause acute or chronic toxicity.

5. Following treatment, pollutants levels in the discharge would not cause or contribute to the violation surface water quality standards or ground water quality standards.

The NPDES/SDS general permit establishes water quality and technology-based effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, narrative criteria and other conditions for sites which discharge treated ground water. General conditions which are a part of all NPDES/SDS permits are included as part of this general permit.

Comments should be submitted in writing to: Deborah A. Schumann, Industrial Division, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155.

Any comments received no later than 4:30 p.m. on the last day of the comment period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations.

A copy of the draft general permit, fact sheet and public notice are available for review at the MPCA office at the St. Paul address listed above, and may be copied between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. To request a copy of the draft general permit, fact sheet and/or public notice please contact Deborah A. Schumann at (651) 297-5791 or (800) 657-3864. If you have questions on this draft general permit, the public notice or the Commissioner's preliminary determination, please contact Deborah A. Schumann at (651) 297-5791.

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# Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA)

Notice of Meeting of the Board of Trustees February 9, 2006

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees Retirment Association 9PERA) will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., in the PERA offices, 60 Empire Drive, Room 117, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

# **Teachers Retirement Association**

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

\* Please note the time change for this meeting: The Board of Trustees, Minnesota Teachers Retirement Association will hold a meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 12:30 p.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 eell as sufficient time for interested parties to respond.

### Department of Health Environmental Health Division Accepting Project Submissions for the Drinking Water Revolving Fund Project Priority List

The Drinking Water Revolving Fund provides below market rate financing for public water system improvements. The first step toward obtaining a loan is to request a project be placed on the Project Priority List (PPL). The deadline **for receiving** requests is **4:30 p.m.**, **May 19, 2006**.

Funding priority is for projects that correct a public health hazard, bring or keep systems in compliance with drinking water standards, and for communities below the median household income. Typical projects are for wells, treatment plants, water towers, and distribution lines. Funding is not for economic expansion or fire protection. Eligibility and ranking requirements are in *Minnesota Rules*, parts 4720.9000 to 4720.9080.

For instructions on placing a project on the PPL go to: *www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/dwrf/*, click on Project Priority List, then in the left margin click on Instructions - or - Call: (651) 201-4697

Informal Solicitations: Informal soliciations for professional/technical (consultant) contracts valued at over \$5,000 through \$50,000, may either be published in the State Register or posted on the Department of Administration, Materials Management Division's (MMD) Web site. Interested vendors are encouraged to monitor the P/T Contract Section of the MMD Web site at www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us for informal solicitation announcements.

Formal Solicitations: Department of Administration procedures require that formal soliciations (announcements for contracts with an estimated value over \$50,000) for professional/technical contracts must be published in the State Register. Certain quasi-state agency and Minnesota State College and University institutions are exempt from these requirements

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# Minnesota State Colleges & Universities

### Notice of Request for Proposal for External Auditing Services of Six Colleges and Universities for Fiscal Years 2006 – 2008

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

Proposals are being sought from parties interested in providing financial statement audits for one or more of the following six colleges and universities on an annual basis for the three-year period from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2008. The six colleges and universities are:

- · Metropolitan State University
- Century College
- Minneapolis Community and Technical College
- · Southwest Minnesota State University
- Hennepin Technical College
- · Rochester Community and Technical College

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

Responders may propose additional tasks or activities if they will substantially improve the results of the project.

All proposals must be sent to and received by:

John Asmussen, Executive Director Office of Internal Auditing Minnesota State Colleges and Universities 350 Wells Fargo Place 30 East 7th Street St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-4946

Not later than 4 PM on Friday, March 3, 2006, as indicated by the date and time indicated on each response package by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities mail room, if packages are delivered by U.S. Mail, or the MnSCU reception desk (3rd Floor, Wells Fargo Place), if packages are hand-delivered or delivered by courier.

Late proposals will not be considered.

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

All costs incurred in responding to this RFP will be borne by the responder.

### Contacts

To request a full Request for Proposal, please contact Darla Senn by **telephone** at (651) 296-3471 or **e-mail** at *darla.senn@so.mnscu.edu*, or you can obtain a copy **online** at *www.internalauditing.mnscu.edu/RFP/*.

Other questions should be directed to any of the following persons:

John Asmussen, Executive Director of Internal Auditing **Telephone:** (651) 296-2430 **E-mail:** *john.asmussen@so.mnscu.edu* 

Tim Stoddard, Associate Vice Chancellor for Financial ReportingTelephone:(651) 297-1309E-mail:tim.stoddard@so.mnscu.edu

Margaret Jenniges, System Director for Financial Reporting **Telephone:** (651) 632-5009 **E-mail:** margaret.jenniges@so.mnscu.edu

Other personnel are **NOT** allowed to discuss the request for proposal with anyone, including responders, before the proposal submission deadline. All substantive responses to vendor queries will be made available by posting on the RFP web site: www.internalauditing.mnscu.edu/RFP/.

### **Explore Minnesota Tourism**

# Notice of Availability of Contract for Design Services and Advertising Sales for the 2007 Minnesota Travel Guide

Explore Minnesota Tourism is requesting proposals for the purpose of design of the 2007 Minnesota Travel Guide, the statewide travel guide, to be published by EMT. The statewide guide is funded by revenue from advertising sales. EMT is also seeking sales representation to sell advertising in the guide.

Proposals will be accepted for a) design services only, b) advertising sales only or c) design services and advertising sales. The services provided under a contract will for a period of approximately nine months, anticipated to be from April –December 2006 to produce the 2007 guide. The contract(s) may be renewed for up to four additional one-year contracts.

Work is proposed to start after April 1, 2006.

A Request for Proposals will be available by mail from this office through Friday, February 17, 2006. A written request (by direct mail or fax) is required to receive the Request for Proposal. After Friday February 17, 2006 the Request for Proposal must be picked up in person.

The Request for Proposal can be obtained from:

Joan Hummel, Publications Editor Explore Minnesota Tourism 121 Seventh Place East, Suite 100 St. Paul, MN 55101 Fax: (651) 296-7095

Proposals submitted in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received at the address above no later than February 27, 2006 by 4:30 p.m. DST. Late proposals will not be considered. Fax or e-mailed proposals will NOT be considered.

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

### Minnesota Historical Society Notice of Request for Bids for PRINTING SERVICES for the Society's All-Site Travel Guide

The Minnesota Historical Society is seeking bids from qualified presses to provide printing services for the Society's All-Site Travel Guide. Bids are being requested for a quantity of 450,000 and pricing per additional 25,000s. The guide will print 40-page, self cover, 3.875" x 9" finished size, saddle stitch on spine. All pages printed 4-color process using one of two paper stocks: 70# Carver Satin or comparable house stock (provide samples if house stock) or 80# text Fox River Evergreen 95B White Smooth. The Society's non-profit discount will apply; see Request for Bids for details.

To receive a Request for Bids (preferably via e-mail), please contact Mary Green-Toussaint, Contracting & Purchasing Assistant, Minnesota Historical Society, 345 Kellogg Boulevard West, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102. **Telephone:** (651) 297-7007; **e-mail:** *mary.green-toussaint@mnhs.org.* 

Bids must be received no later that 2:00 p.m., Local Time, Thursday, February 23, 2006. No late bids will be accepted.

Dated: February 6, 2006

# **Minnesota Department of Human Services**

### Request for Proposals (RFP) to Provide Services to Individuals Who Are Deafblind

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS), through its Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Division (DHHS), is seeking Proposals from qualified Responders to provide services statewide for adults who are deafblind and for children who are deafblind and their families. The types of services needed are Support Service Providers (SSP), intervenors, and support related to technology use and access to electronic information.

Eligible applicants include community-based agencies, organizations, and individuals. A total of \$795,600 is available for the biennium starting on July 1, 2006 and continuing through June 20, 2008.

To request a full text of the RFP please contact:

Jan Radatz Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Division Minnesota Department of Human Services P.O. Box 64969 St. Paul, MN 55164-0969 Phone: (651) 431-2361 TTY: (651) 431-2362 E-mail: jan.radatz@state.mn.us

The proposal due date is March 17, 2006, at 4:00 p.m. Central Time. Late proposals will not be considered. Faxed or email 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.

Dated: February 6, 2006

# Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry

### Notice of Request for Proposals for Developing a Timber Sales Information System

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is requesting proposals for building, testing, and implementing an information system to support its timber sales program. Work is proposed to start after March 17, 2006.

The full Request for Proposals will be available by mail or by e-mail through February 24, 2006. A written request (by direct mail, e-<br/>mail, or fax) is required to receive the Request for Proposal. The request must include the direct mail and e-mail addresses of the requestor<br/>(Cite 30 SR 857)State Register, Monday 6 February 2006Page 857

and be directed to:

Karl Olmstead Management Resources Bureau – Box 11 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, MN 55155-4011 Fax: (651) 296-5954 E-mail: karl.olmstead@state.mn.us

Proposals submitted in response to the Request for Proposals must be received at the address above no later than February 27, 2006 2:00 p.m., CST. Late proposals will not be considered. Fax or e-mailed proposals will not be considered.

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Comments should be submitted in writing to: Deborah A. Schumann, Industrial Division, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155.

Any comments received no later than 4:30 p.m. on the last day of the comment period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations.

A copy of the draft general permit, fact sheet and public notice are available for review at the MPCA office at the St. Paul address listed

above, and may be copied between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. To request a copy of the draft general permit, fact sheet and/or public notice please contact Deborah A. Schumann at (651) 297-5791 or (800) 657-3864. If you have questions on this draft general permit, the public notice or the Commissioner's preliminary determination, please contact Deborah A. Schumann at (651) 297-5791.

# 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 futher details.

## 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 - Metro Transit

### Request for Proposals for Construction Support Services for Construction of Park and Ride Ramp at CSAH 73 and I-394

### Procurement No. 7006

Metro Transit, a division of the Metropolitan Council, is seeking proposals for construction support services during construction of a three-level parking ramp in the southwest quadrant of the intersection of CSAH 73 and I-394 in Minnetonka, MN. The consultant will act as the Council's Authorized Representative during the execution of the construction contract, providing full-time inspection/construction management.

Proposals are due no later than 2 PM on February 28, 2006.

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

Christopher Gran, Director of Purchasing Metro Transit 515 N. Cleveland Avenue St. Paul, MN 55114 **Phone:** (612) 349-5060 **Fax:** (612) 349-5069 **E-mail:** christopher.gran@metc.state.mn.us

# **Non-State Contracts & Grants**

### Metropolitan Council - Metro Transit Request for Proposals for Construction Support Services for Various Future Metro Transit Construction Projects

### Procurement No. 6970

Metro Transit, a division of the Metropolitan Council, is seeking proposals for Construction Support Services for various future Metro Transit construction projects. Metro Transit expects to award up to three Master Contracts for Construction Support Services, each with a three-year term and not-to-exceed \$200,000. Construction support services will include construction inspection and construction administration. Metro Transit will request contract services by individual work order, generally valued at less than \$50,000, on an as-needed basis. Each work order will include a specified scope of work, deliverables, schedule of completion, and cost for the services.

Proposals are due no later than 2 PM on February 27, 2006.

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

Christopher Gran, Director of Purchasing Metro Transit 515 N. Cleveland Avenue St. Paul, MN 55114 **Phone:** (612) 349-5060 **Fax:** (612) 349-5069 **E-mail:** christopher.gran@metc.state.mn.us

### University of Minnesota Subscribe to Bid Information Service (BIS)

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