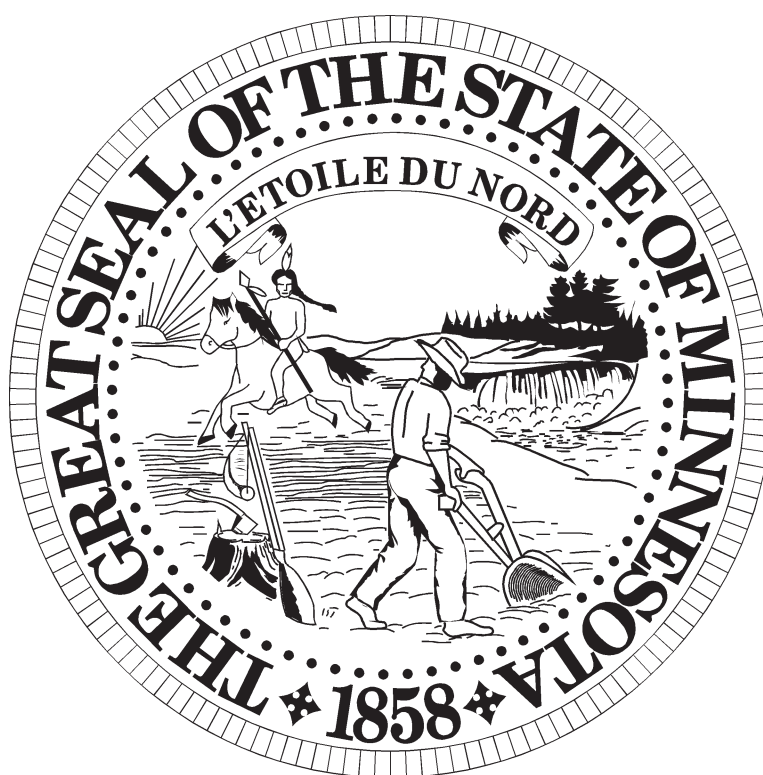


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Office of the Governor

Executive Order ECUTIVE ORDER # 08-14: Creating the State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care

WHEREAS, kindergarten readiness is important to overall success in school and improving the school readiness of our youngest children continues to be a priority of my administration; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota's young children and their families will benefit from an early childhood education and care system that supports school readiness, ensures access for eligible children and families seeking services, maximizes existing resources and aligns resources with outcomes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the federal Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007, Public Law 110-134, the Governor is authorized to establish a state advisory council on early childhood education and care; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State Legislature enacted a new statute, *Minnesota Statutes 2008*, Section 124D.141 as part of the 2008 Omnibus Supplemental Budget Act which adds legislators to the state early childhood education and care advisory council, appropriates funds and provides other directives in relation to the advisory council, but which did not expressly create the advisory council or define the appointment or administrative parameters for the advisory council; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to use the Governor's authority to create advisory councils by executive order to establish the state advisory council on early childhood education and care referenced in state and federal statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes 2006*, Section 15.0593, I hereby order the creation of the State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care ("Early Childhood Advisory Council").

1. The Governor will appoint members to the Early Childhood Advisory Council to include:
 - a. Two parents with a child under age six;
 - b. A representative of the State agency responsible for child care;
 - c. A representative of the State educational agency;
 - d. A representative of local educational agencies;
 - e. A representative of institutions of higher education in the State;
 - f. A representative of local providers of early childhood education and development services;
 - g. A representative from Head Start agencies located in the State;
 - h. The State Director of Head Start Collaboration;
 - i. A representative of the State agency responsible for programs under section 619 or Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act;
 - j. A representative of the State agency responsible for health or mental health care; and
 - k. Up to an additional four parent or public members as determined by the Governor.
2. Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes 2008*, Section 124D.141, Subdivision 1, the Legislature will appoint four additional members to the Early Childhood Advisory Council as follows:
 - a. Two members of the Minnesota House of Representatives, one appointed by the Speaker of the House and one appointed by the Minority Leader; and
 - b. Two members of the Minnesota Senate appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on Rules and Administration, including one member of the minority.

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- c. Any compensation of legislative members will be from funds appropriated to the Legislature and governed by the rules of the Legislature. The Legislature will determine the term of members appointed by the Legislature.
3. The Governor will appoint one of the members appointed by the Governor to serve as the chair of the Early Childhood Advisory Council. The members appointed by the Governor will serve at the pleasure of the Governor and the Governor will fill any vacancies. Members appointed by the Governor will serve two or four year terms.
4. The Early Childhood Advisory Council has the following responsibilities pursuant to the federal Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007, Public Law 110-134:
 - a. Conduct a periodic statewide needs assessment concerning the quality and availability of early childhood education and development programs and services;
 - b. Identify opportunities for, and barriers to, collaboration and coordination among federally-funded and state-funded child development, child care and early childhood education programs and services, including collaboration and coordination among state agencies responsible for administering such programs;
 - c. Develop recommendations for increasing the overall participation of children in existing programs, including outreach to underrepresented and special populations;
 - d. Develop recommendations regarding the establishment of a unified data collection system for public early childhood education and development programs;
 - e. Develop recommendations regarding statewide professional development and career advancement plans for early childhood educators;
 - f. Assess the capacity and effectiveness of two- and four-year public and private institutions of higher education toward supporting the development of early childhood educators; and
 - g. Make recommendations for improvements in state early learning standards and undertake efforts to develop high-quality comprehensive early learning standards, as appropriate.
5. The Early Childhood Advisory Council has the following responsibilities under *Minnesota Statutes 2008*, Section 124D.141, Subdivision 2:
 - a. Make recommendations on the most efficient and effective way to leverage state and federal funding streams for early childhood and child care programs;
 - b. Make recommendations on how to coordinate or colocate early childhood and child care programs in one state Office of Early Learning;
 - c. Review program evaluations regarding high-quality early childhood programs; and
 - d. Make recommendations, including proposed legislation on how to most effectively create a high quality early childhood system in Minnesota in order to improve the educational outcomes of children so that all children are school-ready by 2020.
6. The Early Childhood Advisory Council will submit a statewide strategic report addressing the activities described in Paragraphs 4 and 5 to the Governor, the Legislature and the State Director of Head Start Collaboration. The report should be submitted on or before June 30, 2009.
7. The Commissioner of Education will provide general administrative and technical support to the Early Childhood Advisory Council.
8. The Early Childhood Advisory Council will make its meetings open to the public and provide an opportunity for public comment.
9. The following appropriations have been made in *Minnesota Statutes 2008*, Section 124D.141, Subdivision 3 for the Early Childhood Advisory Council:
 - a. Up to \$12, 500 from federal child care and development fund administrative funds.
 - b. Up to \$12, 500 from prekindergarten exploratory project administrative funds appropriated under *Laws 2007*, Chapter 147, Article 19, Section 3.
 - c. These funds may be used by the Commissioner of Education for the following purposes: (i) to reimburse expenses of the parent members on the Council and (ii) for technical assistance and administrative support of the Early Childhood Advisory Council.

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- d. The Early Childhood Advisory Council may pursue additional funding from the state, federal or private sources. If additional operational funds are received for use by the Early Childhood Advisory Council, the Council must reduce the amount of prekindergarten exploratory project funds used in an equal amount.
- e. Unless additional appropriations are made or the appropriation is extended, the appropriation is available for state fiscal year 2009.

10. Once appropriated funds are exhausted or expire, the parent members will not receive reimbursement for expenses. If additional funds are not appropriated to the Commissioner of Education to support the administrative and technical assistance for the additional duties assigned to the Early Childhood Advisory Council pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes 2008*, Section 124D.141, Subdivision 2, the Council's responsibilities under this Executive Order will include only those duties required by federal law as set forth in Public Law 110-134 and Paragraph 4 of this Executive Order.

Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes 2006*, Section 4.035, Subdivision 2, this Executive Order will be effective fifteen (15) days after publication in the *State Register* and filing with the Secretary of State. Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes 2006*, Section 15.0593, this Executive Order shall expire two years after the date of this Executive Order.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 25th day of September, 2008.

TIM PAWLENTY
Governor

Filed according to law:

MARK RITCHIE
Secretary of State

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The next meeting of the Governor’s Advisory Council on Technology for People with Disabilities will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in Room CC17 at the Minnesota Department of Education building located at 1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville, MN.

Department of Employment and Economic Development Business and Community Development Division Job Opportunity Building Zone (JOBZ) Program Job Opportunity Building Zone (JOBZ) Program Changes & Clarifications

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In February 2008, the Office of the Legislative Auditor (OLA) reported on its evaluation of the JOBZ Program. The OLA found “...significant problems with the program’s design and implementation, resulting in some cases of ineffective and inappropriate use of tax subsidies.” In response, the Department of Employment & Economic Development (DEED) agreed that significant changes needed to be made to increase state oversight and accountability for program performance.

The changes summarized below are intended to achieve these improvements and also to respond to statutory changes made during the 2008 Legislative session. Overall these amendments provide DEED, the Department of Revenue, and the State Auditor with increased JOBZ compliance responsibilities. JOBZ statutes provide that the commissioner’s actions in establishing program procedures and requirements are not subject to the Administrative Procedures Act and are published here in order to implement these changes. This notice also restates or clarifies a number of existing aspects of the program and its administration.

Overview

1. All new applications for JOBZ participation will be reviewed and approved/disapproved by DEED. As a result, a new application form has been developed for use by local governments and/or subzone administrators.

2. DEED has developed a new evaluation process to determine if a proposed project is beneficial for the state and local area and may receive JOBZ tax benefits. Not every project may qualify for the JOBZ program. DEED will consider:

If there are other types of public support that are more appropriate to the particular project;

If the project would cause undue economic harm to another Minnesota-based business serving the same market;

If the project would achieve a positive economic benefit for the state;

Whether the project strengthens the community;

The ratio of the project's estimated net benefit to its costs;

The location of the project in an economically distressed area;

The number of jobs created; and

Wages paid in the JOBZone.

3. All Business Subsidy Agreements (BSA) must be on a form prescribed by DEED. Any goals listed or changes to the BSA must be approved by DEED prior to execution of the BSA. The local government may not modify the BSA, except as allowed under *Minnesota Statutes*, Section 469.3191.

4. The BSA will include definitions of two key terms for the purpose of the JOBZ program:

Employment/Employee – For the purpose of determining compliance with wage and jobs goals, only those jobs that constitute “employment” for the purpose of Minnesota unemployment insurance will be counted as “jobs”. However, student workers, interns, etc. are not considered “employees” of the business. This means they will not be subject to the minimum wage requirements of the JOBZ program and will not be counted toward achieving job goals.

Full-time employment or FTE – “Full-time employment” or “FTE” means one job or a combination of jobs that will produce annualized cumulative expected hours of work, not including overtime, equal to 2,080 hours. To qualify, the job must pay Social Security and Worker’s Compensation, and employees must be direct employees of the qualified JOBZ business. A FTE job may be seasonal as long as the required number of FTE jobs are created and maintained for each calendar year.

5. Businesses new to the JOBZ program will be required to report on the numbers of jobs created and wages paid two years after their JOBZ Benefit Date. Businesses that are relocating their operations into a JOB Zone must report on jobs and wages one year after their JOBZ Benefit Date. For most projects, the JOBZ benefit date will be the date of final signature on the BSA. Businesses also have the option of electing to use the benefit date definition from the business subsidy statute listed below. These “Anniversary” reports are separate from the normally required Minnesota Business Assistance Form (MBAF) that must continue to be sent to DEED by April 1 for the preceding calendar year.

In the business subsidy law (*Minnesota Statutes* §116J.993, Subd. 2), the term “Benefit Date” is defined as the date the business receives a business subsidy. If the subsidy or project involves the acquisition of physical equipment, the benefit date begins when the business puts the equipment into service. If the subsidy or project involves improvement to property, the date begins on the earliest date of either: 1) when all the improvements are completed or 2) when the business occupies the property. Local governments must inform DEED of the project’s “benefit date” if they intend to use a date other than the date of final signature on the BSA.

6. Businesses that enter the JOBZ program and do not meet the goals specified in their BSA but that perform a substantial level of activities described in the BSA will be allowed to remain in the JOBZ program if DEED, the local government, and the business mutually

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agree on a new set of goals. However, the duration of their job zone will be shortened proportionately by the degree to which they attained their original goals. This is a one-time reduction. Businesses failing to meet their revised goals will be found out of compliance and will be terminated from the Program.

7. As a matter of clarification, all businesses which sign a BSA after July 1, 2005 are required to pay all employees (see the description in paragraph 4 above) working within a JOB Zone total compensation, including benefits not mandated by law, that is equal to at least 110% of the federal poverty level for a family of four (Minnesota Statute 469.310, Subd. 11(g)). This wage requirement changes every year, with adjustments effective each July 1. DEED will inform the communities and the businesses of the new wage goals.

The total compensation includes base wages, but also benefits not mandated by law. Mandated benefits include items such as Social Security, Medicare, unemployment insurance, etc. Benefits that are not mandated include health or dental insurance, life insurance, paid uniforms, vacation, overtime, and bonus income. The annualized value of these benefits can be included in the base wage paid to determine total compensation.

JOBZ Application Process

A JOBZ Application must be approved by DEED prior to executing a business subsidy agreement. Subzone administrators or the appropriate local government are required to complete the JOBZ Application. The new JOBZ Application has been created by the department and is available on the JOBZ website, <http://www.deed.state.mn.us/bizdev/jobz.htm>

The Application includes the following elements:

Project Information such as the nature of the business, the financing package, the number of jobs created and wages paid;

A completed JOBZ Benefit Calculator, including the information put into the Calculator as well as the results;

A statement will be required from the business that it would not have located, relocated, or expanded in Minnesota without the benefits provided under JOBZ;

Verification that the business will abide by the requirements for E-Verify.

The current "Mandatory Data Form," the "JOBZ Project Evaluator," and the "JOBZ Business Survey" will be discontinued and/or combined into the application.

Once received, the application will be evaluated and scored using the criteria noted below. DEED's process for reviewing JOBZ applications will include two basic steps. In the first step we will consider three factors:

Does the project need JOBZ? This will include a determination by DEED that, based on information provided by the subzone administrator, other types of assistance would be a more appropriate form of public assistance. For Example, certain types of businesses, especially in the service sector, may receive a better level of assistance through tax increment financing (TIF), tax abatement, or business loans.

Would the project cause undue harm to another business competitor? DEED will consider the effect of the project on businesses that are producing similar products or services.

Does the value to the state exceed the cost of offering JOBZ? Each project proposal will be evaluated using a nationally recognized modeling tool developed by Regional Economic Model, Inc. – also known as REMI.

Projects that do not pass these three tests will not be approved. If the project appears to pass the first three tests, DEED will then consider additional factors in scoring it. This score would consider:

What is the cost/benefit analysis of this particular project's job creation and investment? If the REMI model produces a net positive impact, the net benefit will be divided by the cost of offering JOBZ (as measured in the foregone taxes identified in the JOBZ Benefit Calculator's results), to arrive at a ratio of benefit to cost. Those projects with a higher ratio will receive a higher number of points.

Does the project strengthen the community? DEED will consider how the business will increase the community's economic vitality. The factors considered will include the impact on local employment and the level of wages paid.

To what degree is the project in a distressed county? Although DEED is not limiting JOBZ to the most distressed counties, it does intend to award greater number of points to those projects in more distressed counties, as measured by population loss, higher than statewide average unemployment rate, and lower than statewide median household income.

DEED intends to only approve projects that are beneficial for the state and local areas. DEED believes that using the factors described above will allow it to qualify projects using quantitative and verifiable factors that are important to the Minnesota Legislature. For example, a project with a good cost/benefit ratio reflects a positive return on the state's investment. However, if it is located in a more prosperous county, it may require a sizable number of new jobs in order to qualify for JOBZ. Conversely, a project with a smaller number of jobs, or perhaps a smaller (but still positive) cost/benefit ratio may qualify if it is located in a more distressed county.

In the case of a zone modification, an administrator must follow a similar procedure. DEED will evaluate the proposed modification based on the criteria described previously. If DEED approves the application, DEED will draft the business subsidy agreement. The subzone administrator will be instructed to complete and execute the business subsidy agreement, with DEED as the final signature. In the case of a proposed JOBZ relocation, DEED will consider the proposed project, and if approved, complete a JOBZ Relocation Agreement.

Reporting/Compliance

As noted above, businesses participating in the JOBZ program are required to report on their performance goals. DEED and program auditors will begin to periodically cross-check and verify the accuracy of information provided directly by the business. Newly executed BSA's will be monitored by DEED staff during the first 2-year period in addition to the report noted above. This additional reporting will consist of checking job creation on the anniversary date of the BSA. Site visits may be conducted by DEED staff to assure job creation goals are met.

Businesses that fail to submit the required annual reporting form may be terminated from the program.

Businesses that do not meet the goals specified in the BSA may:

Be terminated from the program;

Receive a 1-year extension to attain the goals (DEED must concur they will be able to achieve the goal within 1 year); or

Have the duration of their participation reduced if they have not fully achieved their goals, but perform a substantial level of activities described in the BSA.

Reporting Dates

The following reports/certifications are required for the JOBZ program:

April 1

JOBZ Minnesota Business Assistance Forms (JOBZ MBAF) to be filed with DEED for the preceding calendar year. The report includes a listing of all employees showing job title, wages paid and benefits.

June 1

Zone administrators must continue to file reports with DEED that report on performance of the overall [10] zones. (existing requirement)

October 15

M500 Form is required by Dept. of Revenue. This shows a report of the tax benefits taken for the previous year (filing this form was previously optional, but is now required).

December 1

Business must certify to Dept. of Revenue that the business is in full compliance with all JOBZ regulations. (new requirement)

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Operation Anniversary

New or expanding businesses must report to DEED on the numbers of jobs created and wages paid on the second anniversary of *their* “benefit date”. Relocating business must report at the end of their first year of operations. This will be a one-time reporting requirement.

Dated: October 6, 2008

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Notice of Public Hearing on Amended 2009 Housing Tax Credit Allocation Plan

The Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (the Act) became law July 30, 2008. Certain provisions of the Act result in changes to the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program. The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (Minnesota Housing) will hold a public hearing pursuant to Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The public hearing will be held at the time and place listed below:

Wednesday, October 29, 2008
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Jelatis North and South, 3rd Floor
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
400 Sibley Street, Suite 300
St. Paul, MN

The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989 (OBRA) requires that Housing Tax Credit Allocating Agencies develop a plan for allocating tax credits within their jurisdiction, setting forth criteria to determine priorities for selection of developments to receive tax credits. The OBRA also requires Tax Credit Agencies to hold a public hearing to receive public comment on the Allocation Plan.

The above public hearing is for the amended 2009 Allocation Plan developed by Minnesota Housing, in cooperation with local government representatives, for use within the Tax Credit Allocation jurisdiction of Minnesota Housing.

All persons interested will be given an opportunity to express their views. In order to more effectively plan for the conduct of the hearings, persons desiring to speak at the hearing must so request in writing at least 24 hours before the hearing. Oral remarks by any person will be limited to 10 minutes. Written comments may also be submitted to the undersigned, and will be considered at the hearing. Note that this public hearing is not a workshop or training session, but is intended to solicit the comments of the public.

Copies of summaries of the proposed changes to the Housing Tax Credit Procedural Manual and Qualified Allocation Plan are available at the address listed below, by written or phone request or by checking the Minnesota Housing web site.

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
Multifamily Underwriting
Housing Tax Credit Program
400 Sibley Street, Suite 300
St. Paul, MN 55101-1998
Phone: (651) 296-4451
Website: www.mnhousing.gov

Department of Natural Resources

Division of Forestry

Request for Information from Vendors Interested in Conducting Forest Management on Select State Owned Lands Through a Lease Program

1. INTRODUCTION

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

2. OBJECTIVE

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

3. TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

4. INFORMATION BEING REQUESTED

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

5. RFI RESPONSES:

Four (4) copies of the response should be submitted to the address shown below no later than **4:00 PM Central Time, October 31, 2008**. Questions may be addressed to Dave Schuller at (651) 259-5255 or by **e-mail** at: dave.schuller@dnr.state.mn.us

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

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Industrial Division

Notice of Availability and Request for Comment on Proposed Section 401 Water Quality Certification for Vessel Discharges

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) requests comments on its proposed Section 401 water quality certification for vessel discharges. The MPCA is proposing to issue a Section 401 Water Quality Certification (Certification) to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for discharges from vessels covered by EPA's draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Vessel General Permit for Discharges Incidental to the Normal Operation of Commer-

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cial Vessels and Large Recreational Vessels (VGP). (To view EPA's proposed VGP go to:

http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/home.cfm?program_id=350)

Due to Congressional action in July 2008, large recreational vessels are no longer required to receive coverage under a NPDES permit.

The draft 401 Certification is in response to the EPA's request that the MPCA make a written determination regarding certification under Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act for vessel discharges in Minnesota waters that would be authorized by the EPA's VGP. The EPA's request for certification was received by the MPCA on July 11, 2008. EPA established a deadline of August 21, 2008, for the MPCA to issue or deny a Section 401 Water Quality Certification for discharges from vessels covered by the EPA's VGP. The MPCA requested an extension of the deadline until November 21, 2008, to more thoroughly evaluate the EPA's VGP and involve the public in the MPCA's certification decision. EPA Region V granted the MPCA's request in a letter dated September 3, 2008.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments upon the MPCA's draft 401 Certification for EPA's VGP. **The public comment period begins on October 6, 2008, and ends at 4:30 p.m. on October 20, 2008.** (The public comment period will be 14 days, rather than the 30 days normally allowed for public review of draft Section 401 Water Quality Certifications due to the EPA deadline.)

Preliminary Determination on the Draft 401 Certification

The MPCA Commissioner has made a preliminary determination to submit this draft 401 Certification for the VGP to EPA.

A copy of the draft 401 Certification is available for review and copying on the MPCA's Web site at:

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

or at the St. Paul office located at 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155 or the Duluth office located at 525 Lake Avenue South – Suite 400, Duluth, Minnesota 55802.

A copy of the draft 401 Certification will be mailed to you if the MPCA receives your written or oral request (if applicable) at either of these offices. If you have questions about this draft 401 Certification or the Commissioner's preliminary determination, please contact Mary Jean Fenske by telephone at (651) 297-5472 or by **e-mail** at: maryjean.fenske@state.mn.us.

Written Comment

You may submit written comments on the conditions of the draft 401 Certification or on the Commissioner's preliminary determination. Written comments must include the following:

1. A statement of your interest in the MPCA's draft 401 Certification for EPA's VGP.
2. A statement of the action you wish the MPCA to take, including specific references to sections of the draft Certification that you believe should be changed.
3. The reasons supporting your position, stated with sufficient specificity as to allow the Commissioner to investigate the merits of your position.

Petition for Public Informational Meeting

You also may request that the MPCA Commissioner hold a public informational meeting. A public informational meeting is an informal meeting that the MPCA may hold to solicit public comment and statements on matters before the MPCA, and to help clarify and resolve issues.

A petition requesting a public informational meeting must include the following information:

1. A statement identifying the matter of concern.
2. The information required under items 1 through 3 of "Written Comments," identified above.
3. A statement of the reasons the MPCA should hold a public informational meeting.
4. The issues that you would like the MPCA to address at the public informational meeting.

Petition for Contested Case Hearing

You also may submit a petition for a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a formal evidentiary hearing before an administrative law judge. In accordance with *Minnesota Rules* 7000.1900, the MPCA will grant a petition to hold a contested case hearing if it finds that:

- (1) there is a material issue of fact in dispute concerning the draft Certification; (2) the MPCA has the jurisdiction to make a

determination on the disputed material issue of fact; and (3) there is a reasonable basis underlying the disputed material issue of fact or facts such that the holding of the contested case hearing would allow the introduction of information that would aid the MPCA in resolving the disputed facts in making a final decision on the draft Certification. A material issue of fact means a fact question, as distinguished from a policy question, whose resolution could have a direct bearing on a final MPCA decision.

A petition for a contested case hearing must include the following information:

1. A statement of reasons or proposed findings supporting the MPCA decision to hold a contested case hearing according to the criteria in *Minnesota Rules* 7000.1900, as discussed above.
2. A statement of the issues proposed to be addressed by a contested case hearing and the specific relief requested or resolution of the matter.

In addition and to the extent known, a petition for a contested case hearing should also include the following information:

1. A proposed list of prospective witnesses to be called, including experts, with a brief description of proposed testimony or summary of evidence to be presented at a contested case hearing;
2. A proposed list of publications, references, or studies to be introduced and relied upon at a contested case hearing; and
3. An estimate of time required for you to present the matter at a contested case hearing.

MPCA Decision

You may submit a petition to the Commissioner requesting that the MPCA Citizens' Board (Board) consider the 401 Certification. To be considered timely, the petition must be received by the MPCA by 4:30 p.m. on the date the public comment period ends. Under the Provisions of *Minnesota Statutes* 116.02, subd. 6(4), the decision whether to issue the Certification and, if so, under what terms will be presented to the Board for decision if: (1) the Commissioner grants the petition requesting the matter be presented to the Board; (2) one or more Board members request to hear the matter before the time the Commissioner makes a final decision on the Certification; or (3) a timely request for a contested case hearing is pending. You may participate in the activities of the Board as provided in *Minnesota Rules* 7000.0650.

The written comments, requests, and petitions submitted on or before the last day of the comment period will be considered in the final decision on this Certification. If the MPCA does not receive written comments, requests, or petitions during the public comment period, MPCA staff, as authorized by the Board, will make the final decision on the draft Certification.

Comments, requests and petitions should be submitted in writing to: Ms. Mary Jean Fenske, Industrial Division SP-5, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4194; **fax:** (651) 296-8717 and **e-mail:** maryjean.fenske@state.mn.us (preferred).

If you have questions regarding this Notice, please contact Ms. Mary Jean Fenske via **telephone** at (651) 297-5472 or via **e-mail** at maryjean.fenske@state.mn.us.

Dated: September 22, 2008

Brad Moore, Commissioner
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Industrial Division

Notice of Intent to Reissue State Disposal System (SDS) General Permit MNG960000 to Land Apply Wastes Generated from Food and Beverage Processing Facilities

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) proposes to reissue SDS General Permit (general permit) authorization to land apply wastes generated from food and beverage processing facilities or similar industrial by-product. These wastes are generally suitable for use as soil amendments and provide plant nutrients. Examples of facilities that may qualify for coverage under this general permit are dairy processors, meat and poultry processors, vegetable processors, soft drink and beer manufacturers, and other miscellaneous food and beverage industries and other industries which have similar waste streams.

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This general permit will provide timely reissuance without the delay of individual permit issuance procedures and will cover approximately 35 facilities. The general permit has a duration of approximately five years. The public comment period begins October 6, 2008, and ends at 4:30 p.m. on November 5, 2008.

The authority to develop and issue a general permit is based *Minnesota Rules* 7001.0210 which provides authority to the MPCA to issue a single permit to a category of Permittees that are the same or substantially similar. This single State Disposal System (SDS) permit can apply to numerous facilities and is known as a general permit.

Persons wishing to land apply or store an industrial by-product under the terms of this general permit shall submit an SDS permit application and meet all applicability criteria listed below. Facilities which do not meet all of these applicability criteria listed below will be evaluated for issuance of an individual SDS permit under *Minnesota Rules*, chapter 7001.

Characterization of the industrial by-product at the time of permit application must indicate that all of the eligibility requirements in this part would be met:

1. The industrial by-product cannot be a hazardous waste.
2. Concentration of any of the analytes in the industrial by-products cannot exceed the limits identified in Table 1. By-products cannot be diluted or mixed with other materials before this determination has been made.

Table 1. Concentration limits for industrial by-products.

Analyte	mg/kg (dry weight basis)
Total Arsenic	41
Total Cadmium	39
Total Copper	1500
Total Lead	300
Total Mercury	5
Total Molybdenum	75
Total Nickel	420
Total Selenium	100
Total Zinc	2800
Total dioxin equivalents	10 parts per trillion
Total Polychlorinated biphenyls	6

3. Annual application rates of the industrial by-product cannot exceed the annual sodium application rate limitation of 170 pounds per acre per year.
4. The following industrial by-products would not qualify for coverage under this permit:
 - a. Egg shells managed in accordance with *Minnesota Rules*, chapter 7035 (Beneficial Use Rules);
 - b. Industrial by-products from the processing of sugar beets;
 - c. Animal manures and paunch manure covered under *Minnesota Rules*, chapter 7020 (Feedlot Rules);
 - d. Dead animals; and
 - e. Residuals from the treatment of drinking water or conditioning of industrial process water managed in accordance with *Minnesota Rules*, chapter 7035 (Beneficial Use Rules) or covered under general permit MNG820000 or MNG640000 (water treatment plant general permits).

The SDS general permit contains requirements for site selection, management (application rates, control of runoff, separation distances, etc), record keeping, and reporting. General conditions, which are a part of all SDS permits, are included as part of this general permit. Staging and storage areas and/or structures is allowed under the general permit, but must be managed in accordance with specific provisions, based on the length and method of storage. The Commissioner's determination that the general permit should be reissued is tentative. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments upon the proposed permit action.

Comments received no later than the last day of the comment period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations. Comments should be submitted in writing to:

Ms. Stephanie Handeland, SP-4
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

520 Lafayette Road N,
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4194.

A copy of the draft permit, fact sheet, and public notice are available for review at the MPCA offices at the following addresses, and may be copied between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday:

- (1) **St. Paul Office:** 520 Lafayette Road N, St Paul, MN 55155-4194, (651) 296-6300
- (2) **Rochester Office:** 18 Wood Lake Drive SE, Rochester, MN 55904, (507) 285-7343
- (3) **Marshall Office:** 1420 E College Drive, Suite 900, Marshall, MN 56258, (507) 537-6001
- (4) **Willmar Office:** 201 28th Avenue SW, Willmar, MN 56201, (320) 214-3786
- (5) **Detroit Lakes Office:** 714 Lake Avenue, Lake Avenue Plaza, Suite 220, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501, (218) 847-1519
- (6) **Duluth Office:** 525 Lake Avenue South, Suite 400, Duluth, MN 55802, (218) 723-4660
- (7) **Brainerd Office:** 1800 College Road South, Baxter, MN 56425, (218) 828-2492

To request a copy of the draft permit, fact sheet and/or public notice please contact Ms. Stephanie Handeland at (651) 297-7153 or toll free at 800-657-3864. The draft permit, fact sheet, and public notice are also available on-line at:

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

If you have questions on this draft permit, the public notice or the Commissioner's preliminary determination, please contact Ms. Stephanie Handeland at (651) 297-7153 or email at: stephanie.handeland@pca.state.mn.us

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Municipal Division Request for Comments on Possible Amendments to Rules Governing Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems, *Minnesota Rules* Chapters 7080, 7081, 7082 and 7083

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) requests comments (Request for Comments) on its possible amendment to rules governing the subsurface sewage treatment system (SSTS) program. *Minnesota Rules* Chapters 7080 to 7083 contain minimum standards and criteria governing SSTS to protect surface water, ground water, and promote public health, safety, and general welfare, including the following: technical standards and criteria; a framework for permitting and inspection programs administered at the local level; a description of the responsibilities, licensing, and enforcement requirements for SSTS professionals; and programs for licensing businesses and training and registering SSTS professionals and products. The MPCA conducted a rulemaking to significantly revise and expand the SSTS rules which became effective on February 4, 2008. Since the adoption of those rules the MPCA has received comments from local units of government and the regulated industry indicating that some provisions need clarification for effective implementation and enforcement. With this Request for Comments the MPCA is seeking comments regarding the amendments to the existing SSTS rules. The MPCA requests information and opinion from the public on any subject matter contained in *Minnesota Rules* Chapters 7080 to 7083, but is particularly interested in the public's opinions on the items listed below.

- Clarification on the definition and use of soil pits
- Clarification of flow calculation
- Modification of sewage tank access requirements (maintenance hole placement)
- Clarification of the pressure distribution requirement in sandy soils
- Development of a bond to jointly address plumbing and SSTS licensing and clarifications to the existing surety bond language
- Adjustment of certification and licensing for mid-sized systems to reflect use of prescriptive designs and design guidance as

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required in statute

- Minor corrections to references, typographical errors and inconsistencies in phrasing

Additional changes will be considered as a result of comments or MPCA review.

Persons Affected. The amendments to the rules would likely affect SSTS certified individuals and licensed businesses, local units of government, sewage tank manufacturers and citizens who own or reside in dwellings or establishments not connected to a municipal wastewater treatment facility.

Statutory Authority. The MPCA has general authority to promulgate and/or revise water quality rules under *Minnesota Statute* § 115.03, subd. 1(e). In addition, *Minnesota Statute* § 115.55 requires the MPCA to adopt rules containing minimum standards and criteria for the design, location, installation, use, and maintenance of individual sewage treatment systems (ISTS), and *Minnesota Statute* § 115.56 requires the MPCA to adopt rules containing standards of licensure applicable to all ISTS professionals.

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these possible rule amendments in writing or orally until November 7, 2008. The existing *Minnesota Rules* 7083.6000 SSTS Advisory Committee will be reviewing these possible rule amendments and advising the MPCA. In addition, the MPCA also intends to provide additional opportunity for input by meeting with interested parties and by seeking input from the University of Minnesota ISTS workshop attendees.

Rules Drafts. The MPCA has not yet prepared a draft of the possible rule amendments.

Agency Contact Person. Questions regarding the proposed scope of the rulemaking or technical comments or questions regarding SSTS rules should be directed to:

Mark Wespetal
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
520 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, MN 55155-4194
Phone: (651) 296-9322 (direct)
MN Toll Free: 1-800-657-3864
Fax: (651) 297-8676
E-mail: Mark.Wespetal@pca.state.mn.us

Requests to receive a draft of the rules, when it has been prepared, and requests for more information on these planned rule amendments should be directed to:

Carol Nankivel
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
520 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, MN 55155-4194
Telephone (651) 297-8371 or TTY 651-282-5332
E-mail: carol.nankivel@pca.state.mn.us

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

Any interested person or group is encouraged to submit ideas, comments or opinions on the preliminary proposal, outlined above, or any other part of *Minnesota Rules* Chapters 7080 to 7083.

Alternative Format. Upon request, this Request for Comments can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, Braille, or cassette tape. To make such a request, please contact the MPCA contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

NOTE: Comments received in response to this notice will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the administrative law judge when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The MPCA is required to submit to the judge only those written comments received in response to the rules after they are proposed. If you submitted comments during the development of the rules and you want to ensure that the Administrative Law Judge reviews the comments, you should resubmit the comments after the rules are formally proposed.

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.

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Department of Employment and Economic Development Rehabilitation Services Branch Notice of Availability of Funds for Extended Employment Programs

The Department of Employment and Economic Development announces a request for proposals to provide the ongoing employment support services necessary for persons with most severe disabilities in Minnesota. Requests for proposals will be made available to interested parties at: www.deed.state.mn.us/rehab/ee/eebasicrjp.htm during the period: October 15, 2008 to December 5, 2008. Any city, town, county, non-profit organization or combination of these that operates or proposes to operate a community rehabilitation program pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, Chapter 268A.06, 268A.085, and 268A.15 may apply for Extended Employment Program funding.

A minimum of \$190,000 will be made available to provide ongoing employment support services pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, Chapter 268A.15 and *Minnesota Rules*, Chapter 3300.2005 to 3300.2055. This Extended Employment funding will provide supported employment services for unserved or underserved persons with the most severe disabilities in Minnesota.

Continued funding will be available based on the requirements for new or expanded programs for the first three years, and vendor’s ability to meet annual contracted performance thereafter. Contract performance is based on the total work hours of the workers reported to the Department of Employment and Economic Development during the state fiscal year. Payments on the contract are made monthly, based on the number of work hours of the workers reported to the Department of Employment and Economic Development in the previous month. To be an Extended Employment Program provider, an organization must be able to become certified by the Rehabilitation Services Branch of the Department of Employment and Economic Development in accordance with *Minnesota Rule* 3300.2010. The Extended Employment funding system is described in *Minnesota Rule* 3300.2035. Provisions for new and expanded programs are defined in *Minnesota Rule* 3300.2030. Questions should be directed to Anita Kavitz, (651) 259-7347, or e-mail: Anita.Weckman-Kavitz@state.mn.us. Proposals will not be accepted after 4:30 p.m., December 5, 2008, except those postmarked on or before December 5, 2008. Submit proposals to:

Wendy Keller
Rehabilitation Services
First National Bank Building
332 Minnesota Street, Suite E-200
St. Paul, MN 55101

State Contracts

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

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

Requirements: There are no statutes or rules requiring contracts to be advertised for any specific length of time, but the Materials Management Division strongly recommends meeting the following requirements:

\$0 - \$5000 does not need to be advertised. Contact the Materials Management Division: (651) 296-2600

\$5,000 - \$25,000 should be advertised in the *State Register* for a period of at least seven calendar days;

\$25,000 - \$50,000 should be advertised in the *State Register* for a period of at least 14 calendar days; and

anything above \$50,000 should be advertised in the *State Register* for a minimum of at least 21 calendar days

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Department of Administration

Real Estate & Construction Services

Notice of Request for Proposals (RFP) to Provide an Energy Study for the Minneapolis Veterans Home Campus (Project # 76282 MPP)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Department of Administration, Real Estate and Construction Services ("State") is in need of and Energy Study for the Minnesota Veterans Home in Minneapolis for the purpose of making recommendations for: 1) achieving energy conservation and efficiency; 2) reduce greenhouse gas emissions from state-owned facilities and, 3) increased use of clean energy sources.

Purpose and Goal of this RFP:

a. To establish a contract with an Energy Engineer and / or Energy Engineering firm to conduct a campus wide energy study and make recommendations to achieve efficiencies.

The tasks and scope of services required for the Energy Study are defined and included in the Request for Proposals (RFP) located at www.admin.state.mn.us/recs (Click on "Construction Services" and "Solicitations and Announcements"). To be considered for selection and a Contract, responses must be submitted by the date and time indicated in the RFP. Copies of the RFP may also be requested from:

Contracts Coordinator
Real Estate and Construction Services
309 Administration Building, 50 Sherburne Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55155-1625
Phone: (651) 201-2372

The State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation if it is considered to be in its best interest. The RFP is not a guarantee of work and

it does not obligate the State to award any contracts. The State reserves the right to discontinue the use or cancel all or any part of this RFP and work contained therein if it is determined to be in its best interest. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder.

Department of Administration (Admin) State Designer Selection Board Project No. 08-18 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Notice of Availability of Request for Proposal (RFP) for Designer Selection for: North Hennepin Community College, Brooklyn Park, MN – BioScience and Allied Health Project

The State of Minnesota, acting through its Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, on behalf of North Hennepin Community College, through the State Designer Selection Board, is soliciting proposals from interested, qualified consultants for architectural and engineering design services for the above referenced project.

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

A copy of the pre-design is available for review at *<http://www.finance.mnscu.edu/facilities/index.html>*. An informational meeting is scheduled for 1:30 PM, Wednesday October 8, 2008 at North Hennepin Community College, Learning Resource Center Room 101, 7411 85th Avenue North, Brooklyn Park, MN 55445. All firms interested in this meeting should contact Amy Johnson at (763) 424-0878 (*ajohnso3@nhcc.edu*) to sign up to attend the meeting.

Proposals must be delivered to the Real Estate and Construction Services front desk in **room 309 of the Administration Building**, 50 Sherburne Ave., St. Paul, MN 55155 **not later than 4:00 P.M., October 13, 2008**. Late responses will not be considered.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities is not obligated to complete the proposed project and reserves the right to cancel the solicitation if it is considered to be in its best interest.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) Request for Proposal: Various Graphic Design Projects

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system is requesting proposals from qualified designers for the design of several regular publications and projects for the Public Affairs division of the Office of the Chancellor. These include spring and fall issues of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities magazine, a 28- to 32-page biannual magazine, annual greeting card, invitations, an 8-page 8 ½ x 11" publication, and other design projects throughout the year.

Proposers should review current and past editions of system publications available on the Web at:
<http://www.mnscu.edu/media/publications/index.html>

Request for proposal information is available by visiting the website <http://www.mnscu.edu/graphicdesign>. Proposals must be received by Monday, October 27, 2008, noon CST.

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

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

State Contracts

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU)

Request for Proposal for Higher Education Federal Legislative Liaison/Consultant

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that proposals are being solicited to select a liaison/consultant to work on funding acquisitions and promote identified federal policy issues consistent with the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system and its Board of Trustees' mission and goals. Proposal specifications are available at <http://www.mnscu.edu/about/legislative/rfp.html>.

Proposals will be due by 4:00 p.m. Central Time on Friday, October 10, 2008.

This notice and the Request for Proposal does not obligate the State of Minnesota, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities or the Office of the Chancellor to award a contract and each reserves the right to cancel this solicitation or RFP if it is considered to be in its best interest.

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Educator.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU)

Notice of Request for Information (RFI) for Architectural, Owner's Representative, Real Estate and Other Related Professional and Technical Services for a Master List of Consultants

The State of Minnesota, acting through its Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities ("MnSCU"), requests information of Minnesota registered consultants, as appropriate, to assist MnSCU in providing Architectural/Engineering, Owner Representative, Real Estate and other related Professional and Technical services as needed for up to a four-year period. Projects will vary in scope and may involve due diligence services, new construction, remodeling, commissioning, site and utility work, facilities, roads and grounds, and land development.

The Request for Information documents can be found online at: www.finance.mnscu.edu/facilities/index.html under Announcements. This RFI is to permit a consultant to be added to the current MnSCU Master List of Consultants. The consultants currently on the List do not need to respond to this RFI.

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

Nancy Marandola
Minnesota State Colleges & Universities
Phone (651) 297-7862 or
E-mail: Nancy.marandola@so.mnscu.edu

Proposals must be delivered to:

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

Proposals must be received NOT later than October 31, 2008 at 12:00 P.M. CST; late responses will not be considered.

MnSCU reserves the right to cancel this solicitation if it is considered to be in MnSCU's best interest. The RFI is not a guarantee of work and does not obligate MnSCU to award any contracts. MnSCU reserves the right to discontinue the use or cancel all or any part of this Master List of Consultants program if it is determined to be in its best interest. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU)

Minneapolis Community & Technical College

Notice of Intent to Solicit Bids for Printing and Mailing of Spring 2009 Class Schedule

Description: Tabloid-size 10 3/4" x 17" saddle-stitched and trimmed. Refold to 10 3/4" x 8 1/2". Image area approximately 9 3/4" x 15 7/8" w/no bleeds. 35# white groundwood offset 70B self-cover. Cover is black and 2 PMS. Text is black and 1 PMS. Bids requested for quantities of 70,000, 80,000, 90,000 copies and page count of approximately 32 pages include cost for additional pages in 4 page increments. Request printer with onsite mailing capabilities. Prefer hard copy of proof and electronic. Approximately 45,000 schedules to be mailed using provided mailing lists.

Print schedule - To printer **tentatively** 10/24/08 and deliver within seven working days of final approved proofs and files.

All bidders are required to fill out State bid form.

Deadline for Bids: No later than 1:00 p.m. – Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2008

Questions, bid form, and submit bids:

David Tajima
Marketing/PR, Room K1100
Minneapolis Community and Technical College
1501 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55403
Phone: (612) 659-6224
Fax: (612) 659-6226
E-mail: *David.Tajima@minneapolis.edu*

Department of Health (MDH)

Division of Community and Family Health - WIC Program

Request for Proposals to Provide Services for the Transfer and Implementation of a New Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Information System

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF CONTRACT: Request for Proposals to provide services for the transfer and implementation of a new Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Information System. Specifically, for the transfer and implementation of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) State Agency Model (SAM) System- Successful Partners in Reaching Innovative Technology (SPIRIT) and to provide ongoing operations and maintenance of that system including help desk services and hardware support. Work is proposed to start on February 10, 2009 or as soon as all signatures can be obtained on the contract. To obtain a copy of the Request for Proposal and any subsequent amendments, please visit: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/fh/wic/index.html>

All organizations interested in responding to this RFP are required to submit a Letter of Intent to Respond to Carol Rowe by mail or email by 10/20/2008 4:00 pm CDT. The Letter of Intent must be signed by an authorized agent within the organization. Proposals submitted in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received at the address below no later than **4:00 pm CST on 12/15/2008. Late proposals will not be considered.**

Street Address-Delivery: Carol Rowe
Minnesota Department of Health
85 East Seventh Place
St. Paul, MN 55101

Mailing Address: Carol Rowe

State Contracts

Minnesota Department of Health
WIC Program
P.O. Box 64882
St. Paul, MN 55164-0882

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

Department of Human Services

Chemical Health Division

Notice of Request for Proposals for Case Management and Continuing Care Services for Individuals with Substance Use Issues/Disorders Involved in the Criminal Justice System

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Minnesota Department of Human Services Chemical Health Division is seeking proposals from qualified responders for the development of case management and continuing care services for individuals with substance use issues/disorders involved in the criminal justice system. The target population will be 1) individuals who are living in the community on active probation, 2) currently incarcerated in a Minnesota county correctional facility and/or 3) have been released from a county correctional facility in Minnesota identified with a substance abuse disorder. The case management will address issues of accessibility and availability to treatment, treatment support, and/or recovery maintenance services for the target population. This case management will be in partnership and collaboration with agencies that will provide the necessary resources to interrupt the progression of further legalities and ongoing substance abuse. Co-occurring Disorders (MI/CD) programming will not be a priority service to be funded with these funds, but proposals must include a strong referral service system for mental health services.

Objective: The intent of this request for proposals is to develop programming that will address the various needs of an individual living in the community on active probation, currently incarcerated in a Minnesota county correctional facility or who has been released from a Minnesota county correctional facility with an identified substance abuse problem, and to reduce the likelihood of recidivism within this population. **This case** management may begin with the individual/s prior to their release from a **Minnesota county correctional facility**. The Department of Human Services - Chemical Health Division is working to address long-standing disparities in the availability and quality of chemical health services for people of diverse racial, ethnic and linguistically challenged populations, with consideration toward gender, sexual orientation, and disability or special needs of individuals.

Funds available: A total of \$400,000 is available annually from the Federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant. **Requests per application may not exceed \$100,000 per year.**

Eligible applicants: County Community Correction Agencies. **Note:** Services mandated under 256E (primarily detox and chemical use assessment) or funded under 254B (the Consolidated Chemical Dependency Treatment Fund) are not appropriate for projects funded through this RFP. A complete Request for Proposal and application can be obtained from:

Tina Austin
DHS/Chemical Health Division
Elmer Andersen Building
540 Cedar Street
P.O. Box 64977
St. Paul, MN 55164-0977
Phone: (651) 431-4928
E-mail: tina.austin@state.mn.us

The deadline for receipt of proposals is February 29th 2009, 4:00 pm Central **Standard time**.

Department of Human Services State Operated Services Request for Proposals to Provide a Long Term Care Application

Notice of Availability of Contract for Provide a long term care application that provides:

- Minimum Data Set (MDS)
- Integrated Electronic Billing System
- Electronic Health Record with electronic signatures
- Admission Discharge Transfer (ADT)
- Reporting capabilities

The Minnesota Department of Human Services, State Operated Services (SOS) is requesting proposals for the purpose of providing a long term care application. The application will be utilized by State Operated Services' (SOS's) new 48 bed skilled nursing home licensed as a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) that is scheduled to open in February 2009 in St. Peter, MN.

Work is proposed to start after December 1, 2008

A Request for Proposals (RFP) will be available by mail from this office through 2:30 p.m., Central Daylight Time, 10/24/2008. **A written request (by direct mail or fax) is required to receive the Request for Proposal.** After 2:30 p.m., Central Daylight Time, 10/27/2008, the Request for Proposal must be picked up in person.

The Request for Proposal can be obtained from:

Mary Sweep
SOS-Contracts
1801 Technology Drive NE
Willmar, MN 56201
Fax: (320) 231-7049
E-mail: mary.sweep@state.mn.us

Proposals submitted in response to the RFP in this advertisement must be received at the address above no later than 2:30 p.m., Central Daylight Time, 10/29/2008. **Late proposals will not be considered.** Fax or e-mailed proposals will **not** be considered.

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

Department of Labor and Industry Notice of Availability of Contract to Provide Medical Bill Review and Payment Services for Workers Compensation Claims

The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, Claims Services and Investigation Section is requesting proposals for the purpose of providing medical review and bill payment services for uninsured employer and some bankrupt self-insured employer claims. These services must be provided in accordance with all applicable workers compensation laws and administrative rules and within the specifications provided in the Request for Proposal.

Work is proposed to start July 1, 2009.

A Request for Proposals will be available by mail from this office through October 20, 2008. **A written request (by direct mail or fax) is required to receive the Request for Proposal.** After October 20, 2008, the Request for Proposal must be picked up in person.

The Request for Proposal can be obtained from:

Carol Pankow, Director

State Contracts

Claims Services and Investigations
Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry
443 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, MN 55155-4317
Phone: (651) 284-5455
Fax: (651) 284-5733
E-mail: *Carol.Pankow@state.mn.us*

Proposals submitted in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received at the address above no later than 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on Monday, November 3, 2008. **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.

Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry Request for Information in Conducting Forest Management

1. INTRODUCTION

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

2. OBJECTIVE

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

3. TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

3. INFORMATION BEING REQUESTED

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

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

Questions may be addressed to Dave Schuller at: (651) 259-5255 or by e-mail at: *dave.schuller@dnr.state.mn.us*
Dave Schuller, Lands Program Coordinator
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry

500 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155-4044

Department of Natural Resources Division of Lands and Minerals Notice of Request for Proposals for a Land Records Information Systems

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is engaged in a multi-year, multi-million dollar effort to modernize its land records processes and information systems. As a major part of that project, the department is soliciting proposals for the design and implementation of a new information system that integrates workflow management, document management, spatial data management, and report generation components to support the department's land and natural resources management processes.

The complete RFP will be available from September 29, 2008 through October 24, 2008. It contains instructions governing the form and content of responses and describes a process in which potential respondents may ask questions before preparing their responses. Interested parties may download it at: <http://mndnr.gov/rfp/landrecords> or request a copy from:

Karl Olmstead
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources – Box 11
500 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155
E-mail: karl.olmstead@state.mn.us

Responses to the RFP must be received no later than October 27, 2008 at 2:00 p.m., CDT by:

Karl Olmstead
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources – Box 11
500 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155

Late responses will not be considered. Responses submitted by fax or e-mail will not be considered.

This RFP does not obligate the State to award a contract or proceed with the project. The State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder.

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Notice of Request for Proposal for Consultant Services to Prepare a Joint State/Federal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Proposed Keetac Mine Expansion Project CERTIFICATION # 16326

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), a state agency, seeks the services of a professional consultant to assist in preparing an environmental impact statement for the Keetac Mine Expansion Project near the City of Keewatin, Minnesota.

The DNR is the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) and is required to prepare an EIS for this project under *Minnesota Rules*, 4410.4400, subpart 8. The agency is cooperating with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), which is the Lead Federal Agency for the federal EIS.

The Keetac proposed project would restart an idle iron ore production line and upgrade concentrating and agglomeration processes. The proposed project would expand the iron ore mining pit and stockpile areas and increase the height of the tailings basin. Additional mine dewatering activities would also be necessary.

State Contracts

The DNR seeks the services of a consultant with expertise in: preparing joint state and federal EISs and other environmental review documents; metallic mining operations and engineering; metallurgical and mineral processing; mineland reclamation; wastewater treatment; mercury methylation; waste management and spill prevention; municipal/domestic drinking water wells/operations; land use management/planning (shoreland zoning, variances, land use plans); erosion and sedimentation issues; geological and geotechnical evaluations; transportation and traffic analysis; archaeological, historical, and cultural resources; socioeconomics; visual impact evaluations; blasting & noise modeling analysis; air emission impact analysis & control technology assessment (Class I & II, Human Health & Ecological Risk Assessments, BACT, MACT); hydrology/hydrogeology; water quality analysis/modeling; water budgets and watershed yield models; stream ecology and geomorphology assessments (Rosgen analysis); wetland delineation, functional analysis, and mitigation; state and federal threatened and endangered species; aquatic ecology (biological monitoring studies); wildlife biology; and cumulative impact analysis.

The consultant must conduct necessary data collection and analysis, and prepare draft and final EISs that fulfill the requirements of *Minnesota Rules*, parts 4410.0200 to 4410.6500, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 to 4347), the NEPA implementing regulations (40 C.F.R. parts 1500 to 1508, in particular 40 C.F.R. part 1502), and the USACE NEPA regulations (33 C.F.R. part 325 appendix B).

The full Request for Proposal contains detailed information about the proposed mine project and proposal content requirements. Call or write for the full request, which will be sent free of charge to interested vendors. Contact:

Erik Carlson
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Ecological Services, Box 25
500 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155-4025
(651) 259-5162

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

Proposals from interested parties must be submitted to the department by **4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 22, 2008**. **Late proposals will not be considered.** Fax or e-mailed proposals will **NOT** be considered.

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

Minnesota State Lottery Request for Proposals for Sponsorship Agreements

Description of Opportunity

The Minnesota State Lottery develops sponsorship agreements throughout the year with organizations, events, and sports teams to create excitement for lottery players, to interest new players and increase the visibility of lottery games. The Lottery encourages and continually seeks new sponsorship agreements to help achieve current Lottery marketing goals.

Proposal Content

A sponsorship proposal presented to the Lottery should meet the following three criteria:

- 1. Maximize Lottery Visibility** – the event, sports or tie-in proposal should draw a large number of desired participants (typically 50,000 or more) whose demographics match the Lottery player profile. The Lottery is interested in effectively delivering its message of fun and entertainment to Minnesota adults whose demographics skew primarily towards those aged 25-64, with a household income of \$35,000-\$75,000, and having an educational background of some college or higher. The Lottery does not market to those under the age of 18, and family events with high levels of children present are generally not accepted. Attendance, on-site signage visibility and paid media exposure will be critical components that will be evaluated.

2. Enhance Lottery Image- – the event, sports or tie-in proposal should inherently project the attitude that the Lottery is a fun and socially acceptable part of the community. The Lottery’s presence should fit well within the lineup of other sponsors. The Lottery is interested in creating opportunities whereby the sponsorship can translate into sales revenue, either via on-site sales from a Lottery booth, from sales-generating promotions with Lottery retailers or from joint programs with the sponsor’s media partners.

3. Provide Promotional Extensions – the event, sports or tie-in proposal should offer exciting, value-added ways to interact with our players and have opportunities to motivate attendees, listeners and viewers to participate in and purchase Lottery games. The proposal must include proper staffing availability or other considerations to help the Lottery implement any appropriate promotional extension ideas.

Proposals should address all pertinent elements of the sponsorship and how the Lottery criteria as stated above and on the Evaluation Form are to be met. To view or print copies of the Request for Proposal go to: <http://www.mnlottery.com/vendorops.html>

This Solicitation does not obligate the state to award a contract or pursue a proposed sponsorship opportunity, and the state reserves the right to cancel the solicitation if it is considered to be in its best interest.

Questions

Questions concerning this Solicitation should be directed to:

John Mellein, Marketing Director
Minnesota State Lottery
2645 Long Lake Road
Roseville, MN 55113
Telephone: (651) 635-8230
Toll-free: (888) 568-8379 ext. 230
Fax: (651) 297-7496
TTY: (651) 635-8268
E-mail: johnm@mnlottery.com

Other personnel are not authorized to answer questions regarding this Solicitation.

Response Delivery

All responses must be in writing and delivered to the contact noted above. Proposals will be accepted on an ongoing basis.

Teachers Retirement Association Request For Proposal for Board of Trustee Election and Voting Services

Minnesota Statutes, Section 354.06, subd. 1 provides that the election of active and retired members of the TRA Board of Trustees must be chosen by ballot in a manner fixed by the Board of Trustees.

The main duty under the contract is provide election administrative services in the conducting of two separate elections for the TRA Board of Trustees. Two active member representatives will be elected by the active members of the Association. One retired member representative will be elected by the retired members of the Association. The newly elected members will begin four-year terms on July 1, 2009.

Detailed requirements for responding to this Request for Proposal are posted on the TRA web site (www.tra.state.mn.us) or may be requested by calling, emailing or writing:

John Wicklund, Assistant Executive Director-Administration
Minnesota Teachers Retirement Association
60 Empire Drive, Suite 400
Saint Paul, MN 55103-4000
Phone: (651) 296-8051
E-mail: john.wicklund@state.mn.us

State Contracts

The cost of the preparation and presentation associated with the response to this "Request for Proposal" is the responsibility of the responding firm.

All proposals must be received by Friday October 24, 2008 by 3:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time by:

Carol Sellner, Executive Assistant
Minnesota Teachers Retirement Association
60 Empire Drive, Suite 400
Saint Paul, MN 55103-4000

Staff of the Minnesota Teachers Retirement Association will evaluate all proposals received by the deadline. Action on this RFP is expected to be completed by November 18, 2008.

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

This document is available in alternative formats for persons with disabilities by calling Juanita Voigt at (651) 366-4774 for persons who are hearing or speech impaired by calling Minnesota Relay Service at (800) 627-3529.

Mn/DOT, worked in conjunction with the Consultant Reform Committee, the American Council of Engineering Companies of Minnesota (ACEC/MN), and the Department of Administration, to develop the Consultant Pre-Qualification Program as a new method of consultant selection. The ultimate goal of the Pre-Qualification Program is to streamline the process of contracting for highway related professional/technical services. Mn/DOT awards most of its consultant contracts for highway-related technical activities using this method, however, Mn/DOT also reserves the right to use Request for Proposal (RFP) or other selection processes for particular projects. Nothing in this solicitation requires Mn/DOT to use the Consultant Pre-Qualification Program.

Mn/DOT is currently requesting applications from consultants. Refer to Mn/DOT's Consultant Services web site, indicated below, to see which highway related professional/technical services are available for application. Applications are accepted on a continual basis. All expenses are incurred in responding to this notice will be borne by the responder. Response to this notice becomes public information under the Minnesota Government Data Practices.

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

Send completed application material to:

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

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

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

New Public notices may be added to the website on a daily basis and be available for the time period as indicated within the public notice. Mn/DOT is also posting notices as required by the Taxpayers' Transportation Accountability Act on the above referenced website.

**Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT)
Request for Proposal (RFP) for Leadership Institute Training Program**

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY of contract for Mn/DOT Leadership Institute Training Program. Responses to this advertisement become public information under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. This request does not obligate the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation to complete the work contemplated in this notice, and the department reserves the right to cancel this request for proposal. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice shall be borne by the responder.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is requesting proposals to design and conduct the Leadership Institute Training Program. It is anticipated that this training program will be for Mn/DOT managers and must be consistent with the training previously offered. This training series was interrupted due to unforeseen circumstances during the summer and fall of 2007, leaving roughly 10% of Mn/DOT managers without the training. Specific measurements of change and effectiveness of skill application will be expected as part of the design and work product.

The RFP may be viewed on the Consultant Services Web Page at www.dot.state.mn.us/consult under the Professional Technical Notices Section.

NOTE: PROPOSALS WILL BE DUE ON OCTOBER 27, 2008 AT 2:00PM CENTRAL TIME.

Non-State Bids, Contracts & Grants

The *State Register* also serves as a central marketplace for contracts let out on bid by the public sector. The *State Register* meets state and federal guidelines for statewide circulation of public notices. Any tax-supported institution or government jurisdiction may advertise contracts and requests for proposals from the private sector. It is recommended that contracts and RFPs include the following: 1) name of contact person; 2) institution name, address, and telephone number; 3) brief description of commodity, project or tasks; 4) cost estimate; and 5) final submission date of completed contract proposal. Allow at least three weeks from publication date (four weeks from the date article is submitted for publication). Surveys show that subscribers are interested in hearing about contracts for estimates as low as \$1,000. Contact editor for further details.

Metropolitan Council

Notice of Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Incinerator Ash Transport and Disposal for MCES

Reference Number - 08P137

The Metropolitan Council is requesting bids for Hauling and proper disposal of waste incinerator ash from Metro and Seneca WWTPs. The term of the contract will be two years.

A tentative schedule for the project is as follows:

Issue Invitation for Bids

Bid Due

Award Contract

October 7, 2008

November 4, 2008 @ 2:00 p.m.

December, 2008

All firms interested in being considered for this project and desiring to receive an RFP package are invited to submit a Letter of Interest to:

Miriam Lopez-Rieth, Contracts and Procurement Unit
Metropolitan Council
390 North Robert Street
St. Paul, MN 55101-1805
Phone: (651) 602-1095
Fax: (651) 602-1083
E-mail: Miriam.Lopez-Rieth@metc.state.mn.us

Inquiries regarding technical aspects of the project should be directed to Gordon Backlund 651-602-1801.

Metropolitan Council - Metro Transit

Sealed Bids Sought for Contactless Smartcards

Metro Transit a service of the Metropolitan Council is soliciting sealed bids for Contactless Smartcards for a period of one year. Bids are due at **2:00 P.M.** on October 29, 2008. Bids must be submitted in accordance with the Invitation for Bids document available from:

Metropolitan Council
Metro Transit Purchasing Department
Attn: Candace Osiecki
515 N. Cleveland Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55114
Phone: (612) 349-5070
E-mail: candace.osiecki@metc.state.mn.us

Non-State Bids, Contracts & Grants

Metropolitan Council - Metro Transit Snow Removal at Guardian Angels Church Park and Ride

Metro Transit a service of the Metropolitan Council is soliciting sealed bids for Snow Plowing services at the Guardian Angels Church Park and Ride for a period of one year with options for additional 24-months. Bids are due at **2:00 P.M.** on October 17, 2008. Bids must be submitted in accordance with the Invitation for Bids document available from:

Metropolitan Council
Metro Transit Purchasing Department
Attn: Candace Osiecki
515 N. Cleveland Avenue
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Metropolitan Council - Metro Transit Request for Proposals for Independent Testing Lab Services and Construction Inspection Services

Metro Transit, a division of the Metropolitan Council, is seeking the services of a qualified firm for Independent Testing Lab Services and Construction Inspection Services for construction of three park-and-ride structures. The services will be required during the construction of the three projects, expected from February 2009 to September 2009.

A Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation goal of 17 percent has been established for this project.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at 9:00 AM on Friday, October 10, 2008 in the 1st Floor Conference Room, Metro Transit Heywood Office, 560 N. 6th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55411.

Proposals are due no later than 2:00 p.m. on October 22, 2008.

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

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PrimeWest Health Notice of Sealed Proposal Opening for Specific Printing, Storage, and Fullfillment Services

PrimeWest Health is seeking a qualified vendor to provide specific printing, storage, and fulfillment services for a 15-month period from January 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010 to support PrimeWest Health's Minnesota Health Care Programs health plan functions in a 13-county region of Minnesota based in Alexandria, MN.

Non-State Bids, Contracts & Grants

This Request for Proposals is available on PrimeWest Health's website: www.primewest.org/2601.xml or from:

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PrimeWest Health is accepting sealed proposals until 3:00 p.m. October 15, 2008. Sealed proposals will be opened at 3:00 p.m. on October 15, 2008 at 2209 Jefferson St, St 101, Alexandria, MN.

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