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

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 Proposed emergency rules, and withdrawn proposed rules, are also published in the *State Register*.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

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

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

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

Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

Division of Fish and Wildlife

Proposed Permanent Rules Relating to Taking Bullheads

DUAL NOTICE: Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules Without a Public Hearing Unless 25 or More Persons Request a Hearing, And Notice of Hearing If 25 or More Requests For Hearing Are Received

Proposed Amendments to Rules Relating to Taking Bullheads, *Minnesota Rules*, chapter 6262

Introduction. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) intends to adopt rules without a public hearing following the procedures set forth in the rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, *Minnesota Rules*, parts 1400.2300 to 1400.2310, and the Administrative Procedure Act, *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.22 to 14.28. If, however, 25 or more persons submit a written request for a hearing on the rules by 4:30 p.m. on April 1, 2010, a public hearing will be held in the 6th floor conference room at the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, starting at 2:00 p.m. on April 13, 2010. To find out whether the rules will be adopted without a hearing or if the hearing will be held, you should contact the agency contact person after April 1, 2010, and before April 13, 2010.

Agency Contact Person. Comments or questions on the rules and written requests for a public hearing on the rules must be submitted to the agency contact person. The agency contact person is: Linda Erickson-Eastwood at the Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155-4020; **telephone:** (651)259-5206; **fax:** (651) 297-4916; or **e-mail:**

Linda.Erickson-eastwood@state.mn.us.

TTY users may call the Department of Natural Resources at (651) 296-5484 or 1-800-657-3929.

Subject of Rules and Statutory Authority. The proposed rules are about establishing transportation and possession requirements for live white suckers over 12 inches and using larger bullheads alive for bait. The statutory authority to adopt or repeal the rules is *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 97A.045, subd. 2; 97A.551; 97C.205, 97C.315, 97C.401, 97C.001, subd 3; 97C.041; and 97C.345. A copy of the proposed rules is published in the *State Register* and attached to this notice as mailed. A free copy of the rules is available upon request from the agency contact person listed above and is also available on the DNR website at:

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

Comments. You have until 4:30 p.m. on April 1, 2010, to submit written comment in support of or in opposition to the proposed rules

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or any part or subpart of the rules. Your comment must be in writing and received by the agency contact person by the due date. Comment is encouraged. Your comments should identify the portion of the proposed rules addressed, the reason for the comment, and any change proposed. You are encouraged to propose any change desired. Any comments that you would like to make on the legality of the proposed rules must also be made during this comment period.

Request for a Hearing. In addition to submitting comments, you may also request that a hearing be held on the rules. Your request for a public hearing must be in writing and must be received by the agency contact person by 4:30 p.m. on April 1, 2010. Your written request for a public hearing must include your name and address. You must identify the portion of the proposed rules to which you object or state that you oppose the entire set of rules. Any request that does not comply with these requirements is not valid and cannot be counted by the agency when determining whether a public hearing must be held. You are also encouraged to state the reason for the request and any changes you want made to the proposed rules.

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

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

Modifications. The proposed rules may be modified, either as a result of public comment or as a result of the rule hearing process. Modifications must be supported by data and views submitted to the agency or presented at the hearing and the adopted rules may not be substantially different than these proposed rules, unless the procedure under *Minnesota Rules*, part 1400.2110, has been followed. If the proposed rules affect you in any way, you are encouraged to participate in the rulemaking process.

Cancellation of Hearing. The hearing scheduled for April 13, 2010, will be canceled if the agency does not receive requests from 25 or more persons that a hearing be held on the rules. If you requested a public hearing, the agency will notify you before the scheduled hearing whether or not the hearing will be held. You may also call the agency contact person at 651-259-5106 after May 30, 2007 to find out whether the hearing will be held.

Notice of Hearing. If 25 or more persons submit valid written requests for a public hearing on the rules, a hearing will be held following the procedures in *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20. The hearing will be held on the date and at the time and place listed above. The hearing will continue until all interested persons have been heard. Administrative Law Judge Richard C. Luis is assigned to conduct the hearing. Judge Luis can be reached at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55401-2138; **telephone:** (651) 361-7900 and **fax:** (651) 361-7936

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

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

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Statement of Need and Reasonableness. A statement of need and reasonableness is now available from the agency contact person. This statement contains a summary of the justification for the proposed rules, including a description of who will be affected by the proposed rules and an estimate of the probable cost of the proposed rules. The statement may also be reviewed and copies obtained at the cost of reproduction from the agency. The statement is also available on the DNR website at:

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

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

Adoption Procedure if No Hearing. If no hearing is required, the agency may adopt the rules after the end of the comment period. The 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 rules are submitted to the office. If you want to be so notified, or want to receive a copy of the adopted rules, or want to register with the agency to receive notice of future rule proceedings, submit your request to the agency contact person listed above.

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

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

Dated: 16 February 2010

Mark Holsten, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

6262.0100 GENERAL RESTRICTIONS ON TAKING FISH.

[For text of subs 1 to 3, see M.R.]

Subp. 4. **Importation, transportation, or stocking of live fish.** Except as provided in ~~part parts~~ 6212.2600, subpart 3, and 6262.0600, subpart 4, and *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 17.4985, subdivision 3; 97C.505, subdivision 1; 97C.515, subdivision 3; 97C.525, subdivision 1; and 97C.821, a person may not import, transport, or stock in any waters of the state live fish eggs, fish spawn, or immature or adult fish of any species without a permit issued by the commissioner. An angling license does not authorize a person to import, transport, or stock live fish.

[For text of subp 5, see M.R.]

6262.0600 SEASONS AND METHODS FOR TAKING ROUGH FISH.

Subpart 1. **Generally.** Rough fish may be taken ~~in accordance with~~ according to *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 97C.345, 97C.371, and 97C.375. Rough fish may be taken by the following methods from May 1 through the last Sunday in February between sunrise and sunset in all inland waters and by archery at night on water bodies designated under subpart 2 from June 1 to the last day in August, except where the taking of fish is otherwise prohibited by law or rule. Nonresidents may not spear from a fish house or darkhouse.

[For text of items A to D, see M.R.]

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

Subp. 3. Possession and use of bullheads 7.0 to 10.0 inches for bait.

A. As described in this subpart, up to 100 bullheads greater than 7.0 inches and equal to or less than 10.0 inches may be taken, possessed, and held for use as live bait.

B. Bullheads taken under this subpart may be taken from the wild by:

(1) dip net;

(2) angling; or

(3) seines used as authorized for noncommercial taking of minnows as prescribed under part 6230.0250, subpart 6; chapter 6254; and *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 97C.505 and 97C.511, subdivision 1.

C. Bullheads taken under this subpart are considered part of the daily and possession limits in parts 6262.0200, subpart 1, item P.

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and 6262.0650, item C.

D. Bullheads taken under this subpart must be transported in a container with a locking lid or other device to prevent escape. Release of the live bullheads into the wild is not allowed.

E. A person transporting or holding bullheads under this subpart must allow inspection of the bullheads by the commissioner at any time.

F. A person may not transport live bullheads under this subpart across the borders into Minnesota without an appropriate commercial license and transportation permit.

Subp. 4. **Transportation restrictions.** Live bullheads, regardless of size, may not be transported north of State Highway 210.

Subp. 5. **Sale of fish over 12 inches.** White suckers that are 12 inches and larger and have been legally purchased from a licensed commercial vendor may be transported alive. The person transporting these fish must have the sales receipt on their person. The sales receipt must show the date and time of purchase. Receipts for fish transported alive are valid for a maximum of four days (96 hours) from the date and time of purchase.

Exempt Rules

Exempt rules are excluded from the normal rulemaking procedures (*Minnesota Statutes* §§ 14.386 and 14.388). They are most often of two kinds. One kind is specifically exempted by the Legislature from rulemaking procedures, but approved for form by the Revisor of Statutes, reviewed for legality by the Office of Administrative Hearings, and then published in the *State Register*. These exempt rules are effective for two years only.

The second kind of exempt rule is one adopted where an agency for good cause finds that the rulemaking provisions of *Minnesota Statutes*, Chapter 14 are unnecessary, impracticable, or contrary to the public interest. This exemption can be used only where the rules:

- (1) address a serious and immediate threat to the public health, safety, or welfare, or
- (2) comply with a court order or a requirement in federal law in a manner that does not allow for compliance with *Minnesota Statutes* Sections 14.14-14.28, or
- (3) incorporate specific changes set forth in applicable statutes when no interpretation of law is required, or
- (4) make changes that do not alter the sense, meaning, or effect of the rules.

These exempt rules are also reviewed for form by the Revisor of Statutes, for legality by the Office of Administrative Hearings and then published in the *State Register*. In addition, the Office of Administrative Hearings must determine whether the agency has provided adequate justification for the use of this exemption. Rules adopted under clauses (1) or (2) above are effective for two years only. The Legislature may also exempt an agency from the normal rulemaking procedures and establish other procedural and substantive requirements unique to that exemption.

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

Department of Natural Resources

Adopted Exempt Permanent Game and Fish Rules: Inland Water Muskellunge Size Restrictions, *Minnesota Rules*, parts 6262.0200 and 6264.0400

ORDER ADOPTING RULES

ORDER

Rules of the Department of Natural Resources relating to inland water muskellunge size restrictions, in the form set out in the Revisor's draft, file number 3907 dated November 5, 2009, are adopted under my authority in *Laws of Minnesota 2009*, chapter 176, article 2, section 66.

Dated: 22 January 2010

Mark Holsten, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

6262.0200 FISHING REGULATIONS FOR INLAND WATERS.

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

Species and Open Season

Daily and Possession Limits

[For text of items A to H, see M.R.]

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| I. Muskellunge (including muskellunge-northern pike hybrid).
The first Saturday in June to December 1.
(1) <u>In all inland waters not listed in subitem (2).</u>

(2) <u>In the following lakes in Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington Counties:</u>
<u>Lake:</u>
<u>Bryant</u>
<u>Bush</u>
<u>Calhoun</u> | 1 in aggregate. The minimum size limit will be 40 <u>is 48</u> inches in length.

1 in aggregate. The minimum size <u>limit is 40 inches in length.</u>

<u>County:</u>
<u>Hennepin</u>
<u>Hennepin</u>
<u>Hennepin</u> |
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<u>Cedar</u>	<u>Hennepin</u>
<u>Cedar</u>	<u>Scott</u>
<u>Clear</u>	<u>Washington</u>
<u>Crystal</u>	<u>Dakota</u>
<u>Crystal</u>	<u>Hennepin</u>
<u>Eagle</u>	<u>Carver</u>
<u>Elmo</u>	<u>Washington</u>
<u>Gervais</u>	<u>Ramsey</u>
<u>Island</u>	<u>Ramsey</u>
<u>Isles</u>	<u>Hennepin</u>
<u>Johanna</u>	<u>Ramsey</u>
<u>Nokomis</u>	<u>Hennepin</u>
<u>Orchard</u>	<u>Dakota</u>
<u>Phalen</u>	<u>Ramsey</u>
<u>Pierson</u>	<u>Carver</u>
<u>Silver</u>	<u>Ramsey</u>
<u>Wasserman</u>	<u>Carver</u>
<u>Weaver</u>	<u>Hennepin</u>

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

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

6264.0400 DESIGNATED SPECIAL MANAGEMENT WATERS.

[For text of subps 1 to 3, see M.R.]

Subp. 4. Mille Lacs Lake and associated tributaries special management regulations.

[For text of items A to D, see M.R.]

~~E.~~ While a person is on or fishing in Mille Lacs Lake or its associated tributaries to the posted boundaries, all muskellunge in possession must be 48 inches or greater in length. All muskellunge less than 48 inches in length must be immediately returned to the water.

~~F.~~ E. While a person is on or fishing in Mille Lacs Lake or its associated tributaries to the posted boundaries, the possession and daily limit for Northern cisco (tullibee) is ten fish.

~~G.~~ F. Fish that are taken by angling and not immediately released into the water after capture are considered to be in possession and part of the bag limit. Once a fish has been reduced to possession, culling or live-well sorting (the act of exchanging one fish for another) is not allowed.

H. G. This subpart applies to the following waters.

Name	Location	County
Mille Lacs	T.42-45, R.25-28, S.Various	Aitkin, Mille Lacs
Borden Creek	T.44, R.25, S.5	Aitkin
Seastade Creek	T.45, R.26, S.22	Aitkin
Marmon (Twenty) Creek	T.45, R.25, S.32	Aitkin
Grave Creek	T.45, R.25, S.8	Aitkin
Peterson Creek	T.43, R.25, S.5	Mille Lacs
Thains River (Malone Creek)	T.42, R.25, S.2	Mille Lacs
West Sucker Creek	T.42, R.25, S.18	Mille Lacs
South Sucker Creek	T.42, R.25, S.18	Mille Lacs
Garrison (Borden) Creek	T.44, R.28, S.12	Crow Wing
Seguchie Creek	T.44, R.28, S.36	Crow Wing
Reddy Creek	T.45, R.26, S.23	Aitkin
Whitefish Creek	T.43, R.27, S.7	Mille Lacs
Seventeen Creek	T.44, R.25, S.17,18,29	Aitkin
Cedar Creek	T.43, R.25, S.15	Mille Lacs

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McCleans Creek	T.45, R.27, S.34	Aitkin
Unnamed	T.43, R.25, S.8	Mille Lacs
Unnamed	T.42, R.26, S.11	Mille Lacs
Unnamed	T.42, R.26, S.22	Mille Lacs
Unnamed	T.43, R.27, S.8	Mille Lacs
Unnamed	T.43, R.27, S.6	Mille Lacs
Unnamed	T.43, R.27, S.21	Mille Lacs
Unnamed	T.44, R.27, S.31	Crow Wing
Unnamed	T.44, R.28, S.36	Crow Wing
Unnamed	T.44, R.27, S.4	Aitkin
Unnamed	T.45, R.27, S.25	Aitkin
Unnamed	T.44, R.25, S.29	Aitkin
Unnamed	T.44, R.25, S.31,32	Aitkin
Unnamed	T.44, R.28, S.24	Crow Wing
Unnamed	T.44, R.28, S.13	Crow Wing
Rum River Outlet	T.43, R.27, S.33	Mille Lacs

[For text of subps 5 to 25, see M.R.]

Subp. 26. [See repealer.]

Subp. 27. ~~Muskellunge size and Spearing restrictions.~~ The following waters are closed to the taking of fish by spearing from December 1 to the last Sunday in February. A person may not have a spear in possession or under control while on or fishing in these waters during this period. ~~All muskellunge in possession while on or fishing in these waters must be 48 inches or greater in length. All muskellunge less than 48 inches in length must be immediately returned to the water.~~

Name	Location	County
A. Bald Eagle	T.30,31, R.21,22, S.Various	Anoka, Ramsey, Washington
B. Eagle	T.118,119, R.22, S.Various	Hennepin
C. Owasso	T.29,30, R.23, S.Various	Ramsey
D. Rebecca	T.118,119, R.24, S.Various	Hennepin

[For text of subps 28 to 50, see M.R.]

Subp. 51. ~~Leech Lake walleye and muskellunge size restrictions.~~ While on or fishing in the following waters, all walleye in possession must be less than 18 inches in length or greater than 26 inches in length. All walleye that are 18 to 26 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. Possession and daily limit for walleye is four fish. Possession and daily limit may not include more than one walleye over 26 inches in length. ~~While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all muskellunge in possession must be 48 inches or greater in length. All muskellunge less than 48 inches in length must be immediately returned to the water.~~

Name	Location	County
Leech Lake	T.141-144, R.28-32, S.Various	Cass and Hubbard

[For text of subps 52 and 53, see M.R.]

Subp. 54. ~~Vermilion Lake muskellunge, walleye, and northern pike size restrictions.~~ While a person is on or fishing in the following waters, all muskellunge in possession must be 48 inches or greater in length. All muskellunge less than 48 inches in length must be immediately returned to the water. While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all walleye in possession must be less than 17 inches or greater than 26 inches in length. All walleye that are 17 to 26 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's walleye possession and daily limit taken from, while on, or angling in the following waters, including those taken from other waters, is four, and must not include more than one walleye over 26 inches in length. While a person is on or fishing in the following waters, all northern pike in possession must be less than 24 inches in length or greater than 36 inches in length. All northern pike that are 24 to 36 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. Possession and daily limit may not include more than one northern pike over 36 inches in length.

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Name	Location	County
Lake Vermilion	T.61-63, R.14-18, S.Various [For text of subps 55 to 66, see M.R.]	St. Louis

Subp. 67. [See repealer.]

[For text of subp 68, see M.R.]

Subp. 69. **Cass Lake spearing and muskellunge size restrictions.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all muskellunge in possession must be 48 inches or greater in length. All muskellunge less than 48 inches in length must be immediately returned to the water. While on the following waters, a person may not take fish by spearing and may not possess a spear.

Name	Location	County
Cass	T.145,146, R.30,31, S.Various	Beltrami, Cass

Subp. 70. **Big Lake muskellunge and northern pike size restrictions and spearing restriction.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all muskellunge in possession must be 48 inches or greater in length. All muskellunge less than 48 inches in length must be immediately returned to the water. While a person is on or fishing in the following waters, all northern pike in possession must be less than 24 inches in length or greater than 36 inches in length. All northern pike that are 24 to 36 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. Possession and daily limit may not include more than one northern pike over 36 inches in length. While on the following waters, a person may not take fish by spearing and may not possess a spear.

Name	Location	County
Big Lake	T.146,147, R.31, S.3-6,31,32	Beltrami

Subp. 71. **East and West Rush Lakes muskellunge and northern pike size restrictions and spearing restriction.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all muskellunge in possession must be 48 inches or greater in length. All muskellunge less than 48 inches in length must be immediately returned to the water. While a person is on or fishing in the following waters, all northern pike in possession must be less than 24 inches in length or greater than 36 inches in length. All northern pike that are 24 to 36 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. Possession and daily limit may not include more than one northern pike over 36 inches in length. While on the following waters, a person may not take fish by spearing and may not possess a spear.

Name	Location	County
A. East Rush	T.37, R.21,22, S.Various	Chisago
B. West Rush	T.37, R.21,22, S.Various	Chisago

Subp. 72. **Wabedo and Unnamed (Louise) Lakes muskellunge and northern pike size restrictions and spearing restriction.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all muskellunge in possession must be 48 inches or greater in length. All muskellunge less than 48 inches in length must be immediately returned to the water. While a person is on or fishing in the following waters, all northern pike in possession must be less than 24 inches in length or greater than 36 inches in length. All northern pike that are 24 to 36 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. Possession and daily limit may not include more than one northern pike over 36 inches in length. While on the following waters, a person may not take fish by spearing and may not possess a spear.

Name	Location	County
A. Wabedo	T.140, R.28, S.Various	Cass
B. Unnamed (Louise)	T.140, R.28, S.21,22	Cass

Subp. 73. **Woman Lake muskellunge and northern pike size restrictions.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all muskellunge in possession must be 48 inches or greater in length. All muskellunge less than 48 inches in length must be immediately returned to the water. While a person is on or fishing in the following waters, all northern pike in possession must be less than 24 inches

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in length or greater than 36 inches in length. All northern pike that are 24 to 36 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. Possession and daily limit may not include more than one northern pike over 36 inches in length.

Name	Location	County
Woman	T.140,141, R.28,29, S.Various	Cass

Subp. 74. **North Star and Little North Star Lakes muskellunge and northern pike size restrictions and spearing restriction.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all muskellunge in possession must be 48 inches or greater in length. All muskellunge less than 48 inches in length must be immediately returned to the water. While a person is on or fishing in the following waters, all northern pike in possession must be less than 24 inches in length or greater than 36 inches in length. All northern pike that are 24 to 36 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. Possession and daily limit may not include more than one northern pike over 36 inches in length. While on the following waters, a person may not take fish by spearing and may not possess a spear.

Name	Location	County
North Star (including Little North Star and other unnamed connected waters)	T.58,59, R.26, S.4,5,20,28,29,32,33	Itasca

Subp. 75. **Moose Lake muskellunge and walleye size restrictions and spearing restriction.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all muskellunge in possession must be 48 inches or greater in length. All muskellunge less than 48 inches in length must be immediately returned to the water. While on or fishing in the following waters, all walleye in possession must be less than 17 inches in length or greater than 26 inches in length. All walleye that are 17 to 26 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. Possession and daily limit may not include more than one walleye over 26 inches in length. While on the following waters, a person may not take fish by spearing and may not possess a spear.

Name	Location	County
Moose	T.57, R.26,27, S.19,20,24,25,29,30 [For text of subps 76 to 88, see M.R.]	Itasca

Subp. 89. **Inguadona and Rice Lakes muskellunge, sunfish, and crappie regulations.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all muskellunge in possession must be 48 inches or greater in length. All muskellunge less than 48 inches in length must be immediately returned to the water. The daily and possession limit for sunfish and crappie taken from the waters listed below is ten sunfish and five crappie.

Name	Location	County
Inguadona	T.140,141, R.27, S.5-8,29,32	Cass
Rice	T.140, R.28, S.1,2,11,12 [For text of subps 90 and 91, see M.R.]	Cass

REPEALER. *Minnesota Rules*, part 6264.0400, subparts 26 and 67, are repealed.

EFFECTIVE PERIOD. The amendments to *Minnesota Rules*, parts 6262.0200 and 6264.0400, and the repealer, are effective March 1, 2010

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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.

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Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association (MCHA) Notice of Board of Director’s Meeting March 8, 2010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association’s (MCHA) Board of Directors will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 8, 2010, 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.

Minnesota Department of Health (MDH)

Division of Health Policy

Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules for Uniform, Standard Companion Guide for the Implementation of the Health Care Claim Payment and Remittance Advice Electronic Transaction (Version 5010), Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, Section 62J.536

Introduction. Notice is hereby given that the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is proposing rules pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, section 62J.536 for a new version of the Minnesota Uniform Companion Guide for the Implementation of the Health Care Claim Payment and Remittance Advice (ANSI ASC X12 835) Electronic Transaction. MDH is also seeking information or opinions on the proposed rule. The proposed companion guide rule has been developed in response to federal regulations specifying that new versions of electronic exchange standards (Version 5010) must be used starting January 1, 2012. The Version 5010 Companion Guide was developed by the Commissioner of Health in consultation with the Minnesota Administrative Uniformity Committee (AUC), and its Explanation of Benefits/Remittance Advice Technical Advisory Group.

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Contact Person: The proposed Version 5010 Minnesota Uniform Companion Guide for the Implementation of the Health Care Claim Payment and Remittance Advice (ANSI ASC X12 835) Electronic Transaction is available on the World Wide Web at:

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/asa/rules.html>.

Interested persons or groups may submit data or views in writing. It is preferred that written statements submitted electronically be provided in MS Word format. Written statements should be addressed to Mayumi Reuvers at MDH, P.O. Box 64882, St. Paul, MN 55164, or via **e-mail:** mayumi.reuvers@state.mn.us or **fax** at: (651) 201-5179.

Description of the Rules. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 62J.536, requires the Minnesota Commissioner of Health, in consultation with the Minnesota Administrative Uniformity Committee (AUC), to promulgate rules pursuant to section 62J.61 establishing and requiring group purchasers and health care providers to use electronic claims and eligibility transactions with a single, uniform companion guide to the implementation guides (termed “Technical Report Type 3s”) described under *Code of Federal Regulations*, title 45, part 162. Currently, all Minnesota Uniform Companion Guides (Version ASC X12N 004010A1), are required for use by all group purchasers and providers for which *Minnesota Statutes*, section 62J.536 applies.

On January 16, 2009, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) published rules (CMS-0009-F) announcing the adoption of new versions of the federal transaction standards, known as ASC X12 Technical Reports Type 3 (TR3), Version 005010 (Version 5010). As a result, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), in consultation with the Minnesota Administrative Uniformity Committee (AUC), has developed the proposed Version 5010 Minnesota Uniform Companion Guide for the Implementation of the Health Care Claim Payment and Remittance Advice Electronic Transaction, in order to be consistent with the federal regulations as cited above. The Minnesota Uniform Companion Guides, when adopted, will be required for use no later than January 1, 2012.

Health care providers and group purchasers subject to *Minnesota Statutes*, section 62J.536 must exchange transactions covered by the statute as follows. From the date of each Version 5010 Uniform Companion Guides’ final adoption until January 1, 2012, providers and group purchasers may use only: the Minnesota Uniform Companion Guides, Version ASC X12N 004010A1 (Version 4010), including any subsequent technical changes or updates; or, by mutual agreement between trading partners, the Minnesota Uniform Companion Guides, ANSI ASC X12 Technical Report Type 3, Version 5010. Beginning January 1, 2012, providers and group purchasers may only use the Minnesota Uniform Companion Guides, ANSI ASC X12 Technical Report Type 3, Version 5010.

Because the Commissioner of Health has determined that it is unduly cumbersome to publish the entire text of the proposed rules, the Commissioner of Health is publishing this notice of intent to adopt the proposed rules, which provides information directing users how to obtain free copies of those proposed rules.

Public Review Process: MDH will provide free copies of the proposed Version 5010 Minnesota Uniform Companion Guide for the Implementation of the Health Care Claim Payment and Remittance Advice Electronic Transactions in paper or electronic format, to persons and organizations interested in reviewing them. Copies of the proposed Guides may be obtained by contacting Mayumi Reuvers, via fax or email, as indicated above. **Comments and suggestions for improvements on this document will be accepted at the above address until 4 PM March 30, 2010.** After the Commissioner of Health has considered all comments received, the Commissioner will publish a notice of adoption of the rules in the State Register. The rules will take effect 30 days subsequent to that notice.

Dated: March 1, 2010

Sanne Magnan, M.D., Ph.D., Commissioner
Minnesota Department of Health
P.O. Box 64975, St. Paul, MN 55164-0975

Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority Notice of Public Hearing on Revenue Obligations on behalf of Gustavus Adolphus College

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority (the “Authority”) with respect to a proposal to issue revenue bonds or other obligations on behalf of Gustavus Adolphus College (the “College”), as owner and operator of Gustavus Adolphus College, at the Authority’s offices at 380 Jackson Street, Suite 450, St. Paul,

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Minnesota on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

Under the proposal, the Authority would issue its revenue bonds or other obligations in the maximum principal amount of \$64,000,000 to finance a project (the "Project") consisting of (a) site preparation for and construction, equipping and furnishing of a new, approximately 125,000 square foot academic building on the west mall area of the College's campus, which is expected to house certain social science and other departments of the College; (b) design and construction of the west mall area of the College's campus; (c) renovation of the Anderson Social Science Building, including the construction of approximately 12,000 square feet of additional space; and (d) the refunding of the Authority's outstanding Revenue Bonds, Series Four-X (Gustavus Adolphus College), dated November 1, 1998, which were issued in the original principal amount of \$11,695,000 to finance the expansion and remodeling of the College's Campus Center for dining and other student services and the construction, furnishing and equipping of the College View Apartments for student housing; all owned or to be owned and operated by the College and located on the College's campus, the principal street address of which is 800 West College Avenue, St. Peter, Minnesota 56082.

At said time and place the Authority shall give all parties who appear or have submitted written comments an opportunity to express their views with respect to the proposal to undertake and finance the Project.

Dated: March 1, 2010

By Order of the Minnesota Higher Education
Facilities Authority
Marianne Remedios, Executive Director

Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority Notice of Public Hearing on Revenue Obligations on behalf of Saint Mary's University of Minnesota

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority (the "Authority") with respect to a proposal to issue revenue bonds or other obligations on behalf of Saint Mary's University of Minnesota (the "University"), as owner and operator of Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, at the Authority's office at Suite 450, 380 Jackson Street, St. Paul, Minnesota on March 17, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

Under the proposal, the Authority would issue its revenue bonds or other obligations in an original principal amount of up to approximately \$5,000,000 to finance a project (the "Project") generally described as the refunding of the Authority's outstanding Revenue Bonds, Series Five-E (St. Mary's University of Minnesota), dated June 1, 2000, which were issued in the original principal amount of \$5,020,000 to provide funds to finance the acquisition, construction, furnishing and equipping of the Heights Building, a four-level apartment-style student residence building of approximately 41,000 square feet and related site improvements, all owned and operated by the University and located on the University's main campus, the principal street address of which is 700 Terrace Heights, Winona, Minnesota.

At said time and place the Authority shall give all parties who appear or who have submitted written comments and opportunity to express their views with respect to the proposal to undertake and finance the Project.

Dated March 1, 2010

By Order of the Minnesota Higher Education
Facilities Authority
Marianne Remedios, Executive Director

Department of Human Services (DHS)**Health Care Administration****Public Notice of Change in Medical Assistance Program, General Assistance Medical Care Program and MinnesotaCare Program Rates for Eyeglasses**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to recipients and enrollees, providers of services under the Medical Assistance program, General Assistance Medical Care program and MinnesotaCare program and to the public of a change in the rates for eyeglasses. This notice is published pursuant to 42 *Code of Federal Regulations* §447.205, which requires public notice of significant proposed changes in methods and standards for setting payment rates for fee-for-service Medical Assistance services. Notice has also been posted as a provider update to the Minnesota Health Care Program website at www.dhs.state.mn.us.

Effective March 1, 2010, payment for eyeglasses will be through a volume purchase contract rather than paid by the Department through the fee-for-service process. Recipients may continue to obtain eyeglasses from any enrolled Minnesota Health Care Program provider.

These changes will continue to ensure adequate access to these services for MA recipients throughout the state and to ensure that the Department obtained this access at a cost-effective rate.

The Department anticipates that the fiscal impact will be a savings of approximately \$250,000 in the last four months of State Fiscal Year 2010 (March 2, 2010 through June 30, 2010).

Comments and requests for rate information should be directed to Camille Miller, Health Care Administration, Minnesota Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 64984, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-0984; **phone:** (651) 431-4866; **e-mail:** camille.miller@state.mn.us

Department of Human Services (DHS)**Health Care Administration****Public Notice Regarding Proposed Payment Rate Changes for Hospitals, Nursing Facilities and Intermediate Care Facilities Serving People with Developmental Disabilities (ICFs/MR) Participating in the Medical Assistance Program**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to recipients, providers of services under the Medical Assistance Program, and to the public, of proposed payment rate changes for hospitals, nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities serving people with developmental disabilities (ICFs/MR) participating in the Medical Assistance Program.

This notice is published pursuant to 42 *United States Code* §1396a(a)(13)(A) (§1902(a)(13)(A) of the Social Security Act), which requires the Department to publish proposed facility payment rates, the methodologies underlying the establishment of such rates, and the justification for such rates. It is also published pursuant to *Code of Federal Regulations*, title 42, part 447, section 205 (42 CFR §447.205), which requires publication of a notice when there is a proposed rate change in the methods and standards for setting payment rates for Medical Assistance services.

The Department is notifying interested parties that the Governor's supplemental budget for State Fiscal Year 2011 contains the following proposed changes to inpatient hospital, nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities serving people with developmental disabilities (ICFs/MR) payment rates.

Effective July 1, 2010, inpatient hospital rates would not be rebased to more current cost and utilization data for the first three months of the rebasing period beginning January 1, 2011. Rates would be rebased effective April 1, 2011 at current statutory allowed levels. Effective July 1, 2010, payments for inpatient hospital services would be reduced three percent.

Effective July 1, 2010, the inpatient hospital payment increase for 16 diagnostic groups to the greater of a hospital's rate or 90% of the
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seven county metro average rate would be eliminated.

The net effect of the proposed payment inpatient hospital rate changes would be a decrease in state Medical Assistance inpatient expenditures of \$33,808,000 for State Fiscal Year 2011 and \$33,348,000 for State Fiscal Year 2012.

Medical education and research costs (MERC) payments for the State Fiscal Year 2011 formulaic distribution to medical education providers under *Minnesota Statutes* §62J.692, subdivision 7, clause (5) would be eliminated. *Minnesota Statutes* §256B.69 subdivision 5c(1) directs the Commissioner of Human Services to reduce the monthly capitation rates to PMAP providers by specific amounts and to transfer those funds to the Department of Health. *Minnesota Statutes* §62J.692 subdivision 7, directs the Department of Health to distribute those funds annually to eligible medical education providers in accordance with the formula described at *Minnesota Statutes* §62J.692 subdivision 4. The capitation rates for State Fiscal Year 2011 would continue to be reduced but the funds would not be made available for the PMAP MERC payments. The net effect of this change would be a decrease in total Medical Assistance expenditures of \$49.5 million in SFY 2011.

Fee-for-service medical education and research costs (MERC) payments for State Fiscal Year 2011 would be reduced. *Minnesota Statutes* §62J.692, subdivision 4 provides for a payment of \$1,475,000 to the University of Minnesota Medical Center – Fairview. For State Fiscal Year 2011 that payment would be reduced by \$498,000.

Information on the proposed inpatient hospital rate changes is available from Paul Olson, Department of Human Services, Health Care Administration, Post Office Box 64984, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55164-0984; **phone:** (651) 431-2532 or **e-mail:** paul.olson@state.mn.us

Effective retroactively from July 1, 2009, the October 1, 2009, nursing facility rebasing rate increase that was delayed until July 1, 2011, would not be implemented on July 1, 2011. This does not reduce current rates paid to nursing facilities; the cost savings would occur from not providing rate increases that were otherwise expected to be given in FY 2012.

Effective July 1, 2010, the rates for nursing facilities would be reduced by 2.5%.

Effective July 1, 2010, the rates for intermediate care facilities serving people with developmental disabilities (ICF/MR) would be reduced by 2.5%.

Effective July 1, 2010, nursing facility rate equalization will be phased out over three years by allowing incremental rate increases. It would be fully phased out by October 1, 2013, and at that point, nursing facilities would not have a limit on the amount they are permitted to charge private pay residents.

The net effect of the proposed nursing facility rate changes would be a decrease in Medical Assistance expenditures for nursing facility services. The total decrease in expenditures is projected to be \$20,528,000 for State Fiscal Year 2011.

The net effect of the proposed ICF/MR rate changes would be a decrease in Medical Assistance expenditures for ICF/MR services. The total decrease in expenditures is projected to be \$3,157,000 for State Fiscal Year 2011.

Information on the proposed nursing facility and ICF/MR rate changes is available from Kari Irber, Department of Human Services, Continuing Care Administration, Post Office Box 64976, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55164-0976; **phone:** (651) 431-3491 or **e-mail:** kari.irber@state.mn.us

The public is invited to attend the legislative hearings where these proposals will be discussed. Information on Senate hearings is available from the Senate Information Office at: (651) 296-0504 (voice) or (651) 296-0250 (TTY); for Greater Minnesota call 1-888-234-1112 (voice) or 1-888-234-1216 (TTY). Hearing schedules are posted at: <http://www.senate.mn.schedule>

Information on House of Representatives hearings is available from the House of Representatives Public Information Office at: (651) 296-2146 (voice) or (651) 296-9896 (TTY); for Greater Minnesota call 1-800-657-3550 or 1-800-627-3529 (TTY). Hearing schedules are posted at: <http://www.house.mn/hinfo/hinfosched.asp>

Notice of final rate changes enacted by the 2010 legislature will be published in the *State Register* prior to the effective date of the changes.

Minnesota Office of Higher Education**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS on Possible Amendment to Rules Governing Supplemental Student Loan SELF Program, *Minnesota Rules*, 4850.0010 to 4850.0018**

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Office of Higher Education requests comments on its possible amendment to rules governing its supplemental student loan SELF Program. The Office of Higher Education is considering rule amendments that would:

- Add SELF V and SELF VI language to enable new phases of the loan program if needed. Identify how interest would be calculated for SELF V and SELF VI phases of the program to facilitate new phases. Allow for a maximum interest rate to be included in the promissory note.
- Eliminate language to accommodate differences in school application procedures in the school agreements and student application procedures section. Procedures for the loan application vary by eligible school.
- Revise procedures to reflect the online application process and new federal application disclosure requirements.
- Modify the existing rule permitting students to borrow twice at the same academic grade level as long as 7 months have elapsed from the start of the previous loan period. Currently students must wait 11 months before they can take out a second loan at the same grade level.
- Permit schools to disburse funds up to 45 days after the end of the loan period. The current 30 day disbursement is being increased due to delays caused by the new federal regulations.
- Eliminate statement that if spouse has a SELF loan their combined payments must be at \$600. The program rules and statutes are designed on an individual basis and provision is not being utilized.
- Other changes clean up and clarify the loan disbursement and repayment procedures.

Persons Affected. Regarding changes to amount and terms of the loan. The amendment to the rules would likely have the following supporters:

- Students who need a SELF loan before waiting 11 months to borrow another SELF loan.
- Students enrolling in a summer school program or enrolling in a year-round program.
- The proposed changes would help students who borrow loans and their cosigners.

Oponents may include people who oppose students being able to borrow additional funds at an earlier date.

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, 136A.16, Subd. 2., authorizes the Office of Higher Education to adopt rules to carry out the purposes of sections 136A.15 to 136A.1702.

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these possible rules in writing until 4:00 p.m. on May 17, 2010. The Office of Higher Education does not contemplate appointing an advisory committee to comment on the possible rules.

Rules Drafts. The Office of Higher Education has prepared a draft of the possible rules amendments. The rules draft can be found at <http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/self/SELFRules.cfm> and <http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=376>.

Agency Contact Person. Written comments, questions, and requests for more information on these possible rules changes should be directed to: Marilyn Kosir, Minnesota Office of Higher Education, 1450 Energy Park Drive, Suite 350, St. Paul MN 55108, or marilyn.kosir@state.mn.us.

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 agency contact person at the address listed above.

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NOTE: Comments received in response to this notice will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the administrative law judge if and when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The agency 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.

Dated: February 19, 2010

David Metzen, Director
Minnesota Office of Higher Education

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Regional Division

Public Notice of Availability of the Draft Turbidity TMDL Assessment for the Pomme de Terre River and Request for Comment

Public comment period begins: March 1, 2010
Public comment period ends: March 31, 2010

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is requesting comments on the draft report for the Turbidity Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) assessment for the Pomme de Terre River. One reach on the Pomme de Terre River, from Muddy Creek to Marsh Lake, is impaired for not meeting the Minnesota water quality standards for turbidity. The draft TMDL report is available on the MPCA Web site at: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/tmdl/tmdl-draft.html>.

Comments on the draft report should be addressed to the MPCA contact person listed below and must be received by the MPCA by 4:30 p.m. on March 31, 2010. The MPCA will review all comments received, determine possible revision to the draft TMDL report and prepare written responses to the comments. The MPCA will then submit the report to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval.

The Pomme de Terre River is located in the Minnesota River Basin in west central Minnesota. It has a drainage area of about 875 square miles or 560,000 acres. The headwaters are located in Otter Tail County and flows south through Grant County, Stevens County, and enter the Minnesota River in Swift County at Marsh Lake. In 2002, the last reach of the Pomme de Terre River, from Muddy Creek to Marsh Lake (AUID 07020002-501), was placed on the impaired waters list for not meeting the Minnesota water quality standard for turbidity. Turbidity is a measure of water clarity. Turbidity in water is caused by suspended sediment; organic material, dissolved salts, and stains that scatter light in the water column making the water appear cloudy. Excess turbidity can degrade aesthetic qualities of water bodies, increase the cost of treatment for drinking or food processing uses and can harm aquatic life. According to the TMDL report, there is a linkage between high turbidity and rainfall events.

Strategies to reduce the amount of turbidity in the Pomme de Terre River will be developed in an implementation plan. This plan will be completed with the input from the stakeholders within the watershed, with input from the technical advisory committee formed with the TMDL, and with input from the Pomme de Terre River Association Joint Powers Board.

Agency Contact Person. Written comments and requests for more information should be directed to:

Katherine Pekarek-Scott
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
1420 East College Drive, Suite 900
Marshall, MN 56258
Phone: (507) 476-4267
MN Toll Free: 1-800-646-6247
Fax: (507) 537-6001
E-mail: katherine.pekarek-scott@state.mn.us
TTY users may call the MPCA teletypewriter at (651) 282-5332 or 1-800-657-3864

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submit this TMDL report to the EPA for final approval. A draft TMDL report and fact sheet are available for review at the MPCA office at the address listed above and on the MPCA Web site at: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/tmdl/tmdl-draft.html> Suggested changes will be considered before the TMDL report is sent to the EPA for approval.

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

1. A statement of your interest in the draft TMDL report;
2. A statement of the action you wish the MPCA to take, including specific references to sections of the draft TMDL that you believe should be changed; and
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 Information Meeting: You may request that the MPCA Commissioner hold a public information meeting. A public information meeting is an informal meeting the MPCA may hold to solicit public comment and statements on matters pertaining to the TMDL study and process, and to help clarify and resolve issues.

A petition requesting a public information 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 reason the MPCA should hold a public information meeting; and
4. The issues that you would like the MPCA to address at the public information meeting.

Petition for Contested Case Hearing: A petition for a contested case hearing may be submitted. 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 application or draft TMDL report; (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 TMDL report. 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; and
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 Citizens' Board Decision: You may also submit a petition to the Commissioner requesting that the MPCA Citizens' Board consider the TMDL report approval. To be considered timely, the petition must be received by the MPCA by 4:30 p.m. on March 31, 2010, the date the public comment period ends as identified on page 1 of this notice. According to *Minnesota Statutes* § 116.02, subd 6(4), the decision whether to submit the TMDL report 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 the time the Commissioner makes a final decision on the TMDL report; or (3) a timely request for a contested case hearing is

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pending. You may participate in the activities of the MPCA Board as provided in *Minnesota Rules* 7000.0650.

The written comments, requests, and petitions submitted on or before the last day of the public comment period will be considered in the final decision on the TMDL report. 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 TMDL report.

Dated: March 2010

Minnesota State Retirement System, Public Employees Retirement Association, and Teachers Retirement Association Notice of Meeting of the Facilities Management Committee of the Boards on March 11, 2010

The Facilities Management Committee of the boards of the Minnesota State Retirement System, Public Employees Retirement Association and Minnesota Teachers Retirement Association will hold a meeting on Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in Suite 400, 60 Empire Drive, St. Paul, MN to consider matters which may properly come before the Facilities Management Committee.

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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Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Division of Community and Family Health Notice of Available Funds for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

Eligible Applicants:	Community Health Boards, Public or Private Non-Profit Health Service Agencies, Public Human Service Agencies, and Private Non-Profit Human Service Agencies. See <i>Minnesota Rules</i> 4617.0015.
Amount of Available Funds:	Estimated Federal Appropriation-22 Million Dollars a Year
Duration of Grants:	01/01/2011 – 12/31/2015
Notice of Intent Deadline:	April 1, 2010, 4:30 p.m.
Application Materials Available:	Mailed Out Upon Receipt of Notice of Intent Form
Application Deadline:	May 21, 2010, 4:30 p.m.
Award Decision:	Within 90 days of receipt of approved application
Beginning Grant Date:	01/01/2011

Description of Grant:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Department of Health, WIC Program (a federally funded grant program administered through the Minnesota Department of Health) will have grant funds available to qualified local agencies to deliver program services.

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The WIC Program provides:

Nutrition Education - WIC does nutrition assessments, and provides one-on-one counseling about food, nutrition and breastfeeding.

Healthy Foods - WIC provides vouchers to buy healthy foods.

Health Services - WIC helps families with referrals to other health and social services.

All current WIC grant agreements will terminate on 12/31/2010.

Applications from local agencies must be to serve either persons within a geographic area or persons who are members of a special population. All applicants must meet the eligibility requirements in Minnesota Rules 4617.0015.

Applications to Serve Geographic Areas:

The commissioner will approve one application to serve each geographic area within Minnesota. Except as described below, the commissioner shall approve the application with the highest priority according to the following priority system:

- First priority is given to a community health board whose jurisdiction under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 145A, is the geographic area that the board is applying to serve;
- Second priority is given to a community health board that, under one or more contracts between the applicant and another community health board, provides maternal or child health care or health promotion to residents of the geographic area that the board is applying to serve;
- Third priority is given to any community health board;
- Fourth priority is given to public or private non-profit health service agency;
- Fifth priority is given to a public human service agency; and
- Sixth priority is given to private nonprofit human service agency

Exception: If the agency applicant that has the highest priority had significant WIC compliance issues, or if there are two or more applicants with the highest priority, the commissioner shall make a decision based on factors outlined in Minnesota Rules 4617.0020.

Applications to Serve Special Populations:

The commissioner will approve or disapprove each application to serve a special population based on Minnesota Rules 4617.0020, subpart 9a.

Application Process:

An agency wishing to apply must submit to the WIC Program a Notice of Intent no later than April 1, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

For additional information please contact the Program Consultant working in your region:

Region	Program Consultant	Email Address	Telephone
Northeast	Candy Wegerson	<i>candy.wegerson@state.mn.us</i>	(218) 723-4650
Southeast	Cathy Nye	<i>cathy.nye@state.mn.us</i>	(507) 206-2732
Metro	Lori Ross	<i>lori.ross@state.mn.us</i>	(651) 201-4428
Northwest	Marcia Syverson	<i>marcia.syverson@state.mn.us</i>	(218) 308-2131
Central	Pete King	<i>pete.king@state.mn.us</i>	(320) 223-7334

An application packet will be provided upon receipt of the completed Notice of Intent. (See below)

WIC Program

Notice of Intent Form to Apply for 2011-2015 WIC Grant

Please submit this entire form no later than April 1, 2010, 4:30 p.m., to Shawn Matteson, WIC Program, Minnesota Department of Health, P.O. Box 64882, St. Paul, MN 55164-0882, **fax:** (651) 215-8951 or e-mail to: *shawn.matteson@state.mn.us*

Please refer to the WIC Grant Description for additional information regarding the Program.

Applicant Organization _____
Legal Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip Code: _____ Contact Person: _____
Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Type of Applicant Organization (*e.g., community health board or non-profit organization,*) **please check only one:**

<input type="checkbox"/> community health board	<input type="checkbox"/> public or private nonprofit health service agency
<input type="checkbox"/> public human service agency	<input type="checkbox"/> private nonprofit human service agency

This will be an application to serve (*please check only one box*):

a geographic area
Describe the geographic area to be served.

a special population
Describe special population to be served.

Check how you would like to receive WIC Grant Material:

<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Copy	<input type="checkbox"/> Mailed Copy
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Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Training Grant Deadline

The MN Job Skills Partnership (MJSP) Board solicits grant proposals for incumbent worker and new worker training programs. MJSP intends to accept proposals for the following programs: Job Skills Partnership Grant Program, Pathways Program, MJSP Pre-Development Program, Healthcare and Human Services Training Program, Low Income Worker Training Program, and MJSP Short Form. Specific program information can be found on the MJSP website at:

http://www.positivelyminnesota.com/All_Programs_Services/Minnesota_Job_Skills_Partnership_Program/

The full Request for Proposal, including instructions and selection criteria, can be found on the MJSP website under the June 14, 2010 meeting information:

http://www.positivelyminnesota.com/All_Programs_Services/Minnesota_Job_Skills_Partnership_Program/The_Application_Process/Application_Schedule.aspx

The deadline for the submission of proposals is 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 3, 2010, with the exception of Short Form applications, which must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 24, 2010.

Questions can be directed to the Job Skills Partnership at (651) 259-7514.

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

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Department of Administration (Admin) Minnesota Multistate Contracting Alliance for Pharmacy Request for Proposals for Contract for Pharmaceutical Vials and Containers

The Department of Administration, on behalf of the Minnesota Multistate Contracting Alliance for Pharmacy (MMCAP) is requesting proposals for Pharmaceutical Vials and Containers.

MMCAP is a voluntary group purchasing organization made up of governmental entities which contracts for pharmaceuticals. MMCAP is currently made up of 46 participating states and approximately 2000 participating facilities purchasing over \$1.2 billion per year. For more information, go to www.mmcap.org (no password necessary).

To request a copy of the RFP, send an **e-mail** to: mn.multistate@state.mn.us Or write to:
Pharmaceutical Vials and Containers RFP Request
MMCAP
c/o Minnesota Department of Administration
50 Sherburne Avenue, Room 112
St. Paul, MN 55155

Proposals submitted in response to the Request for Proposals in this notice must be received at the address specified in the Request for Proposals no later than March 15, 2010 **Late proposals will not be considered.**

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 Administration (Admin) Minnesota Multistate Contracting Alliance for Pharmacy Notice of Request for Proposals for Contract for Condoms

The Department of Administration, on behalf of the Minnesota Multistate Contracting Alliance for Pharmacy (MMCAP) is requesting proposals for Condoms.

MMCAP is a voluntary group purchasing organization made up of governmental entities which contracts for pharmaceuticals. MMCAP is currently made up of 46 participating states and approximately 2000 participating facilities purchasing over \$1.2 billion per year. For more information, go to www.mmcap.org (no password necessary).

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Department of Administration (Admin) Minnesota Multistate Contracting Alliance for Pharmacy Notice of Request for Proposals for Contract for Oral Contraceptives

The Department of Administration, on behalf of the Minnesota Multistate Contracting Alliance for Pharmacy (MMCAP) is requesting proposals for Oral Contraceptives.

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Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) Anoka Technical College Opportunity for Bid on New Welders

GENERAL STATEMENT/SCOPE:

Request for Bid is for the purchase cost of a quantity of ten (10) new welders and accessories, for the Anoka Technical College Welding Program.

NOTE: SUBSTITUTIONS / OTHER MODELS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. BID REQUEST IS FOR SPECIFIED ITEMS ONLY.

Provide shipping/handling/delivery for all items (Cost to be broken out. If none, must state 'None').

Provide delivery timeline for all items to college (i.e. 4 weeks ARO, etc.):

TO RECEIVE A COMPLETE COPY OF THE BID REQUEST/SPECS, PLEASE CONTACT:

PAMELA MOGENSEN
Phone: (763) 576-4785
E-mail: pmogensen@anokatech.edu

Bids must be sealed with a notation on the outside of the envelope stating: "NEW WELDERS BID – DELIVER IMMEDIATELY". Mail or deliver (faxes will not be accepted) sealed bid by WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2010, NO LATER THAN 10 AM CST to:

Anoka Technical College
Purchasing Office, Attn. Pam Mogensen
1355 West Highway 10
Anoka, Minnesota 55303

BID CLOSE DATE IS MARCH 17, 2010 – 10 A.M. CST

**Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU)
Bemidji State University
Notice of Request for Proposal for Computerized Color Message Centers
(Marquees)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN is seeking proposals for two (2), computerized color message centers, one located on the Bemidji State University campus and the other on Northwest Technical College property.

The complete RFP is available on-line by going to http://www.bemidjistate.edu/offices/procurement_logistics/rfps_bids/

Any questions should be in the form of an RFI and directed to Jeff Sande at **e-mail:** jsande@bemidjistate.edu

Sealed proposals must be received by **2:00 p.m. CST, Thursday, March 25, 2010**. Proposals shall be sent to:

Attn: Jeff Sande
Bemidji State University #1
1500 Birchmont Drive NE
Bemidji, MN 56601-2699

Faxed or e-mailed proposals will NOT be considered. Late responses will NOT be considered. Bemidji State University reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any irregularities in proposals received.

**Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU)
Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park Campus
Request for Bid (RFB) for Boiler Replacement Project**

The State of Minnesota, acting through its Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, on behalf of Hennepin Technical College, is soliciting bids for interested, qualified vendors to remove two 25,000 gallon steel underground fuel oil storage tanks and related exterior piping, installation of a new 30,000 gallon double walled fiberglass tank with all appurtenances, installation of new exterior double walled pipe and new wall penetrations to the boiler building as well as connection of the new double-walled exterior piping to the existing single wall piping system inside the boiler building. The project also includes providing interface of leak detection and level controls on the new tank to the existing control panel in the boiler building control room.

The work includes, but is not limited to demolition of the existing tank and piping, storing excavated soils in roll-off containers for subsequent backfill, installation of new tank and appurtenances, and connection of tank and associated controls to the piping and control system inside the adjacent boiler building. Site restoration of disturbed areas is also included.

A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 10:00 AM, Tuesday, March 9 in Room C103 at Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park Campus. The Engineer and/or College/University Representatives will review the bidding procedures, bidding documents and other conditions with interested Bidders and answer questions.

Bidding Documents as prepared by the Project Engineer; Wenck Associates, are on file at the office.

Complete sets only of Bidding Documents on compact disc (CD) in Adobe Acrobat PDF for use by Bidders in submitting a bid may be obtained at the following address:

Wenck Associates
1800 Pioneer Creek Center
Maple Plain, MN 55359
Phone: (763) 479-4232

A deposit of 25.00 is required for each CD.

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Each bid which totals over \$15,000.00 shall be accompanied by a certified check, payable to **Minnesota State Colleges and Universities**, in the sum of not less than 5% of the total base bid; or a corporate surety bond of a surety company duly authorized to do business in the state of Minnesota in the same amount; which is submitted as bid security, conditioned upon the Bidder entering into a contract with Minnesota State Colleges and Universities in accordance with the terms of the bid.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) Minneapolis Community and Technical College Advertisement for Bids for Kopp Hall Floor 3 Remodel

Sealed Bids for: **Kopp Hall Floor 3 Remodel**
Kopp Hall
Minneapolis Community and Technical College
Minneapolis, Minnesota

will be received by: **Valerie Frolov**
Room T0600, T-Building
Minneapolis Community and Technical College
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403

Until 2:00 pm, local time, March 16, 2010, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud.

Project Scope: Selective remodeling of approximately 13,000 SF of existing space into classrooms, offices and associated spaces on the third level of Kopp Hall at the Minneapolis Campus of Minneapolis Community and Technical College. Scope of work to include: demolition, HVAC and electrical modifications including lighting; partitions consisting of gypsum board and metal framing; miscellaneous carpentry and architectural casework; acoustical ceiling panels and grid; hollow metal frames and wood doors; carpet tile (labor only) and paint.

A **MANDATORY Pre-Bid Meeting** will be held at 12:00 PM, Tuesday, March 2, 2010, in Room K3360; Kopp Hall Building; Minneapolis Community and Technical College. The Architect/Engineer and/or College/University Representatives will review the bidding procedures, Bidding Documents and other conditions with interested Bidders and answer questions.

Bidding Documents as prepared by the Project Architect/Engineer; Kodet Architectural Group, Ltd, **phone:** (612) 377-2737, are on file at the offices of the:

- 1) above named Project Architect/Engineer.
- 2) following Builders' Exchanges: St. Paul and Minneapolis
- 3) McGraw Hill Construction Plan Room
- 4) Reed Construction Data Plan Room
- 5) MEDA Minority Contractors Plan Room
- 6) National Association of Minority Contractors of Upper Midwest

Complete sets only of Bidding Documents for use by Bidders in submitting a bid may be obtained at the following address:

Kodet Architectural Group, Ltd.
15 Groveland Terrace
Minneapolis, MN 55403
Phone: (612) 377-2737
Fax: (612) 377-1331

1. Bid Sets will be available during normal working hours and upon receipt of a payment of \$200 per set to cover the cost of printing, all of which shall be refunded to all plan holders, providing said plans and specifications are returned within fourteen days of bid opening in good condition. A nonrefundable \$50.00 charge, in the form of a separate check, is required per set for postage and handling if a prospective Bidder requires the documents to be mailed. Documents will be sent to street addresses only (P.O. Boxes not acceptable). Plans will be available starting February 24, 2010. Such deposits and payments may be received prior to this date.

2. A CD with the drawings and specifications will be available upon receipt of a payment of \$50.00 per set to cover the cost of printing, all of which shall be refunded to all planholders, providing CD is returned within fourteen days of bid opening in good condition. A nonrefundable \$15.00 charge, in the form of a separate check, is required per set for postage and handling if a prospective Bidder requires the documents to be mailed. Plans will be available starting February 24, 2010. Such deposits and payments may be received prior to this date.

Each bid which totals over \$15,000 shall be accompanied by a certified check, payable to **Minnesota State Colleges and Universities**, in the sum of not less than 5% of the total base bid; or a corporate surety bond of a surety company duly authorized to do business in the state of Minnesota in the same amount; which is submitted as bid security, conditioned upon the Bidder entering into a contract with Minnesota State Colleges and Universities in accordance with the terms of the bid.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) Minneapolis Community and Technical College Request for Proposal (RFP) for Construction Manager as Constructor (CMc) for Minneapolis Community and Technical College Workforce Program and Infrastructure Renovation Project and Helland Student Center Addition and Renovation Project

The selected Vendor shall account for the two projects separately, including, but not limited to the following: schedules, budgets, bidding, CMc fees, CMc reimbursable expenses, subcontractor contracts, permits, invoices, reporting and General Conditions.

The construction work shall be performed under subcontracts or by other appropriate agreements with the CMc and none of the work shall be performed by the CMc's own personnel.

The CMc shall include General Condition costs in their Construction Phase reimbursable expenses, please see CMc Fee Structure in Section V of RFP.

The State of Minnesota, acting through its Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, on behalf of Minneapolis Community and Technical College, is soliciting proposals from interested, qualified consultants for Construction Manager as Constructor services for the above referenced projects.

A full Request for Proposals is available on the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Facilities website:

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

An informational meeting is tentatively scheduled for **1:00 AM**, March 9, 2010 in Technology Building, Room #2100, Minneapolis Community and Technical College, 1501 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55403. All firms interested in this meeting should contact Roger T Broz at (612) 659-6805 or *roger.broz@minneapolis.edu* to sign up to attend the meeting.

Proposals must be delivered to Roger Broz, Minneapolis Community and Technical College, T-Building, Room #T0600, 1501 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55403 not later than **2:00 P.M., Tuesday, March 23, 2010**. Late responses will not be considered.

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

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Ridgewater College, Willmar

Request for Proposals for Comprehensive Banking Services

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The State of Minnesota, acting through its Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, on behalf of Ridgewater College is requesting proposals for comprehensive banking services with the intent to enter into a banking relationship for five (5) years commencing no later than April 1, 2010. This RFP is undertaken by Ridgewater College pursuant to the authority contained in provisions of *Minnesota Statutes* § 136F.581 and other applicable laws.

Selection of vendors shall be based on Ridgewater College's evaluation of responses. Ridgewater College intends to enter into a contract with the selected vendor, and this contract will contain all the terms and conditions required by this request for proposals (RFP), as well as further terms and conditions negotiated between Ridgewater College, the Office of the Chancellor's General Counsel and/or the Office of the Attorney General, and the selected vendor.

Accordingly, Ridgewater College shall select the vendor(s) whose proposal(s), and oral presentation(s) if requested, demonstrate in Ridgewater College's sole opinion, the clear capability to best fulfill the purposes of this RFP in a cost effective manner. Ridgewater College reserves the right to accept or reject proposals, in whole or in part, and to negotiate separately as necessary in order to serve the best interests of Ridgewater College. This RFP shall not obligate the Ridgewater College to award a contract or complete the proposed project and it reserves the right to cancel this RFP if it is considered to be in its best interest.

Ridgewater College's agent for purposes of responding to inquiries about the RFP is:

Name: Dan Holtz
Title: Director of Business Services
Address: 2101 15th Avenue NW
Willmar, MN 56201
Telephone: (320) 222-5635
Fax: (320) 222-7478
E-mail address: *daniel.holtz@ridgewater.edu*

Other persons are **NOT** authorized to discuss RFP requirements before the proposal submission deadline and Ridgewater College shall **NOT** be bound by and responders may not rely on information regarding RFP requirements obtained from non-authorized persons. Questions must include the name of the questioner and his/her telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Anonymous inquiries will **NOT** be answered. All answers to any inquiries will be sent via e-mail to the e-mail addresses of interested parties.

Proposals must be delivered to Daniel Holtz, Director of Business Services, Ridgewater College, PO Box 1097, 2101 15th Avenue N.W., Willmar, MN 56201, not later than 2:00 p.m. CST on Friday, March 12, 2010.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU)

Winona State University

Notice of Request for Proposals for Digital Signage & Kiosks for Memorial Hall Addition and Renovation/Integrated Wellness Complex

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Winona State University, Winona, MN is seeking proposals for fabrication and installation of hardware, software and cabinetry for the Hall of Fame sports interactive displays within the Memorial Hall Addition and Renovation.

Proposal information will be available Monday, March 1, 2010 by contacting Steve Ronkowski by **e-mail** at *sronkowski@winona.edu* or calling (507) 457-5099. This is the only person designated to answer questions regarding this request for proposals.

Sealed proposals must be received by **2:00 PM CDT, Monday, March 15, 2010** at Winona State University, Facilities Services Building, 175 West Mark Street, Room 203, Winona, MN 55987, Attention: Steve Ronkowski.

Faxed or e-mailed proposals will NOT be considered. Late responses will NOT be considered. Winona State University reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any irregularities or informalities in proposals received.

Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Vocational Rehabilitation Services Notice of Contract for Training for Vocational Rehabilitation Staff Working with Transition Age Youth

Notice of Availability of Contract for: A. The delivery of training for Vocational Rehabilitation Services staff on how to effectively engage parents/families of transition age youth with disabilities in the support of vocational rehabilitation plans, and B. Creation of an age appropriate, accessible, and informative orientation video for use by Vocational Rehabilitation Services staff when working with transition age youth with disabilities.

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (Vocational Rehabilitation Services) is requesting proposals to:

1. Develop, deliver, and evaluate training for approximately 200 Vocational Rehabilitation Services staff on:
 - A) How to educate parents/families of transition age youth with disabilities on the role, purpose, and processes of the Vocational Rehabilitation Services agency.
 - B) How to effectively engage parents/families of transition age youth with disabilities in the vocational rehabilitation of those transition age youth.
2. Review existing tools used for communicating with transition age youth with disabilities and recommend changes, additions, deletions that will result in more effective marketing/operations products.
3. With support from Vocational Rehabilitation Services staff, conceptualize, negotiate, develop, and produce an orientation video for use with transition age youth with disabilities.

Work is proposed to start after: **4/5/2010**

Estimated cost: **\$100,000**

Eligible responders: Private organizations, for-profit or non-profit; educational institutions, private or public; and public agencies are all eligible to submit proposals.

A Request for Proposals will be available by mail from this office through 3/16/2010. **A written request (by direct mail or fax) is required to receive the Request for Proposal.**

The Request for Proposal can be obtained from:

Jeanne Berg
Vocational Rehabilitation Services
Department of Employment and Economic Development
332 Minnesota Street, St Paul, MN 55101
Fax number: (651) 297-5159

Proposals submitted in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received at the address above no later than 4:30 p.m. on 3/22/2010. **Late proposals, faxed proposals, 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.

State Contracts

Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Notice of Availability of Contract for Training of State Vocational Rehabilitation Services Staff on Best Practice Methodologies for Serving People with Disabilities from Multicultural Communities

Notice of Availability of Contract for training of State Vocational Rehabilitation Services staff on best practice methodologies for serving people with disabilities from multicultural communities, developing communication tools in alternative language formats and assistance in the development of a strategy for outreach, recruitment, training and retention of employees from multicultural communities

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (Vocational Rehabilitation Services) is requesting proposals to:

1. Train Vocational Rehabilitation Services staff on how to work effectively with youth and adults with disabilities from multicultural communities.
2. Develop effective communication tools and methodologies to inform people from multicultural communities about Vocational Rehabilitation Services and make services available, accessible, and relevant.
3. Provide consultation, technical assistance, and training to VRS managers to facilitate the development of positive relationships and effective strategies for outreach, recruitment, training and retention of employees from multicultural communities.

Work is proposed to start after: **4/5/2010**

Estimated cost: **\$175,000**

Eligible responders: Private organizations, for-profit or non-profit; educational institutions, private or public; and public agencies are all eligible to submit proposals.

A Request for Proposals will be available by mail from this office through 3/16/2010. **A written request (by direct mail or fax) is required to receive the Request for Proposal.**

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**Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)
Vocational Rehabilitation Services
Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS)
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
Solicitations of Interest Sought to Study, Research and Recommend Strategies for
Effective Models of Collaborative Service Delivery**

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) - Vocational Rehabilitation Services jointly with the Minnesota Department of Human Services, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, requests Solicitations of interest from qualified individuals or organizations, to study, research, and recommend strategies for effective models of collaborative service delivery that leverage existing talent, best practices and resources expertise from both departments.

Vocational Rehabilitation Services jointly with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services in the Dept of Human Services share strategic plans including objectives and goals to increase the quality and quantity of employment and independent living outcomes of consumers who are deaf and/or hard of hearing

Description of work:

Typical services expected from contractors may include but are not limited to:

Analysis and identification of local, regional and national collaborative services delivery models.

Researching funding structures, mechanisms or models that will leverage resources to expand the system capacity for employment and independent living services for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Recommend a framework for new models of achieving the Departments shared strategic goal of increasing the quality and quantity of employment and independent living outcomes for people who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Identify new policy and legislation needed for implementation and identify staff capacity building needs.

Qualified Entities

Qualified organizations may include institutions of higher education, for profit and non-profit organizations, and other for profit or non profit entities that can demonstrate the ability to fulfill the requirements of this contract.

Submission of proposals

Proposal submitted in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received at the address below no later than 4:30 P.M. Central Standard Time on Friday March 31, 2010. **Late proposals will not be considered. Fax or e-mailed proposals will not be considered.** The master contract is proposed to run from May 2010 to October 31, 2010.

Estimated cost

Funding will be awarded based on the merits of the individual proposals. Up to \$50,000

Contracting Agency: Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

Location of Work: Statewide

To request a copy of the complete solicitation, contact:

Jeanne Berg
Vocational Rehabilitation Services
332 Minnesota Street, Suite E200
St. Paul MN 55101
Phone: (651) 259-7343
TTY: (651) 296-3900

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Fax: (651) 297-5159
E-mail: jeanne.berg@state.mn.us

This Solicitation does not constitute a guarantee or commitment by the State of Minnesota, DEED or any of its agents to enter into a grant contract with any organization. The State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation. All expenses incurred in the responding to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder.

Explore Minnesota Tourism Notice of Availability of Contract for Advertising Services

Explore Minnesota Tourism (EMT), the state agency responsible for marketing and promoting Minnesota's travel opportunities to potential travel consumers, is requesting proposals from advertising agencies for the Explore Minnesota Tourism Advertising Services contract. The contract period is July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, with renewal options for four additional years. The estimated contract amount is \$3.5-\$4.5 million annually, subject to legislative approval.

The successful bidder will assist in the planning and implementation of advertising and promotional campaigns, offering the best combination of strategy, creativity, effectiveness and return on investment.

Advertising Services Include: Preparing seasonal, annual and multi-year advertising plans, creating and producing advertising, negotiating and placing various media advertising, conducting research and evaluation of marketing communications, and various other advertising related services as needed.

The contract start date is July 1, 2010.

The complete Request for Proposal will be available by e-mail from Explore Minnesota Tourism through March 17, 2010 by sending an e-mail request to Tammi Wilhelmy.

Proposals submitted in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received no later than 3:00pm CDT, March 24, 2010, addressed to:

Bob Erler
Explore Minnesota Tourism
121 7th Place East, Suite 100
St. Paul, MN 55101
E-mail: tammi.wilhelmy@state.mn.us

Proposals by fax or e-mail will not be accepted; late proposals will not be considered.

This request for proposal does not obligate the state to award a contract or complete the project, and the state reserves the right to cancel the solicitation if it is considered to be in its best interest. All costs incurred in responding to this RFP will be borne by 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.

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Division of Parks and Trails Notice of Availability of Contract for the Creation and Implementation of an Informative Interactive Web Page Geared toward Children Aged Five to Eleven

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is requesting proposals for the purpose of creating and assisting in implementing an interactive web page that will draw users to the Minnesota State Parks and Trails web site. Ideally create a desire to get away from the computer and experience the outdoors first hand.

Work is proposed to start after April 1, 2010.

State Contracts

A Request for Proposals will be available by mail from this office through Monday, March 22, 2010. **A written request (by direct mail or fax) is required to receive the Request for Proposal.** After Monday, March 22, 2010, the Request for Proposal must be picked up in person.

The Request for Proposal can be obtained from:

Stefanie Otterson
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Division of Parks and Trails
500 Lafayette Rd.
St. Paul, MN 55155-4039
Fax: (651) 297-1157

Proposals submitted in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received at the address above no later than 2:30 pm, Tuesday, March 30, 2010. **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 (DNR) Division of Parks and Trails Notice of Availability of Contract for Oak Savanna Educational Exhibits

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails is requesting proposals for the purpose of design, build, deliver, and install indoor low-tech interactive exhibits based on one connecting theme with five theme elements at Sibley State Park, New London, MN.

Work is proposed to start after April 20, 2010.

A Request for Proposals will be available by mail from this office through March 15, 2010. **A written request by direct mail or email is required to receive the Request for Proposal.**

The Request for Proposal can be obtained from:

Robert Beck, Regional Naturalist
Division of Parks and Trails
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
261 Hwy 15 South
New Ulm, MN 56073
Phone: (507) 359-6062
Cell: (507) 766-5004
E-mail: *bob.beck@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 Time, March 23, 2010 **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.

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Request for Proposals for Watershed Restoration (TMDL) and Protection Projects Master Contract (Formerly Impaired Waters TMDL Master Contract)

This RFP targets experienced environmental Contractors to provide a wide range of services in three Categories using the most appropriate level of effort and task methodology to a particular basin or a watershed for TMDL services. The studies for the program can range from simple analyses to rigorous solutions using state of the art field methods and development of complex hydrologic/hydraulic models.

The MPCA has approximately 100 TMDL projects underway throughout the state and, depending on funding and other factors, may initiate up to another 100 through 2014. This number assumes that projects would be of a similar size and scope to current projects. However, it is expected that we will move toward more major watershed-wide, multi-parameter TMDL projects and therefore this project number estimate will be reduced. Watershed projects will also address protection strategies for water bodies currently meeting water quality standards to prevent them from becoming impaired.

The result of this RFP will be to award multiple Contracts for each Category by the MPCA.

The categories are:

Category 1 –Watershed Restoration (TMDL) and Protection Strategy Development Services

Category 2 - Data Inventory and Analysis

Category 3 - Modeling

Responders are encouraged to supply an email address and to receive the RFP electronically. The subject line of the e-mail request should state “Watershed Restoration (TMDL) and Protection Projects Master Contract RFP.”

Proposal deadline: Your Proposal must be received in the office of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency with the date and time of receipt stamped no later than 2:00 p.m. (as determined by the MPCA front desk clock) DST on March 26, 2010. **Late Proposals will not be considered.**

Contact:

Tracey Josephson
Contract Specialist
Operational Support Division
Fax: (651) 297-1456
E-mail: *Contracts.mpca@state.mn.us*

Proposals must be delivered to:

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
1st Floor – Front Desk Reception Area
Attn: Tracey Josephson, CR 1374
520 Lafayette Road
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

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.

State Contracts

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
St. Paul, MN 55155

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.

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.

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Agencies wishing to take advantage of this offer should submit what you want printed in the *State Register* via e-mail to: robin.panlener@state.mn.us. Attach to your entry a short note indicating when you wish the notice to be published (one, or many dates), if you want a copy of the issue your notice appears in (a TEAR SHEET will be sent free with your bill), and whether you want an "Affidavit of Publication."

City of Northfield

Request for Proposals for Architect-Engineering Services Related to the Design of a Police Station and a Fire Station

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that proposals will be received by the City Council of the City of Northfield, Rice County, Minnesota, at the office of the City Clerk, Northfield City Hall, 801 Washington Street, Northfield, MN 55057 until 5:00p.m., Central Time on Wednesday March 10, 2010, said proposals to be for the services related to Design of a Police Station and a Fire Station.

Major Items:

Architect-Engineering Services Related to the Design of a Police Station and a Fire Station

Plans and specifications, proposal forms may be seen at the Office of the Public Works Operations Engineer, 1710 Riverview Drive, Northfield, MN 55057 or at: http://www.ci.northfield.mn.us/whatsnew/works/2010/02/11/rfp_for_architectengineer_services.

Payment for the work will be by check.

Consultants desiring a copy the proposal forms may obtain them from the office of the Public Works Operations Engineer, 1710 Riverview Drive, Northfield, MN 55057.

The Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive irregularities and informalities therein and further reserves the right to award the contract for the best interests of the City.

Deb Little, City Clerk

Non-State Bids, Contracts & Grants

Northstar Corridor Development Authority

Request for Proposals for Engineering Services for Project Development and Design Support for Northstar Commuter Rail Project: Extension to St. Cloud

The Northstar Corridor Development Authority (NCDA) is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Engineering Services for Project Development and Design Support for the Northstar Commuter Rail Project: Extension to St. Cloud. The scope of service is to complete all analysis and documentation required to gain admission to the Federal Transit Administration's Project Development Program for Small Starts, complete engineering and design for commuter rail stations or modifications and track connections, which may occur at commuter rail stations at Big Lake, Becker, and St. Cloud East, assist in award of contracts, and provide design support services during construction.

The RFP can be downloaded from the Anoka County website: www.anokacounty.us/bids and is also available by email or mail free of charge by contacting:

Kathy Koontz
Anoka County Government Center
2100 Third Avenue, 7th Floor
Anoka, MN 55303
E-mail: kathy.koontz@co.anoka.mn.us
Phone: (763) 323-5729

A pre-proposal conference will be held on Friday, March 12, 2010. Proposals must be received no later than noon Central Daylight Time (CDT), Tuesday, March 30, 2010. The NCDA reserves the right to reject late responses.

Complete details regarding submission requirements are included within the RFP.

Northstar Corridor Development Authority

Request for Proposals for Legal Services for Commuter Rail Negotiations with BNSF Railway Company for Northstar Commuter Rail Project: Extension to St. Cloud

The Northstar Corridor Development Authority (NCDA) is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Legal Services for Commuter Rail Negotiations with BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) for the Northstar Commuter Rail Project: Extension to St. Cloud. The legal services required by the NCDA relate primarily to contract negotiations with BNSF and acquisition of property rights that will be necessary for the construction and operation of an extension of the project from Big Lake to St. Cloud. Necessary agreements are likely to include a Purchase and Sale of Easement Agreement, Joint Use Agreement, Commuter Service Agreement, platform lease agreements for stations in St. Cloud and Becker, and other related property agreements, if necessary.

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