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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 Proposed emergency rules, and withdrawn proposed rules, are also published in the *State Register*.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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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.

Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)

Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to State Services for the Blind; Workforce Development; Senior Services

The rules proposed and published at *State Register*, Volume 38, Number 45, pages 1453-1458, May 05, 2014 (38 SR 1453), are adopted as proposed.

Executive Orders

The governor has the authority to issue written statements or orders, called Executive Orders, as well as Emergency Executive Orders. The governor's authority is specified in the *Constitution of the State of Minnesota*, Article V, and in *Minnesota Statutes* § 4.035. Emergency Executive Orders, for protection from an imminent threat to health and safety, become effective immediately, are filed with the secretary of state, and published in the *State Register* as soon as possible after they are issued. Other Executive Orders become effective 15 days after publication in the *State Register* and filing with the secretary of state. Unless otherwise specified, an executive order expires 90 days after the date the governor who issued the order vacates office.

Office of the Governor

Emergency Executive Order 14-16: Declaring an Emergency and Providing for Relief from Regulations to Motor Carriers and Drivers Operating in the State of Minnesota

I, MARK DAYTON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, there exists a shortage of diesel fuel entering the state of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, many motor fuel terminals in Minnesota are experiencing difficulties in obtaining their normal supply of diesel fuel, and are running low on, or are out of diesel fuel; and

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WHEREAS, the motor fuel terminals are part of the distribution chain that provides diesel fuel to farmers that is used in farm machinery; and

WHEREAS, many commercial motor carriers who haul diesel fuel are experiencing significant delays at the terminals before they are able to fill their trucks, and/or are needing to obtain motor fuels from alternative terminals that are a significant distance from their delivery area; and

WHEREAS, because drivers are obtaining motor fuels at alternative terminals, there are long lines and delays at motor fuel terminals across the State; and

WHEREAS, drivers and carriers who are transporting diesel fuel will also need to simultaneously transport its components, and gasoline and its components, which includes but is not limited to ethanol and biodiesel.

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby declare that:

1. An emergency exists in Minnesota that requires relief from regulations incorporated in *Minnesota Statutes*, section 221.0314, subdivision 9, pertaining to hours of service for motor carriers and drivers of commercial motor vehicles providing direct assistance in emergency relief efforts.

2. Motor carriers and drivers transporting diesel fuel, and any simultaneous required transportation of gasoline and the components of diesel fuel and gasoline, including but not limited to ethanol and biodiesel, to the affected areas of the state and providing direct assistance for emergency relief efforts, are exempted from the regulations incorporated in *Minnesota Statutes*, section 221.0314, subdivision 9, pertaining to hours of service.

3. Nothing in this order relieves motor carriers and drivers from regulations pertaining to driver qualifications; driving of commercial motor vehicles; commercial drivers' licenses; drug and alcohol testing for drivers; or equipment, parts, and accessories necessary for the safe operation of vehicles.

4. No motor carrier operating under terms of this emergency order shall require or allow an ill or fatigued driver to operate a commercial motor vehicle. Any driver who informs a carrier that he or she needs immediate rest shall be given at least ten consecutive off-duty hours before the driver is required to return to service.

5. Upon the expiration of this emergency order, or when a driver or carrier ceases to provide direct assistance to the emergency relief effort, a driver that has had at least thirty-four consecutive hours off-duty must be permitted to start his or her on-duty status hours and 60/70-hour clock at zero.

Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, section 4.035, subdivision 2, this Emergency Executive Order is effective immediately and must be filed with the Secretary of State and published in the *State Register* as soon as possible after its issuance. Emergency relief from regulations for motor carriers and drivers transporting the above referenced motor fuels to affected areas of the State remains in effect until November 2nd, or until the commercial motor carrier or driver ceases direct assistance in providing emergency relief, whichever occurs first. For purposes of this Emergency Executive Order, direct assistance is defined in *Minnesota Statutes*, section 221.0269, subdivision 3, paragraph (c). This Emergency Executive Order may be extended in accordance with *Minnesota Statutes*, section 221.0269, subdivision 2.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand on this 4th day of October, 2014.

Signed: **Mark Dayton**
Governor

Filed According to Law

Signed: **Mark Ritchie**
Secretary of State

Official Notices

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

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

Minnesota Board of Cosmetologist Examiners (BCE) REQUEST FOR COMMENTS on Possible Amendments to Rules Governing the Licensure and Practice of Cosmetologists, Estheticians, Nail Technicians, Instructors and School Managers, and the Licensure and Operation of Salons and Schools, *Minnesota Rules*, chapters 2105 and 2110; Revisor's ID Number 0-4258

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Board of Cosmetologist Examiners requests comments on its plans to amend *Minnesota Rules* chapters 2105 and 2110.

The purpose of this major rules overhaul is to update rules regarding infection control, to correct gaps identified while administering the rules, to simplify language, to reorganize rules to make it easier to find information, to update terminology, to remove unnecessary requirements, and to address obsolete rules, errors, omissions, and inconsistencies in the rules.

The Board is considering possible amendments to rules governing the licensure and practice of cosmetologists, estheticians, nail technicians, instructors, and school managers; and rules governing the licensure and operations of salons and schools.

The Board is also seeking comments and suggestions for additional changes and corrections for any of the rules administered by the Board, although major curriculum or major licensing changes for schools are likely to be reviewed later as part of separate rules proceeding.

Topics of Proposed Amendment: *To see all the proposed changes under consideration, please review the working drafts.*

- Definitions (considering adding, amending and repealing certain definitions);
- Advertising (considering web and social media in the definition, requiring license numbers of salons to be included in advertising);
- Individual license application and renewal requirements (considering simplifying and clarifying the licensing and renewal processes, eliminating work experience requirements for renewal of license, explaining renewal audits);
- License transfer from other states and countries (considering clarifying and simplifying requirements, providing alternative ways of verifying license histories from other states);
- Inspections (considering clarifying how inspection fines are applied, and updating inspection report and notice requirements);
- Instructors (considering increasing the experience and education requirements to become licensed, clarifying the topic areas of continuing education requirements);
- Estheticians and Cosmetologists working in a doctor's office (considering clarifying when licensed services are "in conjunction with medical treatment", and defining "doctor" and "doctor's office");
- School managers (considering changing renewal requirements to include a continuing education requirement instead of work experience);
- Refresher courses (considering eliminating refresher courses and replacing them with a shorter, targeted competency course to update the skills of cosmetologists, estheticians and nail technicians);
- Examinations (considering simplifying rule language, removing obsolete requirements, and clarifying expiration date of exam scores);
- Continuing Education Course requirements (considering requiring a licensed instructor, clarifying credit hours, identifying record keeping requirements);
- Infection control (considering updating and clarifying infection control requirements for all licensees);

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- License posting requirements (considering requiring either the license or the licensee's name as shown on the license to be posted at the work station);
- Revoked Licenses (considering revising requirements to become relicensed after a license has been revoked);
- Inactive Licenses (considering renaming these as retired licenses, and simplifying the process to become relicensed after the license has become retired);
- Designated Licensed Salon Manager (considering clarifying the DLSP's responsibilities and requirements for notifying the board of a change);
- Salon licensure and renewal requirements (considering simplifying requirements for initial licensure and for license renewal, clarifying salon requirements to notify the Board of changes);
- Salon operational and physical requirements (considering eliminating unnecessary requirements regarding salon space, simplifying language, amending or adding notices required to be posted at work stations, clarifying requirements for hand washing sinks; adding a requirement to post the salon name or address at the entrance, prohibiting carpet in service areas, stating requirements regarding use of extension cords and power strips, addressing dispensary requirements, updating restroom requirements, requiring SDS sheets, establishing conditions for autoclave use, and eliminating any requirements for independent contractors);
- Certificate of Identification (considering removing requirement for applicant to be employed in a salon, adding a requirement for liability insurance);
- Nursing homes (considering clarifying when salons in licensed nursing homes need to be licensed);
- School licensure (considering clarifying requirements for licensure and maintaining licensure and changes to reporting requirements on instructor student ratios and unlicensed substitute instructors);
- School curriculum (considering clarifying requirements and minor changes to the distribution of clinical exercises to include waxing applications);
- Other issues that may be raised by parties commenting on the working draft rules in this rules process or may come up.

Persons Affected. The proposed rules would likely affect the following groups:

- Licensees and applicants for licenses
- Licensed nursing homes
- State and local fire marshals

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 155A authorizes the Board to develop and adopt rules necessary to carry out its statutory responsibilities. Specifically:

A. §155A.27 Subd. 2., which states:

Qualifications for licensing in each classification shall be determined by the board and established by rule, and shall include educational and experiential prerequisites. The rules shall require a demonstrated knowledge of procedures necessary to protect the health of the practitioner and the consumer of cosmetology services, including but not limited to chemical applications.

B. §155A.27 Subd. 7., which states:

Renewal of license shall be for a period of three years under conditions and process established by rule.

C. §155A.29 Subd. 2., which states:

The conditions and process by which a salon is licensed shall be established by the board by rule.

D. §155A.29 Subd. 3., which states:

Minimum health and sanitary standards for the operation of a salon shall be established by rule.

E. §155A.30 Subd. 2., which states:

The board shall by rule establish minimum standards of course content and length specific to the educational preparation prerequisite to testing and licensing as cosmetologist, esthetician, and manicurist.

Rules Drafts. The Board drafted possible rules amendments and possible rules repeals in a working draft. The working rules drafts are available on the Board's website at www.bceboard.state.us.mn

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information in writing on the working draft of possible rules and amendments to rules until 4:30 p.m. on December 15, 2014. The Board will not publish a notice of intent to adopt the rules until more

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than 60 days have elapsed from the date of this request for comments. The Board does not plan to appoint an advisory committee to comment on the possible rules.

Agency Contact Person. Written comments, questions and requests to receive a copy of the working draft of the rules, should be directed to: Rebecca Gaspard at Rebecca.gaspard@state.mn.us, phone: (651) 201-2751, or BCE, 2829 University Avenue Southeast, Suite 710, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55414, or faxed to (612) 617-2601. TTY users may call 1-800-627-3529.

Alternative Format. Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

NOTE: This rulemaking phases is intended to solicit informal feedback from cosmetologists, estheticians, nail technicians, salons, instructors, school managers, schools, and other interested parties on the working draft rules before the rules are finalized for the last phase. The last phase is a formal process that begins with a Notice of Intent to adopt the rules. An Administrative Law Judge will then review the proposed rules and will preside over public hearings on the proposed rules if any hearings are held. Therefore, comments received in response to this notice will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the Administrative Law Judge. The board is required to submit to the judge only those written comments after the rules are proposed in the second phase. If you submit comments in response to this notice 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: 3 October 2014

Gina Stauss, Executive Director
Board of Cosmetologist Examiners

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) Notice of Hearing on Bond Insurance

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 29, 2014, at its offices at 400 Sibley Street, Suite 300, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101, for the purpose of taking public comment regarding the issuance of its tax-exempt bonds in one or more series issued on one or more dates in the maximum respective principal amount set forth below, including a plan of finance therefor. The Bonds are proposed to be issued to fund one or more mortgage loans to pay for all or a portion of the costs of acquisition and rehabilitation of the following development, including facilities related and subordinate thereto, for residential rental housing:

A 582-unit ten building multi-site apartment development known as Minneapolis Portfolio Preservation Project having addresses of 500 S. 10th Street, 1005 Portland Avenue, 911 Park Avenue S., 1515 Chicago Avenue S., 1132 S. 8th Street, 1401 Portland Avenue, 624 S. 9th Street, 1346 La Salle Avenue, 727 5th Avenue S. and 910 Portland Avenue, all in Minneapolis, MN 55403, 55404 and 55415, proposed to be acquired and rehabilitated by Aeon Preservation Limited Partnership, a Minnesota limited partnership, or an affiliate thereof or successor thereto, as its initial owner, operator or manager; one of the managing partners of which will be Aeon Preservation GP LLP, a Minnesota limited liability company, or another entity owned by Aeon, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The maximum principal amount of the Bonds for this development is \$30,000,000.

Additional information may be obtained from the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, Attn: Anne Heitlinger, phone: (651) 296-9841. Parties wishing to comment on the issuance of the Bonds may appear in person at the hearing or may submit written comments to the undersigned prior to the hearing.

Dated: October 13, 2014.

Mary Tingerthal, Commissioner
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency

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Metropolitan Council

Notice of Public Meetings and Public Hearing on Metro Transit Service Improvement Plan

Metro Transit, an operating division of the Metropolitan Council, will accept public comment, host public meetings and conduct a public hearing on the proposed Service Improvement Plan that will guide expansion of Metro Transit's local and express bus route network.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public meetings to learn about the plan, ask questions, and offer comments.

- **Wednesday, Nov. 5, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**
Hennepin County Central Library
300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis
Served by many regional transit routes
- **Saturday, Nov. 8, 1 to 3:30 p.m.**
North Community YMCA
1711 W. Broadway Ave., Minneapolis
Served by route 14
- **Thursday, Nov. 13, 6 to 7:30 p.m.**
Hennepin County Southdale Library
7001 York Ave. S., Edina
Served by route 6
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Conway Recreation Center
2090 Conway Avenue, St. Paul
Served by routes 74, 80 and 219
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711 County Road 10 N.E., Blaine
Served by routes 25 and 825

People are also encouraged to attend the following public hearing to offer comments. Those attending may register in advance to speak by calling the Council at 651-602-1140. Upon request, the Metropolitan Council will provide reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities. *Advance notice, indicating the specific accommodation needed, is appreciated.*

- **Tuesday, Nov. 18, 11:30 a.m.**
Metropolitan Council Chambers
390 Robert Street North, St. Paul
Served by many regional transit routes

The Council will also receive comments on the proposed amendment from Nov. 1 to Nov. 30 as follows (comments must be received by **5 p.m.**):

- Written comments: Metropolitan Council, 390 N. Robert St., St. Paul, 55101
- Fax comments to: (651) 602-1464
- Send TTY comments to: (651) 291-0904
- E-mail: public.info@metc.state.mn.us
- Record comments on Council's Public Comment Line at (651) 602-1500

Staff will review public comment and evaluate changes to the proposed policies to address the comments submitted by the public. A recommendation for final adoption of the Service Improvement Plan will be considered by the Metropolitan Council following the public comment period.

- For more information visit www.metrotransit.org/sip.

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)**Watershed Division****Notice of Availability of the Draft Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies Report and Total Maximum Daily Loads for the Mississippi River (St. Cloud) Watershed and Request for Comment****Public Comment Period Begins:****October 13, 2014****Public Comment Period Ends:****November 12, 2014**

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is requesting comments on the Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS) and Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) draft reports for the Mississippi River (St. Cloud) Watershed. The draft WRAPS and TMDL reports are available for review at:

<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/water/water-types-and-programs/watersheds/mississippi-river-st.-cloud.html> .

Written comments on the draft WRAPS Report and TMDLs must be sent to the MPCA contact person listed below by November 12, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. The comments should indicate as to whether they are about the WRAPS Report or the TMDLs, and specifically which TMDL. The MPCA will prepare responses to comments received and make any necessary revisions of the two documents. Subsequent to the revision(s), the draft TMDLs will be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval; the WRAPS Report will be forwarded to the MPCA Commissioner for approval.

Required by the state Clean Water Legacy Act, a WRAPS Report is a document summarizing scientific studies of a major watershed no larger than a hydrologic unit code 8. The WRAPS Report includes the physical, chemical, and biological assessment of the water quality in the watershed; identification of impairments and water bodies needing protection; and identification of biotic stressors and sources of pollution, point and nonpoint. The science, analysis and strategy development described in this report began before accountability provisions were added to the Clean Water Legacy Act in 2013 (*Minnesota Statutes* 114D); thus, this report does not address all of those provisions. When this watershed is revisited, according to the 10-year cycle, information will be updated according to the statutorily required elements of the WRAPS Report. TMDLs are explained for the impairments and an implementation table is included with the strategies to achieve and maintain water quality standards and goals.

The TMDL Report focuses on pollution caused by excess bacteria and associated pathogens. Thus, the TMDL document builds on significant work already completed in southeast Minnesota. The TMDL Report is a scientific study that calculates the maximum amount of a pollutant that a water body can receive (known as the "loading capacity") without exceeding water quality standards.

The Mississippi River (St. Cloud) watershed covers 691,200 acres (1,080 square miles) in the south-central part of the Upper Mississippi River Basin. The watershed includes all or parts of Benton, Meeker, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Sherburne, Stearns, and Wright counties. Communities located in the watershed include Sauk Rapids, Elk River, Big Lake, Monticello, and parts of St. Cloud. There are 907 total river miles, and 374 lakes with a total acreage of 23,728 within this watershed. Major rivers and streams include: Mississippi River, Mayhew Creek, Rice Creek, Clearwater River, Elk River, and the St. Francis River. Major lakes within this watershed include: Clearwater, Elk, Mink, Maple, Sugar, Cedar, Clear, and Pleasant. Within this watershed the Mississippi River serves a multitude of uses. St. Cloud is the first city along the Mississippi River to obtain its drinking water from this resource. This stretch of the Mississippi River has been designated as a wild and scenic river. The rolling forested bluffs, numerous accesses and rest areas, along with abundant wildlife make this segment of the Mississippi River a popular route for day-long canoe trips. This portion of the river also provides excellent recreational fishing opportunities and is recognized for its high quality smallmouth bass fishing.

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

Phil Votruba

MPCA – North Central Region

7678 College Rd, Suite 105

Baxter, Minnesota 56425

Telephone: (218) 316-3901; or 1-800-657-3864**Fax:** (218) 828-2594**E-mail:** phil.votruba@state.mn.us**TTY** users may call the MPCA teletypewriter at (651) 282-5332 or 1-800-657-3864.

Official Notices

Preliminary Determination on the draft WRAPS and TMDL Reports: The MPCA Commissioner has made a preliminary determination to approve this WRAPS Report and submit this TMDL Report to the EPA for final approval. Suggested changes will be considered before the documents are finalized and the TMDL Report is sent to the EPA for approval.

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

1. A statement of your interest in the draft WRAPS and/or TMDL Reports;
2. A statement of the action you wish the MPCA to take, including specific references to sections of the draft documents 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 Informational Meeting: You also may request that the MPCA Commissioner hold a public informational meeting. A public informational meeting is an informal meeting that may be held to solicit public comment and statements on matters before the MPCA, and help clarify parts of the document and resolve issues. A petition requesting a public informational meeting must include the following information:

1. A statement identifying the matter of concern;
2. The information required under items 1 through 3 of "Written Comments," identified above;
3. A statement of the reasons for holding a public informational meeting; and
4. The issues that you would like addressed at the public informational meeting.

Petition for Contested Case Hearing: You also may submit a petition for a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a formal hearing before an administrative law judge that provides evidence on issues requested to be change. 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 WRAPS and/or TMDL Reports; (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 WRAPS and/or TMDL Reports. 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 Decision: You may submit a petition to the Commissioner requesting that the MPCA Citizens' Board consider the WRAPS and/or TMDL Report approval. To be considered timely, the petition must be received by the MPCA by 4:30 p.m. on the date the public comment period ends, identified on page 1 of this notice. Under the provisions of *Minnesota Statutes* § 116.02, subd 6(4), the decision whether to submit the WRAPS and/or 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 before the time the Commissioner makes a final decision on the TMDL Report; or (3) a timely request for a contested case hearing is 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 WRAPS and TMDL Reports. 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.

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)**Watershed Division****Public Notice of Availability of the Draft North Fork Crow River Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy Report and Request for Comment****Public Comment Period Begins:****October 13, 2014****Public Comment Period Ends:****November 12, 2014**

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is requesting comments on the draft Report for the Draft North Fork Crow River Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy Report (WRAPS). The draft WRAPS Report for North Fork Crow is available for review at:

<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/water/water-types-and-programs/watersheds/north-fork-crow-river.html>.

Following the comments, the MPCA will revise the draft WRAPS Report and submit it to the Commissioner of the MPCA for approval. Comments must be received by the MPCA contact person by the public comment period end date shown above.

Required by the state Clean Water Legacy Act, a WRAPS is a document summarizing scientific studies of a major watershed no larger than a hydrologic unit code 8 including the physical, chemical, and biological assessment of the water quality of the watershed; identification of impairments and water bodies in need of protection; identification of biotic stressors and sources of pollution, both point and nonpoint; Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL's) for the impairments; and an implementation table containing strategies and actions designed to achieve and maintain water quality standards and goals.

The North Fork Crow River is located in central Minnesota, west of the Mississippi River. Portions of eight counties are included in the project area of approximately 950,000 acres. This report summarizes the monitoring, Stressor Identification, and TMDL work that has taken place in the watershed, as well as identifies the strategies necessary to restore and protect the North Fork Crow River watershed. The WRAPS report is a follow up to the North Fork Crow River Watershed TMDL, which went through its own public comment period which closed September of 2014.

It should be noted that the science, analysis and strategy development described in this report began before the accountability provisions were added to the Clean Water Legacy Act in 2013 (*Minnesota Statutes* 114D); thus, this report may not address all of those provisions. When this watershed is revisited (according to the 10-year cycle), the information will be updated according to the statutorily required elements of a Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy Report.

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

1. A statement of your interest in the draft WRAPS report;
2. A statement of the action you wish the MPCA to take, including specific references to sections of the draft WRAPS report that you believe should be changed; and
3. The reasons supporting your position, stated with sufficient specificity as to allow the MPCA Commissioner to investigate the merits of your position.

Written comments on the draft WRAPS report must be sent to the MPCA contact person listed below and received by 4:30 p.m. on, **November 12, 2014**. The MPCA will prepare responses to comments received, make any necessary revisions of the draft WRAPS report and formally approve the WRAPS report.

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

Maggie Leach
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
7678 College Road, Suite 105
Baxter, Minnesota 56425
Phone: (218) 316-3895
Minnesota Toll Free: 1-800-657-3864
Fax: (218) 828-2594

Official Notices

E-mail: margaret.leach@state.mn.us

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

Petition for Public Informational Meeting: You may request that the MPCA Commissioner hold a public informational meeting. A public informational meeting is an informal meeting the MPCA may hold to solicit public comment and statements on matters pertaining to the WRAPS report and process, and to help clarify and resolve issues.

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

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

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

1. There is a material issue of fact in dispute concerning the application or draft WRAPS 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 WRAPS 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 Decision: You may submit a petition to the Commissioner requesting that the MPCA Citizens' Board (Board) consider the WRAPS Report approval. To be considered timely, the petition must be received by the MPCA by 4:30 p.m. on the date the public comment period ends, identified on page 1 of this notice. According to *Minnesota Statutes* § 116.02 subd 6(4), the decision whether to submit the WRAPS 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 before the time the Commissioner makes a final decision on the WRAPS report; or (3) a timely request for a contested case hearing is pending.

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

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

Dated: October 2014

Minnesota Department of Revenue

Official Notice: Cigarette Sales Tax - Rate Change; Cigarette Excise Tax - Rate Change

Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, section 297F.25, the Commissioner of Revenue has determined that the new cigarette sales tax rate will be 52.6 cents per pack of 20 cigarettes. For packs of cigarettes with other than 20 cigarettes, the tax must be adjusted proportionally. This rate is effective for sales on or after January 1, 2015.

Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, section 297F.05, the Commissioner of Revenue has determined that the new excise tax rate will be 145 mills on each cigarette. This rate is effective for sales on or after January 1, 2015.

Publication Date: 17 October 2014

Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT)

Notice to Bidders: Suspensions/Debarments as of September 17, 2014

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MnDOT has ordered that the following vendors be suspended effective July 8, 2014:

- Marlin Dahl, Granada, MN
- Dahl Trucking, Elmore, MN
- Elmore Truck and Trailer, Inc., Elmore, MN

NOTICE OF DEBARMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MnDOT has ordered that the following vendors be debarred for a period of three (3) years, effective May 6, 2013 until May 6, 2016:

- Gary Francis Bauerly and his affiliates, Rice, MN
- Gary Bauerly, LLC and its affiliates, Rice, MN
- Watab Hauling Co. and its affiliates, Rice, MN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MnDOT has ordered that the following vendors be debarred for a period of three (3) years, effective September 17, 2014 until September 17, 2017:

- Jeffrey Plzak and his affiliates, Loretto, MN
- Laurie Plzak and her affiliates, Loretto, MN
- Honda Electric Incorporated and its affiliates, Loretto, MN
- Jeffrey and Laurie Plzak doing business as Honda Electric Logistics, and its affiliates, Loretto, MN

Minnesota Statute section 161.315 prohibits the Commissioner, counties, towns, or home rule or statutory cities from awarding or approving the award of a contract for goods or services to a person who is suspended or debarred, including:

- 1) any contract under which a debarred or suspended person will serve as a subcontractor or material supplier,
- 2) any business or affiliate which the debarred or suspended person exercises substantial influence or control, and
- 3) any business or entity, which is sold or transferred by a debarred person to a relative or any other party over whose actions the debarred person exercises substantial influence or control, remains ineligible during the duration of the seller's or transfer's debarment.

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.

SEE ALSO: Office of Grants Management (OGM) at: <http://www.grants.state.mn.us/public/>

Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) Grants to Assist Women in Entering and Completing Registered Apprenticeship Programs

Notice of Grant Contract(s)

DLI announces the availability of \$250,000 of funding for the labor education advancement program under Minnesota Statutes Section 178.11 to educate, promote, assist and support women to enter registered apprenticeship programs in high-wage, high demand, non-traditional occupations. These funds are authorized under *Minnesota Session Laws of 2014*, Chapter 239, Article 2, Section 9. *Note:* This funding is separate from the funding announced by the Department of Employment and Economic Development in the *State Register*, Volume 39, pages 293-94 (Sept. 2, 2014).

The target audience for services is women age 18 and over who meet the physical and intellectual demands of registered apprenticeship training. DLI seeks proposals in three proposal areas that serve the funding objectives: Outreach, Education and Assessment; Preparation, Instruction and Training; and Placement and Retention. Interested parties may apply for funding in a single proposal area or multiple proposal areas depending on the capacity and skill of the applicant. While matching funds are not required, applicants are encouraged to use leveraged resources.

Eligible applicants must be private nonprofit organizations that are representative of one or more communities or significant segments of communities, and may be entities that provide job training services, serve youth, serve individuals with disabilities, serve displaced homemakers, union-related organizations, employer-related nonprofit organizations, or organizations serving nonreservation Indians and tribal governments.

All tasks under the grant contract(s) must be completed by June 30th, 2016.

Request for Proposals

Download the RFP here: www.dli.mn.gov/ApprGrants.asp

Application Deadline

The deadline for a required statement of intent is 4:00 p.m. Friday, October 31, 2014. To be considered for funding, **proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 26, 2014** at the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, Attention: John Aiken, 443 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul, MN 55155, or by email at: ApprGrants.DLI@state.mn.us

Late proposals will not be considered.

Contact

For more information contact John Aiken by email at ApprGrants.DLI@state.mn.us or by fax: (651) 284-5720.

State Contracts

In addition to the following listing of state contracts, readers are advised to check the Statewide Integrated Financial Tools (SWIFT) Supplier Portal at: <http://supplier.swift.state.mn.us> as well as the Office of Grants Management (OGM) at: <http://www.grants.state.mn.us/public/>

Informal Solicitations: Informal solicitations for professional/technical (consultant) contracts valued at over \$5,000 through \$50,000, may either be advertised in the Supplier Portal (see link above) or posted on the Department of Administration, Materials Management Division's (MMD) Web site at: <http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/solicitations.htm>.

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 advertised in the SWIFT Supplier Portal or alternatively, in the *Minnesota State Register* if the procurement is not being conducted in the SWFT system.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) State Department of Administration (Admin) State Designer Selection Board Project No. 14-08 (RE-SOLICITATION) Notice of Availability of Request for Proposal (RFP) for Designer Selection for St. Cloud State University – Student Health & Academic Renovation

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

A full Request for Proposals is available on the Minnesota Department of Administration's website at <http://mn.gov/admin/government/construction-projects/sdsb/sdsb-projects.jsp> (click 14-08).

Any questions should be directed by e-mail only, to John Frischmann at jmfrischmann@stcloudstate.edu. Project questions will be taken by this individual only. Questions regarding this RFP must be received by **Tuesday, October 14, 2014** no later than **12:00 noon** Central Time.

Proposals must be delivered to Talia Landucci Owen, Executive Secretary, State Designer Selection Board, Real Estate and Construction Services, Room 309, Administration Building, 50 Sherburne Ave., St. Paul, MN 55155, **phone:** (651) 201-2372) not later than **12:00 noon on Monday, October 20, 2014**. Late responses will not be considered.

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

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) Anoka Technical College MnSCU - Anoka Technical College Looking to Find a Qualified Vendor to Provide Plowing, Snow Removal and Salting Services for 2-4 Years

Sealed bids will be accepted until 2:00 PM on Monday, October 27, 2014. All bids must be submitted in writing to the Business Office of Anoka Technical College located at 1355 W Highway 10, Anoka MN 55303. Bids received after 2:00 pm on 10/27/14 will not be accepted and will be returned unopened.

To obtain a detailed specification including all required options please send an email to purchasing@anokatech.edu

This request for bids does not obligate the Minnesota State College and University System (MNSCU) to make the purchase and

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MNSCU reserves the right to cancel this solicitation. All expenses incurred in response to this notice are the responsibility of the responder.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU)

Board of Trustees

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Construction Manager at Risk (Cm@R)

Services for Staples Campus Rightsizing Renovation Project, Central Lakes College, Staples, Minnesota

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 Central Lakes College (CLC), is soliciting applications for Construction Manager at Risk (Cm@R) Services for the design and construction of the Staples Campus Rightsizing Renovation Project. The services will proceed through all phases of design (schematic design, design development and construction documentation) and will proceed with construction phase. Construction cost is anticipated to be approximately \$2,596,000.

To review the complete RFP documents see: <http://finance.mnscu.edu/facilities/design-construction/announcements/>

There will be a Mandatory Information Meeting/Site Visit on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 1 pm CST in Room B103, Central Lakes College, Staples Campus, 1830 Airport Road, Staples, MN 56479.

A question and answer period is specified and answers will be posted by addendum. Questions must be e-mailed only to Kari Christiansen, e-mail: kchristiansen@clcmn.edu no later than 4:00 pm CST on Thursday, October 23, 2014. Answers will be posted via Addendum no later than 4:00 pm CST on Monday, October 27, 2014.

Responses must be received in the building and at the room as noted in the RFQ document no later than Thursday, October 30, 2014 at 2:30 pm CST.

Minnesota Board of Dentistry

Notice of Availability of Contract for Computer-Based Professional License Examinations Vendor

The State intends to contract with a vendor (hereafter referred to as the Contractor) to develop and administer proctored, computer-based examinations to qualified candidates. The State will expect the Contractor to administer examinations at assessment centers operated by the Contractor, or at equally secure centers available for the Contractor's use. The State estimates that the Contractor will administer approximately 860 jurisprudence examinations and 400 licensure examinations per year. If the Contractor intends to partner with another firm to separate the examination development from the administration of the exam, details of that partnership must be clearly outlined in the proposal(s).

The Contractor will charge fees directly to examination candidates. Revenue from the fees will fund all aspects of the Contractor's work, including examination development, examination administration, reporting, operations, and examination maintenance. The Contractor's examination fees will be set by the contract. With respect to additional tasks and services proposed by the Contractor, the State may choose to pay the Contractor directly, or authorize the Contractor to recover costs through fees.

The contract is expected to run from November 7, 2014 through June 30, 2016, with an option to extend up to one additional year in increments determined by the State. The November 7, 2014 effective date assumes that the Contractor will have the existing computer-based examinations available for candidates by March 1, 2015. The contract will require that by October 1, 2015 the Contractor will have developed sufficient numbers of test items such that pools of questions of satisfaction to the State for the examinations will be integrated into the exam for randomized selection.

A Request for Proposals will be available by e-mail from this office through September 29, 2014. The Request for Proposals can be obtained from:

Minnesota Board of Dentistry
Attn: Sheryl Herrick
2829 University Ave SE, Suite 450
Minneapolis, MN 55414
Phone: (612) 548-2123
Fax: (612) 617-2260
E-mail: Sheryl.Herrick@state.mn.us

The RFP will also be posted on the Board's website (www.dentalboard.state.mn.us) throughout the submission period.

Proposals submitted in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received at the postal or e-mail address above no later than 3:30 p.m., Central Time, Monday, October 20, 2014. **Late 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 Department of Education (MDE)

Notice of Request for Proposals for a Qualified Responder to Provide Analysis of Data Collected through Minnesota's School Readiness Pilot Study

The goal of the work requested by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) is to determine the equivalency between four piloted assessment tools to one another. To do this, the contractor will design and implement an analysis plan. This phase of analysis will build on work completed in September 2014 which explored the alignment between assessment instruments and learning/academic standards. The Office of Early Learning will use the findings from this contract to provide recommendations for future iterations of the Minnesota School Readiness Study.

Work is proposed to start December 1, 2014 and continue through September 30, 2015. The department estimates that the project will cost \$60,000. Question and answer due dates are identified in the full request for proposal.

The Request for Proposal can be obtained by sending an email to the person below:

Amanda Varley
Early Learning Services, P35
1500 Hwy 36W
Roseville, MN 55113
E-mail: Amanda.Varley@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 the due date specified in the RFP. They are to be sent in no later than Monday, October 27, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. Central Time with one original and five copies to:

Faye Lovell, Review Coordinator
Department of Education
1500 Highway 36 West, K21
Roseville, MN 55113-4266
Phone: (651) 582-8402 (FedEx purposes only)

Late proposals will **NOT** be considered. Fax or e-mailed proposals will **NOT** be considered.

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

State Contracts

Legislative Branch

Minnesota House of Representatives

Minnesota Senate

Requests for Bids for Printing the Members Directory of the Minnesota Legislature

The Minnesota House of Representatives and the Minnesota Senate are seeking bids from qualified printers to provide printing services for the Members Directory of the Minnesota Legislature.

The size of the publication will be 4" x 6". The Members Directory of the Minnesota Legislature will contain approximately 216 pages plus cover.

All bids must be submitted on the forms accompanying the specifications in a sealed envelope and delivered to 175 State Office Building, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155-1298 no later than October 27, 2014 at 2 p.m. Bid submittals will be opened publicly on that date and time.

A copy of the Request for Bid packet can be obtained by contacting: Paul Battaglia, 175 State Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-1298, phone: (651) 296-8904, e-mail: Paul.Battaglia@house.mn.

Other department personnel are **NOT** allowed to discuss the Request for Bid with anyone, including responders, before the proposal submission deadline.

Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS)

Notice of Request for Vendor to Provide Technical Assistance in the Upcoming Migration of Data to a New Platform

Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS) seeks a single Vendor to provide technical assistance in the upcoming migration of MSRS' Java Enterprise Edition (JEE) applications ("Aurora System") to a new Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS) host. The Aurora System is currently hosted by Minnesota Office of Enterprise Technology (MN.IT).

The selected Vendor will provide technical assistance, including:

1. Review and recommend changes to the MSRS-prepared Gap Analysis between the Current Aurora System and its Planned Aurora System
2. Assist in developing business and technical requirements for an RFP ("PaaS-selection RFP") to obtain a PaaS host provider
3. Serve as Project Manager to the Migration Project, but with hands-on role in the actual implementation- and post-implementation tasks
4. Integrate security tasks throughout the Migration Project

MSRS seeks a Vendor firm with experience migrating JEE applications between PaaS hosts; additionally, the Vendor will require experience migrating DB2 databases, establishing business-to-business communications (such as secure network communications), experience with WebSphere configuration, and extensive project-management experience.

The Vendor should also have experience defining business and technical specifications in RFPs to select hosting service providers. The Vendor may be asked to provide technical assistance to MSRS in analyzing responses from PaaS hosts. Because the PaaS-selection RFP will likely take at least 3 – 5 months to conclude before the actual migration can take place, there may be a significant gap in work tasks for the selected Vendor during the posting and review of that RFP.

The Vendor will lead the conversion process in cooperation with MSRS, MN.IT, and the selected PaaS host, provide project-management leadership, and mentor MSRS staff in establishing a productive relationship with the selected PaaS host.

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Note: The firm selected to provide technical assistance under this RFP may not be considered under any forthcoming PaaS-selection RFP.

The term of this contract is expected to run from **December 2014** to **December 31, 2015**.

To receive a copy of this RFP, send a request via e-mail (in subject line: "RFP21") to:

Daniel McLean, Contract Administrator
Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS)
E-mail: daniel.mclean@msrs.us

Proposals submitted in response to this RFP must be received by email at the email address above no later than **November 3, 2014**. Late proposals and proposals received any way other than email 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.

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

Minnesota Statutes, Section 354.06, subd. 1 provides that the election of active and retired representatives of the TRA Board of Trustees must be chosen by ballot in a manner fixed by the Board of Trustees. The main duty under the proposed contract is to provide election administration services for the TRA active member election. The candidates with the highest two vote totals will serve on the TRA Board of Trustees. The newly elected board representatives will begin four-year terms on July 1, 2015.

Detailed requirements for responding to this Request for Proposal (RFP) are posted on the TRA web site (www.minnesotatra.org) or may be requested by writing by email or letter:

John Wicklund, Assistant Executive Director-Administration
Minnesota Teachers Retirement Association
60 Empire Drive, Suite 400
Saint Paul, MN 55103-4000
E-mail: jwicklund@minnesotatra.org

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

All proposals must be received by Monday November 3, 2014 by 2:30 p.m. Central Standard Time by:

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

Staff of the Minnesota Teachers Retirement Association will evaluate all proposals received by the deadline. Action on this RFP is expected to be completed by November 20, 2014.

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Minnesota 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 Kelly Arneson at (651) 366-4774; for persons who are hearing or speech impaired by calling Minnesota Relay Service at (800) 627-3529.

Mn/DOT, worked in conjunction with the Consultant Reform Committee, the American Council of Engineering Companies of Minnesota (ACEC/MN), and the Department of Administration, to develop the Consultant Pre-Qualification Program as a new method of consultant selection. The ultimate goal of the Pre-Qualification Program is to streamline the process of contracting for highway related professional/technical services. Mn/DOT awards most of its consultant contracts for highway-related technical activities using this method, however, Mn/DOT also reserves the right to use Request for Proposal (RFP) or other selection processes for particular projects.

Nothing in this solicitation requires Mn/DOT to use the Consultant Pre-Qualification Program.

Mn/DOT is currently requesting applications from consultants. Refer to Mn/DOT’s Consultant Services web site, indicated below, to 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:

Kelly Arneson
Consultant Services
Office of Technical Support
Minnesota Department of Transportation
395 John Ireland Blvd. - Mail Stop 680
St. Paul, MN 55155

Minnesota 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.

Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) Request for Proposals (RFP) for Solar Array Installation and Lease

In 2007, the Minnesota Legislature enacted *Minnesota Statutes* Ch. 216H, which requires a state plan to work toward the reduction of greenhouse gasses. MnDOT has authority under *Minnesota Statutes* Sec. 161.433 to lease highway right of way owned in fee where the use of the property will not impair or interfere with the use and safety of the highway. This pilot project will explore opportunities and risks, including legislative barriers that may exist, of leveraging highway right of way assets for alternative uses, specifically solar panel technologies.

MnDOT requests responses for an entity to enter into a lease agreement for the installation of a solar array on right-of-way land where such use will not impair or interfere with the use and safety of the highway. The proposed solar installations must be one (1) megawatt or greater in size. The rental for the property used must be a market-based fair rental rate as required by State statute.

The goal of this project is to lease one or more sites for the purposes of: 1) demonstrating the feasibility of using MnDOT right of way for solar power generation; and 2) developing criteria for selecting and using right of way for the purpose of installing one (1) megawatt or greater solar arrays.

Responses to this advertisement become public information under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. This request does not obligate MnDOT to complete the work contemplated in this notice, and MnDOT reserves the right to cancel this RFP. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice shall be borne by the responder.

The full RFP can be viewed on the Consultant Services Web Page at www.dot.state.mn.us/consult under the P/T Notices Section. If you have any questions regarding this advertisement, or are having problems viewing the RFP on the Consultant Services Web Page, you may contact:

Ryan Gaulke, Contract Administrator
E-mail: ryan.gaulke@state.mn.us
Telephone: (651) 366-3057

Note: THIS RFP WILL BE CONDUCTED IN TWO STAGES. STAGE I RESPONSES WILL BE DUE ON NOVEMBER 3, AT 2:00PM CENTRAL STANDARD TIME.

Non-State Public Bids, Contracts & Grants

The *State Register* also serves as a central marketplace for contracts let out on bid by the public sector. The *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.

Besides the following listing, readers are advised to check: <http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/solicitations.htm> as well as the Office of Grants Management (OGM) at: <http://www.grants.state.mn.us/public/>.

Dakota County, Minnesota

Notice of Request for Sealed Proposals for an Information Technology Strategic Plan Focusing on the Community Services Division

Dakota County Community Services Division (County), in partnership with the Department of Information Technology, is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified consultants to provide an Information Technology Strategic Plan for Dakota County focusing on the Community Services Division.

This contracted position will work to establish an I.T. strategic direction, including identifying new technology opportunities for optimal services delivery and to enhance and optimize the customer experience. The focus is on the Community Services Division, but the higher level direction should be relevant county-wide.

This involves leveraging technology to further the Dakota County Community Services Value Curve and Integrated Service Delivery Model strategic direction, which supports greater community, partner, and customer engagement and joint decision making, as well as, identifying opportunities for administrative simplification and efficiencies that support integrated service delivery, technology modernization, and enhanced business workflow across the Community Services division.

The preferred vendor is expected to have experience and competence in developing information technology strategic plans. The experience and competence should include business systems along with supporting technical infrastructure. The successful vendor is also expected to have significant experience with public sector clients that are both larger and smaller than Dakota County.

It is anticipated that work associated with this project will begin in first quarter, 2015.

The complete RFP and supporting documentation is available at:

<http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Government/DoingBusiness/BidProposalsInformation/Pages/default.aspx>

To learn more about Dakota County visit our website at: www.dakotacounty.us

Questions regarding this RFP will be accepted by Carla Skog by phone, (651) 554-5807 or e-mail at: carla.skog@co.dakota.mn.us. A Proposer's Conference will be held on Monday, October 27, 2014 from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in Conference Room 370 (3rd floor), at the Dakota County Northern Service Center, located at 1 Mendota Rd. W., West St. Paul, MN 55118. No questions will be accepted after the Proposer's Conference has been completed.

The deadline for proposals is 12:00 noon, (CST) on Friday, November 7, 2014. Late or incomplete proposals may not be accepted.

Non-State Public Bids, Contracts & Grants

Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC)

Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport

Notice of Call for Bids for 2014 Public Seating Replacement

MAC Contract No.:

106-2-746

Bids Close At:

2:00 p.m., October 21, 2014

Notice to Contractors: Sealed Bid Proposals for the project listed above will be received by the MAC, a public corporation, at the office thereof located at 6040 - 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55450, until the date and hour indicated. The work consists of General and Electrical remodeling work as well as receipt, assembly, and installation of Owner-purchased seating.

Targeted Group Businesses (TGB): The goal of the MAC for the utilization of TGB on this project is 6%.

Bid Security: Each bid shall be accompanied by a "Bid Security" in the form of a certified check made payable to the MAC in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, or a surety bond in the same amount, running to the MAC, with the surety company thereon duly authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota.

Availability of Bidding Documents: Bidding documents are on file for inspection at the office of Architectural Alliance, at the Minnesota Builders Exchange; McGraw Hill Construction; and NAMC-UM Plan Room. Bidders desiring bidding documents may secure a complete set from: Franz Reprographics; 2781 Freeway Boulevard, Suite 100; Brooklyn Center, MN, 55430; **phone:** (763) 503-3401; **fax:** (763) 503-3409. Make checks payable to: Architectural Alliance. Deposit per set (refundable): \$150. Requests for mailing sets will be invoiced for mailing charges. Deposit will be refunded upon return of bidding documents in good condition within 10 days of opening of bids.

MAC Internet Access of Additional Information: A comprehensive Notice of Call for Bids for this project will be available on October 6, 2014, at MAC's web address of <http://www.metroairports.org/Airport-Authority/Business-Opportunities/Solicitations.aspx> (construction bids.)

Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC)

Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport

Notice of Call for Bids for 2014 Restroom Upgrade Program

MAC Contract No.:

106-2-721

Bids Close At:

2:00 p.m., October 21, 2014

Notice to Contractors: Sealed Bid Proposals for the project listed above will be received by the MAC, a public corporation, at the office thereof located at 6040 - 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55450, until the date and hour indicated. The work consists of General, Mechanical, and Electrical remodeling work on the C and E Concourses and in the main terminal.

Targeted Group Businesses (TGB): The goal of the MAC for the utilization of TGB on this project is 5%.

Bid Security: Each bid shall be accompanied by a "Bid Security" in the form of a certified check made payable to the MAC in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, or a surety bond in the same amount, running to the MAC, with the surety company thereon duly authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota.

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