

## CHAPTER 216C

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE; ENERGY  
DIVISION

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**216C.01 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** The definitions in this section apply to section 216C.02 and those sections renumbered by Laws 1987, chapter 312, article 1, section 10.

Subd. 2. **Director.** "Director" means the director of the department of public service.

Subd. 3. **Department.** "Department" means the department of public service.

*History: 1987 c 312 art 1 s 7*

**216C.02 POWERS AND DUTIES OF DIRECTOR; RULES.**

Subdivision 1. **Powers.** The director may:

(1) apply for, receive, and spend money received from federal, municipal, county, regional, and other government agencies and private sources;

(2) apply for, accept, and disburse grants and other aids from public and private sources;

(3) contract for professional services if work or services required or authorized to be carried out by the director cannot be satisfactorily performed by employees of the department or by another state agency;

(4) enter into interstate compacts to carry out research and planning jointly with other states or the federal government when appropriate;

(5) upon reasonable request, distribute informational material at no cost to the public; and

(6) enter into contracts for the performance of the director's duties with federal, state, regional, metropolitan, local, and other agencies or units of government and educational institutions, including the University of Minnesota, without regard to the competitive bidding requirements of chapters 16A and 16B.

Subd. 2. **Appropriation.** Money received by the director under this section must be deposited in the state treasury and is appropriated to the director for the purpose for which the money has been received. The money appropriated by this subdivision does not cancel and is available until expended. This appropriation does not apply to money resulting from litigation or settlements of alleged violations of federal petroleum pricing regulations.

Subd. 3. **Rules.** The director may adopt rules under chapter 14 to carry out the director's duties and responsibilities under this section and those sections renumbered by Laws 1987, chapter 312, article 1, section 10.

*History: 1987 c 312 art 1 s 8*