

CHAPTER 216D

ONE CALL EXCAVATION NOTICE SYSTEM

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216D.03 NOTIFICATION CENTER.*[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1996]*

Subd. 2. Establishment of notification center; rules. (a) The notification center services must be provided by a nonprofit corporation approved in writing by the commissioner. The nonprofit corporation must be governed by a board of directors of up to 20 members, one of whom is the director of the office of pipeline safety. The other board members must represent and be elected by operators, excavators, and other persons eligible to participate in the center. In deciding to approve a nonprofit corporation, the commissioner shall consider whether it meets the requirements of this paragraph and whether it demonstrates that it has the ability to contract for and implement the notification center service.

(b) The commissioner shall adopt rules:

(1) establishing a notification process and competitive bidding procedure for selecting a vendor to provide the notification service;

(2) governing the operating procedures and technology needed for a statewide notification center; and

(3) setting forth the method for assessing the cost of the service among operators.

(c) The commissioner shall select a vendor to provide the notification center service. The commissioner may advertise for bids as provided in section 16B.07, subdivision 3, and base the selection of a vendor on an identification of the lowest responsible bidder as provided in section 16B.09, subdivision 1. The commissioner shall select and contract with the vendor to provide the notification center service, but all costs of the center must be paid by the operators. The commissioner may at any time appoint a task force to advise on the renewal of the contract or any other matter involving the center's operations.

(d) An operator may submit a bid and be selected to contract to provide the notification center service under paragraph (a) or (c). The commissioner shall annually review the services provided by the nonprofit corporation approved under paragraph (a) or the vendor selected under paragraph (c).

*[For text of subds 3 and 4, see M.S.1996]***History:** 1997 c 187 art 1 s 15**216D.04 EXCAVATION.***[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1996]*

Subd. 1a. Plans for excavation. (a) Any person, prior to soliciting bids or entering into a contract for excavation, shall provide a proposed excavation request to the notification center to obtain from the affected operators of underground facilities the type, size, and general location of underground facilities. Affected operators shall provide the information within 15 working days. An operator who provides information to a person who is not a unit of government may indicate any portions of the information which are proprietary and may require the person to provide appropriate confidentiality protection. The information obtained from affected operators must be submitted with the final drawing used for the bid or contract. This information must be obtained not more than 90 days before completion of the final drawing used for the bid or contract.

(b) This subdivision does not apply to bids and contracts for:

(1) routine maintenance of underground facilities or installation, maintenance, or repair of service lines;

(2) excavation for operators of underground facilities performed on a unit of work or similar basis; or

(3) excavation for home construction and projects by homeowners.

(c) This subdivision does not affect the obligation to provide a notice of excavation as required under subdivision 1.

[For text of subds 2 and 3, see M.S.1996]

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