16B.30 GENERAL AUTHORITY.

(a) Subject to other provisions in this chapter, the commissioner shall supervise and control the making of all contracts for the construction of buildings and for other capital improvements to state buildings and structures, other than buildings and structures under the control of the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c), a state agency may not undertake improvements of a capital nature without specific legislative authority.

(b) Specific legislative authority is not required for repairs or minor capital projects financed with operating appropriations or agency receipts that:

(1) are undertaken for asset preservation or code compliance purposes; or

(2) do not materially increase the net square footage of a facility; and in either case

(3) do not materially increase the cost of agency programs.

(c) Unless the commissioner determines that an urgency exists, the commissioner of an agency undertaking a project with a cost in excess of $50,000 pursuant to paragraph (b) shall notify the chairs of the senate Finance Committee, the house of representatives Capital Investment Committee, the house of representatives Ways and Means Committee, the appropriate house of representatives and senate finance divisions, and the director of the Legislative Coordinating Commission prior to incurring any contractual obligation with regard to the project. Any agency undertaking any project pursuant to this paragraph during fiscal year 1999 must report all such projects to the legislature by January 1, 2000.

History: *1984 c 544 s 35; 1992 c 558 s 34; 1996 c 395 s 18; 1996 c 457 s 5; 1998 c 404 s 33; 1999 c 240 art 1 s 16*