

FACT SHEET | State Government at the Speed of Business

An Opportunity Agenda for a Better Minnesota

Minnesotans expect and deserve a government that is accountable to hardworking taxpayers, and works at the speed of business to deliver the services people expect. Governor Dayton has worked for years to make Minnesota government work better, by clearing out and cleaning up outdated laws that make government more complicated, cutting down on the red tape and paperwork that gets in the way of everyday life, and ensuring Minnesota state government is responsive to the people it serves. This year, Governor Dayton's Opportunity Agenda will continue to improve customer service, protect your data, and secure a strong financial future for our state.

A Fair and Balanced Budget

- **A Strong Financial Future** – When Governor Dayton took office in 2011, the state faced a \$6 billion budget deficit inherited from the last Administration. Thanks to Governor Dayton's smart fiscal management, Minnesota now has \$1.4 billion on its bottom line and stable savings to protect our state against future economic downturns. Minnesotans know that you cannot run a business or support a family if you are spending more than you have. They rightfully expect state government to be held accountable to those same standards. Governor Dayton is committed to keeping Minnesota's budget balanced.
- **Reforms that Save Taxpayer Money** – Since taking office, Governor Dayton has held state government accountable for how it spends taxpayer money. For example, the Dayton Administration changed the way the state pays for managed care, increasing competition and saving taxpayers over \$1 billion; Governor Dayton reformed Medicaid, saving taxpayers \$156 million over three years; and the state's budget agency has saved hardworking taxpayers more than \$132 million by refinancing bonds.

Accountable Government, Excellent Customer Service

- **Accountable, Efficient Spending** – Governor Dayton's Opportunity Agenda would invest \$10 million to maintain and upgrade Minnesota's e-procurement system so it is a more accountable, accessible system to manage the way government spends taxpayer money. This system will make government spending more accountable, make it easier for more Minnesotans to access opportunities to partner with the state, and cut down on customer and government time, meaning quicker service and less time spent processing forms.

Cybersecurity Reforms

- **21st Century Digital Infrastructure** – Imagine using the first-ever Macintosh computer – released over 30 years ago – to send email, find a job, or do your daily work. It sounds crazy, but a lot of Minnesota's IT infrastructure is that old, and it is tasked with processing customer service requests for Minnesotans, hosting information online in an accessible, accountable way, and supporting the work of state government. Governor Dayton wants to invest \$51 million to begin the investments necessary for a modern digital infrastructure to ensure Minnesota state government works at the speed of business.
- **Strong Cybersecurity Defenses** – Everyday, Minnesota state government is subjected to millions of cyberattacks that attempt to interfere with state government or illegally access your private information. Thanks to Minnesota's team of cybersecurity experts, these attempts have been identified and prevented – so far. But as our world grows more connected, our systems need updating to ensure that Minnesotans' private data is safe and secure. That's why Governor Dayton wants to invest \$74 million to reform our information technology infrastructure and ensure it's up-to-date, safe, and secure.