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### **Department of Natural Resources**

# Errata Notice Regarding the Notice of Intent to Adopt Expedited Rules Without a Public Hearing for the Proposed Expedited Permanent Rule: Northern Pike Regulation

Regarding the Notice of Intent to Adopt Expedited Rules Without a Public Hearing for the Proposed Expedited Permanent Rule: Northern Pike Regulation published in the Proposed Rules section of the State Register at 41 SR 417 on 3 October 2016.

The notice of intent contained an incorrect web link to additional background information. The correct web link is *http://www.mndnr.gov/pike*.

# **Revenue Notices**

The Department of Revenue began issuing Revenue Notices in July of 1991. Revenue Notices are statements of policy made by the department that provide interpretation, detail, or supplementary information concerning a particular statute, rule, or departmental practice. The authority to issue Revenue Notices is found in *Minnesota Statutes*, Section 270C.07. **KEY:** Underlining indicates additions to existing language. Strikeouts

### **Minnesota Department of Revenue**

### Revenue Notice # 16-06: Administration and Compliance – Subpoenas – Reimbursement of Third-Party Record Keepers' Reasonable Costs; Revoking Revenue Notice # 04-06

### Introduction

*Minnesota Statutes*, section 270C.32, subdivision 9, provides that when the Commissioner of Revenue serves a subpoena for records upon an uninvolved third party ". . . the commissioner shall pay the reasonable costs of producing the records." The purpose of this revenue notice is to set forth which costs the Department of Revenue considers to be reasonable for purposes of reimbursing a third-party record keeper for the costs of furnishing subpoenaed records. This notice revokes and replaces Revenue Notice # 04-06 in order to reorganize it for better readability, provide greater specificity with regard to what costs may be reimbursed, revise the compensation rate for document production work, and address reimbursement of reasonable costs for records that are provided electronically.

### **Department Position**

### I. General

A. The commissioner will reimburse the reasonable cost of producing records, meaning the costs for search and retrieval, production, and delivery or transportation of the documents or other requested information, as defined in sections II, III, and IV below.

B. The "reasonable cost of producing records" does not include salaries, fees, or similar charges for analysis of responsive materials, nor does it include charges for time spent for managerial or legal oversight, advice, expertise, or research in connection with producing the records. The commissioner will not reimburse these costs.

C. To receive reimbursement, the third-party record keeper must satisfactorily comply with the subpoena and submit supporting documentation to the commissioner with an invoice separately identifying all of the reasonable costs associated with producing the subpoenaed records.

D. A third-party record keeper must obtain the commissioner's prior consent if the third-party record keeper expects that the total reasonable cost of producing the subpoenaed records will exceed \$250.00.

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#### II. Search and Retrieval Costs

The reasonable cost for the time the third-party record keeper spends locating and retrieving documents or other requested information is \$12 per hour. If it is necessary for the third-party record keeper to hire outside help to locate or retrieve the requested information, the commissioner will reimburse the third party up to \$12 per hour, not to exceed the actual cost incurred.

#### **III.** Production Costs

#### A. Electronic Production

The reasonable cost for documents that are produced electronically, whether via portable media (such as a CD-ROM or flash drive) or by secure online delivery (e.g., temporary access to a secure network server) is the lesser of: (1) the actual cost of such electronic media or network access plus \$12 per hour of time spent preparing, converting, or scanning the documents, if itemized separately; or (2) 25 cents per page or page equivalent (based on the number of letter-sized pages that could be printed from each of the documents in the electronic file).

#### **B.** Physical Production

The reasonable cost for documents that are reproduced as photocopies or duplicates on paper is 25 cents per page, regardless of the size of the page. The \$12 per hour rate specified above for locating and retrieving records does not include any time spent making or assembling physical copies because those costs are included in the photocopying rate of 25 cents per page.

The reasonable cost for producing photographs, film, and other items that cannot be effectively reproduced electronically or on ordinary copy paper is the actual cost of duplicating such items.

#### **IV.** Transportation Costs

Costs associated with transporting necessary people to locate and retrieve subpoenaed records or information from a location separate from the third-party record keeper's place of business will be reimbursed based on the mileage rate set by the Internal Revenue Service for the time period in which the travel takes place. The third-party record keeper's "place of business," for mileage purposes, is the primary work location of the person sent to retrieve the records. The time in transit spent by necessary persons will be reimbursed at the \$12 per hour rate, but this time does not include rest breaks, meals, or any incidental stops or delays.

The reasonable cost for transporting the requested records, either to the requestor's address or to a specified location, is the actual cost of sending the records by standard first class mail. Other methods of transportation may be used if prior authorization is obtained from the commissioner.

### **Minnesota Department of Revenue** Revenue Notice # 16-07: Sales and Use Tax – Exemptions – Qualified Data Centers; Revocation of Revenue Notice # 12-11

#### Introduction

This Revenue Notice sets out the department's positions regarding the sales tax exemptions under *Minnesota Statutes*, section 297A.68, subdivision 42, for certain purchases for use in a "qualified data center," under the law as amended in 2013 and clarified in 2014. Terms and phrases with quotation marks are as used in section 297A.68, subdivision 42, unless indicated otherwise. This Revenue Notice replaces and revokes Revenue Notice # 12-11.

This notice states below that the exemptions apply to purchases made by a qualifying facility after June 30, 2013. However, if a qualified facility has met the investment and square footage criteria under the 2011 law, then the exemption applies to eligible purchases made after June 30, 2012. Aside from the different exemption date available for purchases, and the different investment criteria and square footage criteria, positions set out in this notice apply equally to facilities qualifying under 2011 law.

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#### I. Enterprise Information Technology Equipment, Software, and Electricity Exemptions

The sales tax exemptions apply to the following purchases made after June 30, 2013:

(1) Purchases of "enterprise information technology equipment and computer software," including replacements and upgrades, for use in a "qualified data center, or a qualified refurbished data center" (each center hereafter will be referred to as either a "facility" or a "qualified facility").

The purchaser of exempt equipment and software must first pay the sales tax, and then once the facility is certified by Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) as a qualified facility (as described below), the "owner of the qualifying business" may apply for a refund of the sales tax paid on the purchases, within 3-1/2 years from the invoice date. If the tax was paid by a contractor, subcontractor, or builder, then that person must furnish to the owner of the qualifying business a statement which includes "the cost of the exempt items and the taxes paid on the items," so that the owner may apply for the refund. See *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 297A.75, 289A.40, and 289A.50.

(2) Purchases of electricity used or consumed in the operation of the qualified facility, upon providing a fully completed exemption certificate, Form ST3, to the purchaser's utility provider.

To qualify for the exemptions, the facility must be used to house "enterprise information technology equipment" (as defined in *Minnesota Statutes*, section 297A.68, subdivision 42); must have met the stated investment threshold and the required square footage; and must have "(i) uninterruptible power supplies, generator backup power, or both; (ii) sophisticated fire suppression and prevention systems; and (iii) enhanced security."

The exemptions end either 20 years from the date of the first purchase of enterprise information technology equipment and computer software for use in a qualified facility, or by July 1, 2042, whichever is earlier.

#### II. DEED Certifies that Investment and Square Footage Requirements are Met

DEED certifies to the Department of Revenue when a facility qualifies for the exemptions by meeting the investment thresholds and square footage requirements. DEED will look at the total costs of construction or refurbishment, enterprise information technology equipment, and supporting computer software, to determine if the investment threshold is met. Only purchases made after June 30, 2012, count toward the qualifying investment threshold and period, except that costs for computer software maintenance agreements purchased before July 1, 2013, are not includable.

The square footage criteria for a qualified facility is as follows:

(1) For either a facility that has been constructed or an existing facility that has been "substantially refurbished," the facility must be located on a single parcel or on contiguous parcels, and be comprised of one or more buildings with a combined square footage of at least 25,000 square feet.

(2) For a "substantially refurbished" facility at least 25,000 square feet of the facility must have been rebuilt or modified. "Substantially refurbished" means an existing facility has been rebuilt or modified, including installation of enterprise information technology equipment, environmental control, computer software, energy efficiency improvements, or building improvements.

(3) The facility may include the square footage of the following spaces or facilities as long as they support the operation of the enterprise information technology equipment: office or meeting spaces, and mechanical and other support facilities.

The investment criteria for a qualified facility are as follows:

- (1) For a constructed facility, a \$30,000,000 investment within a 48-month period.
- (2) For a "substantially refurbished" facility, a \$50,000,000 investment within a 24-month period.

#### **Department Position**

#### I. Investment Cost and Period; Qualities and Square Footage

A. In determining if the dollar threshold has been met within the investment period, only the following are included:

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construction and refurbishment costs incurred after June 30, 2012, purchases of enterprise information technology equipment and computer software made after June 30, 2012, and purchases of computer software maintenance agreements made after June 30, 2013.

B. The months of the investment period must be consecutive months.

C. The cost of land acquisition, if any, is not included in meeting the dollar threshold.

D. A qualified facility may include one or more businesses using enterprise information technology equipment. If more than one business using enterprise information technology equipment is located at the facility, either as co-owners or tenants of the building or buildings that constitute the facility, the following applies:

1. Their combined total cost of construction or refurbishment, investment in enterprise information technology equipment, and of computer software must meet the dollar threshold within the corresponding investment period: \$30,000,000 within a 48-month period for a constructed facility; and \$50,000,000 within a 24-month period for a "substantially refurbished" facility.

2. The investment period for all co-owners or tenants begins when the initial purchase and investment is made by any of the co-owners or tenants.

E. The square footage must be documented and the computation of the square footage must follow industry standards.

F. Mechanical and other support facilities are "in support of the operation of the enterprise information technology equipment" if their function is to control, direct, maintain, manage, monitor, regulate or service the enterprise information technology equipment, or to allow staff to carry out these functions. If so, their square footage may be included to determine if the facility meets the minimum square footage criteria.

G. Office or meeting spaces are "in support of the operation of the enterprise information technology equipment" if their function is to allow staff to control, direct, maintain, manage, monitor, regulate, or service the enterprise information technology equipment, or to provide training, discussions, performance evaluation and enhancement, and other similar activities to ensure the optimum operation of the enterprise information technology equipment. If so, their square footage may be included to determine if the facility meets the minimum square footage criteria.

### II. Purchases of Items that Meet Investment Thresholds or are Used within Spaces that Support the Operation are not Automatically Exempt

A. Costs of enterprise information technology equipment and software purchased after June 30, 2012, will count toward meeting the investment threshold (except that software maintenance agreements must be purchased after June 30, 2013), but to qualify for the exemption they must be purchased after June 30, 2013.

B. Costs of constructing or refurbishing a facility will count toward meeting the investment threshold, but the items used in the construction or refurbishment of a facility do not qualify for the exemption unless they are enterprise information technology equipment and software and are purchased after June 30, 2013.

C. Office or meeting spaces that support the operation of the enterprise information technology equipment will count toward meeting the square footage requirement, but the purchases of furniture and equipment used in the office or meeting spaces (e.g., tables, chairs, and photocopiers) do not qualify for the exemption.

#### **III.** Substantially Refurbished

A. The terminology "refurbished" and "rebuilt or modified" both mean that the facility has been repaired, remodeled, or altered. This refurbishment may include, but is not limited to, upgrading, expanding, or retrofitting enterprise information technology equipment and its supporting infrastructure and systems, as well as significant interior or exterior structural modification.

B. Making cosmetic changes to the interior or exterior appearance of a building (e.g., painting office space walls) does not constitute a "substantially refurbished" facility or a "building improvement." Space which has been changed cosmetically and has not otherwise been repaired, remodeled or altered will not be included in the minimum square footage for determining if the facility has been substantially refurbished.

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#### **IV. Electricity Exemption**

A. Electricity used or consumed in operation of the facility is exempt once the facility is certified by DEED as a qualified facility, and not before.

B. Once a facility is qualified, electricity that is used or consumed in the operation of a qualified facility, is exempt from sales tax to the extent it is used as follows:

1. To operate "(i) uninterruptible power supplies, generator backup power, or both; (ii) sophisticated fire suppression and prevention systems; and (iii) enhanced security";

2. To operate enterprise information technology equipment; or

3. As used in office and meeting spaces, and mechanical and other support facilities, to support the operation of the enterprise information technology equipment in the facility.

C. Once a facility is certified by DEED as a qualified facility, any business that pays for the electricity used or consumed in the operation of the qualified facility may purchase it exempt from sales tax, and is not itself required to be a qualified facility.

D. While the use of separate meters that solely measure the electricity for qualifying uses and spaces is preferable, the department will accept a valid energy audit conducted by a qualified energy audit engineer or consultant, or other reasonable methods, to determine the portion of the total electricity that is used for qualifying uses and spaces at the qualified facility.

E. When the business provides a fully completed exemption certificate, Form ST3, to its utility provider, it must indicate on the form the percentage of the total electricity in the qualified facility that qualifies for the exemption.

F. The sales tax exemption for electricity does not apply to other utilities. Services other than electricity—for example, natural gas, water, or telecommunications services—are not included in this exemption.

G. The Department will allow a refund claim for sales tax paid on electricity only to the extent the electricity was used or consumed after the date the facility became a qualified facility.

#### V. Refunds—Processing Claims and "Owner of the Qualifying Business"

A. The "owner of the qualifying business," as that term is used in *Minnesota Statutes*, section 297A.75, subdivision 2, clause (7), is one of the following:

1. Where the qualified facility is used to house "enterprise information technology equipment" and all of that equipment is owned by one person, that person is the "owner of the qualifying business" and may apply for a refund of the tax paid on that equipment and related software.

2. Where the qualified facility is used to house multiple and distinct "enterprise information technology equipment," and different enterprise information technology equipment is owned by different persons, each person is the "owner of the qualifying business" for purposes of applying for a refund of the sales tax paid on the equipment and its related software that are owned by that person.

B. For purposes of processing the refund claim, the department will presume the sales tax was reported on a sales tax return for the month corresponding with the date of the purchase of enterprise information technology equipment and computer software, based on the date of the invoice or billing statement.

# **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.

### **Department of Human Services**

### MNsure

### Call for Applications for MNsure Advisory Committee Membership

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the MNsure Board of Directors is in the process of recruiting members to fill open seats on its two statutorily-required Advisory Committees. The Advisory Committees are tasked with providing input representative of the various stakeholder groups affected by MNsure so as to better align the long-term future of MNsure with the needs of the public. Members are each appointed by the MNsure Board to a two-year term and may serve a maximum of two complete consecutive terms.

Currently, the Board is seeking applicants for two Committees: the Health Industry Advisory Committee and the Consumer and Small Employer Advisory Committee. Additional information on these Advisory Committees is available on the MNsure website.

Minnesotans who are interested in serving on these MNsure Advisory Committees are asked to complete an application, available on the MNsure website, MNsure.org.

Submissions are due by **5 p.m. on Thursday, October 20, 2016**, and must include (1) a résumé and (2) the application, which includes submission of basic contact information and a description of why the applicant is interested in serving on the committee.

Submissions may be made electronically via email to: MNsureBoard@state.mn.us.

They may also be mailed physically to:

MNsure Attn: Board Advisory Committees 81 East Seventh St., Suite 300 St. Paul, MN 55101-2211

The MNsure Board will review applications and anticipates making appointments in November 2016.

If you have questions or would like to request another format of the application, please contact Aaron Sinner at 651-539-2058 or via email at *aaron.sinner@state.mn.us*.

### Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

### **Environmental Analysis and Outcomes Division Public Notice of Proposed State Implementation Plan Revision**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has determined that a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision must be submitted to meet Minnesota's requirements under sections 110(a)(2)(A) of the Clean Air Act (the Act). The draft SIP revision is now available for public comment.

**Background.** Section 110(a)(2)(A) of the Act requires that SIPs contain enforceable emission limitations as may be necessary or appropriate to meet applicable requirements of the Act. In accordance with Section 302(k) of the Act, these emissions limitations must be continuous. On May 22, 2015, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a finding that the SIPs of 36 states, including Minnesota, contained provisions pertaining to emissions during periods of startup, shutdown, or malfunction (SSM) that conflicted with the Act. The finding was published in the *Federal Register* (FR) on June 12, 2015 (80 FR 33839). Minnesota's SIP currently contains a provision, Minnesota Rule (Minn. R.) 7011.1415, that allows an automatic exemption from

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petroleum refinery performance standards for flares burning process upset gas (any gas generated by a petroleum refinery process unit as a result of start-up, shutdown, upset, or malfunction) when the flares are caused by SSM. EPA identified this exemption as being in conflict with the Act, because it explicitly allows for excess emissions that violate the continuous emissions limitations contained in the SIP. EPA's finding requires that Minnesota remedy this SIP inadequacy and remove the exemption contained in Minn. R. 7011.1415 no later than November 22, 2016.

**Purpose of the SIP revision.** The purpose of this SIP revision is to fulfill Minnesota's responsibility under the Act to demonstrate its compliance with Section 110(a)(2)(A) of the Act and address EPA's finding of SIP inadequacy for Minnesota.

Minnesota is repealing Minn. R. 7011.1415, eliminating the exemption from petroleum refinery performance standards for flares burning process upset gas the flares are caused by SSM.

When finalized, this rule repeal will ensure that Minnesota's SIP fully complies with section 110(a)(2)(A) of the Act by providing for continuous, enforceable emissions limitations as needed to comply with the NAAQS and meet all other applicable requirements of the Act. The rule repeal is expected to be effective by the end of 2016.

The MPCA will therefore request that EPA remove Minn. R. 7011.1415 from Minnesota's SIP.

The MPCA will consider changing the contents of the proposed SIP revision based on comments received during the comment period. Following the end of the comment period, the Commissioner will decide whether to submit the proposed SIP revision to the EPA.

**MPCA contact person.** The MPCA contact person is Melissa Andersen Kuskie. Written comments, requests, and petitions should be mailed to: Melissa Andersen Kuskie, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Environmental Analysis and Outcomes Division, 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4194; telephone: 651-757-2512 or toll free 1-800-657-3864; fax: 651-297-8324; and email: *melissa.kuskie@state.mn.us*. TTY users may call the MPCA at TTY 651-252-5332 or 1-800-657-3864.

Availability of SIP. A copy of the proposed SIP revision is available on the MPCA's web site at *https://www.pca.state.mn.us/public-notices*. A copy of the proposed SIP revision is also available upon request by contacting Melissa Andersen Kuskie at 651-757-2512 or *melissa.kuskie@state.mn.us*, or can be mailed to any interested person upon the MPCA's receipt of a written request. Additional materials relating to the SIP revision are available for inspection by appointment at the MPCA, 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4194, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. To examine these materials, or for more information, please contact Melissa Andersen Kuskie. All MPCA offices may be reached by calling 1-800-657-3864.

Public comment period and potential public meeting. The public comment period begins October 11, 2016 and ends on November 9, 2016. Your comments must be in writing and received by Melissa Andersen Kuskie by 4:00 p.m. on November 9, 2016. Written comments may be submitted to her at the address, facsimile number, or e-mail address listed above.

A public information meeting on this proposed SIP revision will only be held if one is requested by 4:00 p.m. on November 9, 2016. If such a meeting is requested, it will be held on November 10, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the MPCA St. Paul Office, 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4194. To find out if a public information meeting will be held, please contact Melissa Andersen Kuskie at 651-757-2512 or *melissa.kuskie@state.mn.us* after 4:00 p.m. on November 9, 2016. The public information meeting, if one is requested, will provide information, receive public input, and answer questions about the proposed SIP revision.

## **State Contracts**

**Informal Solicitations:** Informal solicitations for professional/technical (consultant) contracts valued at over \$5,000 through \$50,000, may either be published in the *State Register* or posted on the Department of Administration, Materials Management Division's (MMD) Web site. Interested vendors are encouraged to monitor the P/T Contract Section of the MMD Website at *www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us* for informal solicitation announcements.

**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 published in the *State Register*. Certain quasi-state agency and Minnesota State College and University institutions are exempt from these requirements.

**Requirements:** There are no statutes or rules requiring contracts to be advertised for any specific length of time, but the Materials Management Division strongly recommends meeting the following requirements: \$0 - \$5000 does not need to be advertised. Contact the Materials Management Division: (651) 296-2600 \$5,000 - \$25,000 should be advertised in the *State Register* for a period of at least seven calendar days; \$25,000 - \$50,000 should be advertised in the *State Register* for a period of at least 14 calendar days; and anything above \$50,000 should be advertised in the *State Register* for a minimum of at least 21 calendar days.

### **Department of Administration** Farm Land for Lease

The State of Minnesota, Department of Administration, is offering to lease by bid for the 2017 and 2018 crop season approximately Seventy Six and Nine-Tenths (76.9) acres of farm land for agricultural purposes at the St. Cloud Corrections Facility. There is a <u>minimum bid requirement of \$3,200.00 per year</u>. For further information and bid forms contact the Accounting Supervisor at the St. Cloud Correctional Facility (320) 240-3073.

BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, REAL ESTATE AND CONSTRUC-TION SERVICES, 50 SHERBURNE AVE #309, ST. PAUL, MN 55155 <u>no later than **2:30 p.m. on November 1, 2016.**</u>

### Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) Minneapolis Community and Technical College (MCTC) Request for Proposal for Navigator for MnAmp Grant

PROJECT NAME: MnAmp Grant Navigator

**DETAILS**: Minneapolis Community and Technical College (MCTC) is requesting proposals for a Navigator to provide outreach to communities including (but not limited to) Dislocated Worker, Workforce Investment Act, TAA, and other workforce program participants, veterans, Workforce Center staff, community program staff, other community based organizations and general public. Navigator will represent MCTC to internal and external audience and stakeholders to encourage prospects to utilize training resources at the college within the MnAMP grant. Navigator will also provide, as needed, wrap-around services, including (but not limited to) work readiness training, job placement resources and life-need service referrals. Navigator will collaborate with MCTC staff to promote programs and services.

Work is anticipated to start November 1, 2016 or as soon as possible.

**COPY REQUEST**: To get a copy of the Request for Proposal and Bid Form, please send a written request by email to Heather Schultz at MCTC, *Heather.Schultz@minneapolis.edu* 

**PROPOSAL DEADLINE**: Proposals submitted in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received by email no later than **October 24, 2016.** Late proposals will not be considered. Mailed or Faxed 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.

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### Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB)

### Giants Ridge Recreation Area Request for Proposals to Provide Full-Service Marketing, Public Relations and Event Planning Services to Giants Ridge in Biwabik, Minnesota

The IRRRB is requesting proposals from interested, qualified advertising firms to provide full-service marketing, public relations and event planning services to Giants Ridge in Biwabik, Minnesota. The selected firm will plan, develop, execute and track the results of Giants Ridge's marketing plan and assist Giants Ridge to determine additional marketing strategies to increase attendance and revenue based on current media buys. Contractor responsibilities and respondent proposal requirements can be obtained from the IRRRB website: *http://mn.gov/irrrb/about-us/work-with-us/* on or after September 26, 2016. Sealed proposals must be received no later than **2:00 p.m. on Monday, October 17, 2016**. Faxed or emailed responses will not be permitted.

Please submit completed proposals to:

Kim Peterson Contract Coordinator Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation PO Box 441, 4261 Highway 53 S. Eveleth, MN 55734

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 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

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# 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.

# 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/*.

### **Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC)** Notice of Call for Bids for 2016 Terminal 1-Lindbergh Building Remediation Program

<b>Airport Location:</b>	Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport
Project Name:	2016 Terminal 1-Lindbergh Building Remediation Program
<b>MAC Contract No:</b>	106-2-796
<b>Bids Close At:</b>	2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 2016

**Notice to Contractors**: Sealed Bid Proposals 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. This work is related to the maintenance of the exterior building envelope of Terminal 1-Lindbergh. The work includes, but is not limited to, the removal and replacement of the following: curtain wall, curtain wall gaskets, metal panels, sealant work at exterior metal panels, and doors. Related electrical and mechanical systems will be reconfigured to facilitate this scope of work.

Note: You can sign up on our Web site (*www.metroairports.org*) to receive email notifications of new business opportunities or go directly to *https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNORGMAC/subscriber/topics?gsp-CODE\_RED* and choose this and other topics about which you are interested.

Targeted Group Businesses (TGB): The goal of the MAC for the utilization of TGB on this project is 7%.

**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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Availability of Bidding Documents: Bidding documents are on file for inspection at the office of Alliiance; at the Minnesota Builders Exchange; Dodge Data and Analytics; 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; PH: 763.503.3401; FX: 763.503.3409. Make checks payable to: Alliiance. 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 3, 2016, at MAC's web address of

http://www.metroairports.org/Airport-Authority/Business-Opportunities/Solicitations.aspx (construction bids).

### Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC)

Notice of Call for Bids for 2016 Commission Chambers Telecoil Installation & A/V Upgrades

<b>Airport Location:</b>	Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport
Project Name:	2016 Commission Chambers Telecoil Installation & A/V Upgrades
MAC Contract No.:	106-2-803
<b>Bids Close At:</b>	2:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 18, 2016

**Notice to Contractors**: Sealed Bid Proposals for the project 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. This project includes work in the Commission Chambers, located in Terminal 1-Lindbergh, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. The scope of work includes audio/visual equipment to comprise assistive listening systems, for hearing-impaired persons.

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Targeted Group Businesses (TGB): The goal of the MAC for the utilization of TGB on this project is 3%.

**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 Michaud Cooley Erickson; at the Minnesota Builders Exchange; Dodge Data and Analytics; 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; PH: 763.503.3401; FX 763.503.3409. Make checks payable to: Michaud Cooley Erickson. 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 3, 2016, at MAC's web address of http://www.metroairports.org/Airport-Authority/Business-Opportunities/Solicitations.aspx (construction bids).

### **Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC)** Notice of Call for Bids for 2016 General Office Security Enhancements

Airport Location:	Proximate to the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport
Project Name:	2016 General Office Security Enhancements
MAC Contract No.:	106-3-519
<b>Bids Close At:</b>	2:00 p.m. October 18, 2016

**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. This project includes general, mechanical, and electrical and technology construction work.

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Targeted Group Businesses (TGB): The goal of the MAC for the utilization of TGB on this project is 7%.

**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 Miller Dunwiddie Architecture, Inc.; at the Minnesota Builders Exchange; Dodge Data and Analytics; and NAMC-UM Plan Room. Bidders desiring bidding documents may secure a complete set from Franz Reprographics; 2781 Freeway Blvd. ; Brooklyn Center, MN 55430; PH: 763-503-3401; FX: 763-503-3409; *www.franzrepro.com.* Make checks payable to: Miller Dunwiddie Architecture, Inc. Deposit per set (refundable): \$100.00. 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 3, 2016, at MAC's web address of

http://www.metroairports.org/Airport-Authority/Business-Opportunities/Solicitations.aspx (construction bids).

### **Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC)** Notice of Call for Bids for 2016 GSE Power Charger Stations – Phase 2

<b>Project Location:</b>	Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport
Project Name:	2016 GSE Power Charger Stations – Phase 2
MAC Contract No.	106-3-563
<b>Bids Close At:</b>	2:00 PM on October 25, 2016

**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. This project provides for the installation of battery charging equipment for Ground Service Equipment (GSE) in the Main Baggage Area Locations 1 and 2.

Note: You can sign up on our Web site (*www.metroairports.org*) to receive email notifications of new business opportunities or go directly to *https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNORGMAC/subscriber/topics?qsp=CODE\_RED* and choose this and other topics about which you are interested.

Targeted Group Businesses (TGB): The goal of the MAC for the utilization of TGB on this project is 2%.

**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: TKDA, the Minnesota Builders Exchange, Dodge Data and Analytics, and NAMC-UM Plan Room. Bidders desiring bidding documents may secure a complete set from TKDA; 444 Cedar Street, Suite 1500; St. Paul, MN 55101; PH: (651) 292-4400; FX: (651) 292-0083. Make checks payable to: TKDA. Deposit per set (refundable): \$50.00. 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 3, 2016, at MAC's web address of

http://www.metroairports.org/Airport-Authority/Business-Opportunities/Solicitations.aspx (construction bids).

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Notice of Call for Bids for 2016 Runway Planing and Regrooving - Rebid

Project Location:Minneapolis-St. Paul International AirportProject Name:2016 Runway Planing and Regrooving - RebidMAC Contract No.106-1-277Bids Close At:2:00 PM on October 25, 2016

**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. This project provides for the planing of concrete runway pavements to improve surface texture followed by re-grooving of the planed areas. The project also includes pavement marking and electrical work.

Note: You can sign up on our Web site (*www.metroairports.org*) to receive email notifications of new business opportunities or go directly to *https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNORGMAC/subscriber/topics?qsp=CODE\_RED* and choose this and other topics about which you are interested.

#### **Targeted Group Businesses (TGB)**

The goal of the MAC for the utilization of TGB on this project is 3%.

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Availability of Bidding Documents: Bidding documents are on file for inspection at the office of TKDA, the Minnesota Builders Exchange, Dodge Data and Analytics, and NAMC-UM Plan Room. Bidders desiring bidding documents may secure a complete set from: TKDA; 444 Cedar Street, Suite 1500; St. Paul, MN 55101; PH: (651) 292-4400; FX: (651) 292-0083. Make checks payable to TKDA. Deposit per set (refundable): \$100.00. 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 10, 2016, at MAC's web address of

http://www.metroairports.org/Airport-Authority/Business-Opportunities/Solicitations.aspx (construction bids).

### Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) Notice of Call for Bids for 2016 Mother Lake Stormwater Improvements - Rebid

<b>Project Location:</b>	Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport
Project Name:	2016 Mother Lake Stormwater Improvements - Rebid
MAC Contract No.	106-1-278
<b>Bids Close At:</b>	2:00 PM on October 25, 2016

**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. This project provides for the construction of a sediment removal structure and associated storm sewer construction near the west end of Runway 12R-30L. The project also includes construction of an aggregate-surfaced access road.

Note: You can sign up on our Web site (*www.metroairports.org*) to receive email notifications of new business opportunities or go directly to *https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNORGMAC/subscriber/topics?qsp=CODE\_RED* and choose this and other topics about which you are interested.

Targeted Group Businesses (TGB): The goal of the MAC for the utilization of TGB on this project is 11%.

**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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MAC Internet Access of Additional Information: A comprehensive Notice of Call for Bids for this project will be available on October 10, 2016, at MAC's web address of

http://www.metroairports.org/Airport-Authority/Business-Opportunities/Solicitations.aspx (construction bids).

### Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) Notice of Call for Bids for 2016 Mezzanine HVAC/AHU Replacement & Penthouse (South)

<b>Airport Location:</b>	Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport
Project Name:	2016 Mezzanine HVAC/AHU Replacement & Penthouse (South)
<b>MAC Contract No:</b>	106-2-806
<b>Bids Close At:</b>	2:00 pm on Tuesday, 25 October 2016

**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 of this project includes building a new mechanical penthouse on an existing roof. Some of the new mechanical, electrical and telecommunication equipment and systems that are installed by this project replace existing, and require the removal and re-routing of equipment and systems.

Note: You can sign up on our Web site (*www.metroairports.org*) to receive email notifications of new business opportunities or go directly to *https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNORGMAC/subscriber/topics?gsp-CODE\_RED* and choose this and other topics about which you are interested.

Targeted Group Businesses (TGB): The goal of the MAC for the utilization of TGB on this project is 7%.

**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

**Project Labor Agreement:** This project is subject to the MAC's Project Labor Agreement requirements. A copy of the Project Labor Agreement and Contract Riders are included in the Appendix.

Availability of Bidding Documents: Bidding documents are on file for inspection at the office of Alliiance; at the Minnesota Builders Exchange; Dodge Data and Analytics; 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; PH: 763.503.3401; FX: 763.503.3409. Make checks payable to: Alliiance. 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 10, 2016, at MAC's web address of

http://www.metroairports.org/Airport-Authority/Business-Opportunities/Solicitations.aspx (construction bids).

