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The State Register is the official source, and only complete listing, for all state agency rulemaking in its various stages. State agencies are required to publish notice of their rulemaking action in the State Register. Published every Monday, the State Register makes it easy to follow and participate in the important rulemaking process. Approximately 80 state agencies have the authority to issue rules. Each agency is assigned specific Minnesota Rule chapter numbers. Every odd-numbered year the Minnesota Rules are published. Supplements are published to update this set of rules. Generally speaking, proposed and adopted exempt rules do not appear in this set because of their short-term nature, but are published in the State Register.

An agency must first solicit Comments on Planned Rules or Comments on Planned Rule Amendments from the public on the subject matter of a possible rulemaking proposal under active consideration within the agency (Minnesota Statutes §§ 14.101). It does this by publishing a notice in the State Register at least 60 days before publication of a notice to adopt or a notice of hearing, or within 60 days of the effective date of any new statutory grant of required rulemaking.

When rules are first drafted, state agencies publish them as Proposed Rules, along with a notice of hearing, or a notice of intent to adopt rules without a hearing in the case of noncontroversial rules. This notice asks for comment on the rules as proposed. Proposed emergency rules, and withdrawn proposed rules, are also published in the State Register. After proposed rules have gone through the comment period, and have been rewritten into their final form, they again appear in the State Register as Adopted Rules. These final adopted rules are not printed in their entirety, but only the changes made since their publication as Proposed Rules. To see the full rule, as adopted and in effect, a person simply needs two issues of the State Register, the issue the rule appeared in as proposed, and later as adopted.

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Office of the Governor

Emergency Executive Order 20-92: Extending the COVID-19 Peacetime Emergency Declared in Executive Order 20-01

I, Tim Walz, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, issue the following Executive Order:

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to present an unprecedented and rapidly evolving challenge to our State. The World Health Organization characterized the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic on March 11, 2020. The President declared a national emergency related to COVID-19 on March 13, 2020. Since then, and for the first time in history, the President has approved major disaster declarations for all fifty states and the District of Columbia. Along with these federal actions and the actions of states across the nation, Minnesota has taken extraordinary steps to prevent and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On March 13, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-01 and declared a peacetime emergency under Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 12.31, subdivision 2. On March 16, 2020, the Executive Council approved an extension of the peacetime emergency. After notifying the Legislature, on April 13, 2020, May 13, 2020, June 12, 2020, July 13, 2020, August 12, 2020, and September 11, 2020, I issued additional Executive Orders extending the peacetime emergency. In this Executive Order, the peacetime emergency declared in Executive Order 20-01 and extended in Executive Orders 20-35, 20-53, 20-75, 20-78, 20-83, and 20-89 is referred to as the "COVID-19 Peacetime Emergency."

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, all fifty states currently remain in states of emergency. This is because COVID-19 cases and deaths continue to proliferate. According to the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), more than 7.6 million people have been infected in the United States, resulting in over 210,000 deaths. As it has with the rest of the nation, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to take its toll on Minnesota. The Minnesota Department of Health recently reported the largest one-day increase in positive cases since the pandemic began. Active cases in Minnesota remain at a record high, with 9,956 active cases as of October 11. Minnesota has had over 112,000 confirmed COVID-19 cases, with over 8,300 hospitalizations and over 2,100 fatalities. We have continued to learn more about COVID-19's propensity to spread rapidly throughout our communities—both rural and urban—and continued action is necessary to mitigate its impacts.

As I have noted in previous Executive Orders, the COVID-19 Peacetime Emergency opens our toolbox to allow us to take swift action to protect the health and well-being of our families, communities, and businesses. During the COVID-19 Peacetime Emergency, I have exercised executive authority through numerous executive orders to provide relief and further prepare our State for the COVID-19 pandemic. Such actions have included the closure of schools and implementation of a distance learning period; enhanced protections for veterans in our veterans homes; activation of the National Guard to assist in relief efforts; measures to preserve personal protective equipment; temporary closure of bars, restaurants, and other places of public accommodation; efforts to provide economic relief and stability to those impacted by the pandemic; regulatory changes allowing our state agencies, health care providers, and licensing boards to ensure fast relief to Minnesotans; and orders requiring Minnesotans to stay at home to slow the spread of the virus. Current regulations limit the size of gatherings and events, consistent with advice from state and federal experts. A recent report from the White House continues to recommend "maintaining restrictions on indoor gathering sizes to help limit transmission events that disproportionately contribute to maintaining epidemic spread."

On July 22, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-81 requiring Minnesotans to wear a face covering in certain settings to prevent the spread of COVID-19. According to the CDC, face coverings are effective in preventing the transmission of respiratory droplets that may spread COVID-19. Ideally, face coverings should be worn in combination with other infection control measures, including social distancing, but face coverings are especially important in settings where social distancing is difficult to maintain. Many states are now mandating face coverings in certain settings to control the spread of COVID-19. As of October 12, 2020, at least 34 states have implemented a statewide face-covering requirement. Federal officials have applauded our efforts, supported our commonsense initiatives, and encouraged us to "buckle down" in our efforts to keep each other safe from the virus. Our collective actions have saved lives, but the threat remains, and our work must continue.

Thanks to Minnesotans' compliance with previous executive orders, we have reopened most sectors of our economy. In consultation with public health and occupational safety experts, we have implemented science-driven protections to keep our citizens safe and our businesses open. Nonetheless, the science and experience of other states show that increased social interaction leads to an increased presence of the virus in our communities and increased demands on our health care system. Indeed, other states that relaxed pandemic-related restrictions too quickly saw dramatic outbreaks of the virus and needed to reinstate restrictions. To avoid the fate of those other states, we continue to need statewide coordination and resources to fight the pandemic. The State Emergency Operations Center provides ongoing support to local governments, and—as the appropriation of significant public funds to fight the pandemic plainly shows—local resources continue to be inadequate to address the threat.

In Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 12.31, subdivision 2(a), the Minnesota Legislature authorized the Governor to declare a peacetime emergency when an act of nature endangers life and property and local government resources are inadequate to handle the situation. With the approval of the Executive Council, a peacetime emergency may continue for up to 30 days. Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 12.31, subdivision 2(b), provides the mechanism for the Governor to extend a peacetime emergency beyond 30 days. If the Governor determines a need to extend a peacetime emergency declaration beyond 30 days, and the Legislature is not sitting in session, the Governor must issue a call immediately convening both houses of the Legislature.

The Legislature adjourned its regular session on May 17, 2020. On June 10, 2020, July 10, 2020, August 7, 2020, and September 9, 2020, I issued proclamations calling the Legislature into special sessions. On October 7, 2020, I again issued a proclamation calling the Legislature into a fifth special session to begin today, October 12, 2020. The Legislature may terminate a peacetime emergency extending beyond 30 days by a majority vote of each house.

Minnesota law does not clearly impose additional requirements for an extension of a peacetime emergency beyond the initial 30 days. Given the importance of this decision, I previously concluded that the prudent course was to limit subsequent extensions to 30-day increments and seek the Executive Council's approval of such extensions. I continue that course today.

For these reasons, I order as follows:

1. I have determined that the COVID-19 pandemic, an act of nature, continues to endanger life and property in Minnesota, and local resources are inadequate to address the threat. The COVID-19 Peacetime Emergency must therefore continue.

2. The COVID-19 Peacetime Emergency is extended through November 12, 2020, until this Executive Order is rescinded by proper authority, or until it is terminated by a majority vote of each house of the Legislature pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 12.31, subdivision 2(b), whichever occurs earlier.

3. On October 7, 2020, I issued a proclamation calling a fifth special session of the Legislature beginning today, October 12, 2020, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2019, sections 4.03 and 12.31, subdivision 2(b).

4. The COVID-19 Peacetime Emergency may be further extended by an executive order on or before November 12, 2020.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 4.035, subdivision 2, and section 12.32, this Executive Order is

effective immediately.

A determination that any provision of this Executive Order is invalid will not affect the enforceability of any other provision of this Executive Order. Rather, the invalid provision will be modified to the extent necessary so that it is enforceable.

Signed on October 12, 2020.

Tim Walz
Governor

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Steve Simon
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Alice Roberts-Davis
Secretary, Executive Council

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 (DHS)

Health Care Administration

Public Notice Regarding Changes to Payment Rates and Methodologies, and Services under the Medical Assistance Program

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to recipients, providers of services, and to the public of certain statutory changes made to the Medical Assistance (MA) Program.

This notice is published pursuant to 42 United States Code § 1396a(a)(13)(A) and § 1902(a)(13)(A) of the Social Security Act, which requires the Department to publish final institutional payment rates, the methodologies underlying the establishment of such rates, and the justification for such rates. It is also published pursuant to Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, part 447, section 205 (42 C.F.R. § 447.205), which requires publication of a notice when there is any significant proposed change in the methods and standards for setting payment rates for Medicaid services.

The changes are estimated to affect net spending in the MA programs as described below. All estimates provided in this notice represent the expected change in total expenditures for each individual item from sources including both state and federal funds.

The change detailed in this notice is the result of legislative action. The actual text the 2020 legislative change detailed in this notice is contained in Laws of Minnesota 2020, First Special Session, Chapter 2. The legislation is

available by calling the House of Representatives Public Information Office at (651) 296-2146 (voice) or (651) 296-9896 (TTY) or 1-800-657-3550 (Greater Minnesota) or 1-800-627-3529 (TTY); or the Senate Information Office at (651) 296-0504 (voice) or (651) 296-0250 (TTY); for Greater Minnesota call 1-888-234-1112 (voice) or 1-888-234-1216 (TTY). These laws are also available on the internet at: ***http://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/***

Information relating to implementation of these provisions will be sent to local human services agencies through bulletins and manual updates, and to recipients and enrollees through written notice. Information will be sent to health care providers through newsletters and updates to the *Minnesota Health Care Programs Provider Manual*, available at: ***http://www.dhs.state.mn.us***

Changes were made to the following program areas:

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Effective upon federal approval, the Commissioner must establish provider specific per diem rates psychiatric residential treatment facility services for individuals 21 years of age or younger. This is a change from the current statewide payment rate for all facilities. The Commissioner will establish facility specific prospective payment rates for the annual rate period based on data in required cost reports. Laws of Minnesota 2020, First Special Session, Chapter 2, Article 2, Section 23. This change is not expected to impact MA expenditures.

For more information or questions about submitting or reviewing comments, please contact Patrick Hultman at (651) 431-4311 or ***patrick.hultman@state.mn.us***. Comments may also be mailed to Patrick Hultman at PO Box 64983, St.Paul, MN 55164. Copies of this notice, and any comments received, may be reviewed by appointment at the Elmer L. Andersen Human Services Building located at 540 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN 55101.

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

MMCAP Infuse

Notice of Request for Proposals for Invoice Auditing Services

The Department of Administration, on behalf of MMCAP Infuse is requesting proposals for Invoice Auditing Services. MMCAP Infuse is a government-run healthcare product and service group purchasing organization serving governmental entities.

For more information on MMCAP Infuse, go to ***https://infuse-mn.gov/***

To obtain a copy of the RFP, go to: ***http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/process/admin/postings.asp***

Proposals submitted in response to the Request for Proposals in this notice must be received according to the specifications in the Request for Proposals no later than **December 7, 2020 at 2:00p.m. Central Time. Late proposals will not be considered.**

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 State Colleges and Universities (Minnesota State)

Notice of Availability of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for On-Line Document Distribution and Bidding

The State of Minnesota, acting through its Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, on behalf of the System Office, is soliciting proposals for a vendor to an On-line Web based software solution to allow campuses to solicit and receive bid proposals electronically from potential bidders for construction projects. The system must also allow campuses to solicit Requests for Proposals (RFP) and Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) from interested, qualified Architects, Engineers and other Owner consulting firms, to assist in the design and construction of projects. The System Office is seeking an existing system with a demonstrable solution with a minimum of five years of proven performance.

A full Request for Proposals is available on the Minnesota State Colleges Universities website, ***http://www.minnstate.edu/vendors/index.html*** , click on **"Facilities Opportunities"**.

Please email an electronic copy of your response to James Morgan at ***James.morgan@minnstate.edu*** , no later than **2:00 PM CT, Thursday, October 29, 2020**. Late responses will not be considered.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities is not obligated to complete the proposed project and reserves the right to cancel the solicitation if it is considered to be in its' best interest.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (Minnesota State)

Non-Construction Related Bid and Contracting Opportunities

Minnesota State is now placing additional public notices for P/T contract opportunities, goods/commodities, and non-construction related services on its Vendor and Supplier Opportunities website (***http://minnstate.edu/vendors/index.html***). 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.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, or are having problems viewing the information on the Vendor and Supplier Opportunities website, please call the Minnesota State Procurement Unit at 651-201-1444, Monday-Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Department of Commerce

Division of Energy Resources

Request for Proposals for 2020 Grid Modernization Technologies

Reference number: COMM-EPA-02-20201019

The Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (Department) advocates before state, regional, and federal energy regulatory bodies to promote reliable, affordable, and environmentally sound energy resources for Minnesota's citizens and businesses. The state regulatory body is the Minnesota Public Utilities

Commission (Commission). Minnesota Statutes §216A.07 authorizes the Department to represent the public interest in all Commission proceedings.

This Request for Proposal (RFP) is seeking technical expertise on advanced electric-distribution system investments and technologies. The Department is seeking assistance with regulatory proceedings before the Commission involving Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy's (Xcel Energy or NSP-MN) cost recovery for investments in distribution Grid Modernization technologies, specifically Advanced Metering Infrastructure and Field Area Network.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) and required forms will be available for download on the Department's website ***https://mn.gov/commerce/industries/rfp/*** through Monday, November 9, 2020.

The RFP and forms are located:

https://mn.gov/commerce/industries/rfp/
Reference Number: COMM-EPA-02-20201019
Title: 2020 Grid Modernization Technologies

Proposals submitted in response to this RFP must be received no later than **11:59 pm, CDT, Monday, November 9, 2020. Late proposals will not be considered.** Instructions for submitting proposals are detailed in the RFP.

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.

Department of Commerce

Division of Energy Resources

Request for Proposals for 2020 Examination of Minnesota Power Company's Maintenance of Coal Power Plants

Reference number: Comm-EPA-03-20201019

The Minnesota Public Utility Commission (the Commission) requires utilities to report their actual expenditures on maintaining generation facilities to ensure that utilities are maintaining their plants appropriately to prevent forced outages. Utilities are required to procure replacement power for their customers if they experience an outage. High levels of forced or unplanned outages were identified at one of Minnesota Power's (the Company) plants during a recent annual automatic adjustment cost review. On behalf of the Commission, the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources seeks proposals from engineering expertise to assess whether Minnesota Power minimized unplanned facility outages through adequate maintenance and whether the Company's forced outage costs were reasonably and prudently incurred.

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Minnesota Historical Society (MNHS)

Request for Bids for Interior Rehabilitation of the Meighen Store & Residence

Historic Forestville
21899 County Road 118
Preston, MN 55965

The Minnesota Historical Society is soliciting bids from qualified contractors to work collaboratively with MNHS to rehabilitate the interior of the Store and Residence at Historic Forestville. This work includes, but is not limited to, painting, wallpaper repairs, refinishing wood floors, electrical upgrades, and plumbing repairs. This is a jobs reporting and prevailing wage project.

The Request for Proposal is available by contacting Mary Green Toussaint, Contract Manager, Minnesota Historical Society, by e-mail only: ***mary.green-toussaint@mnhs.org***

There will be a **MANDATORY** pre-bid meeting for all interested parties on **Monday, October 26, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. Local Time** at Historic Forestville, 21899 County Road 118, Preston, MN, 55965. Attendees should note that the historic site is located within the State Park, and that the pre-bid meeting will take place at the historic site, not the State Park Office. **Masks are required to be worn during the pre-bid meeting. Attendees should bring their own mask and be prepared to fill out a virtual health screening form prior to arriving on site if they haven't already completed one with their employer the same day. The MNHS virtual health screening can be found at the following link: *https://bit.ly/2ETpZYk***

All bids must be received electronically by Mary Green Toussaint, Contract Manager at ***mary.green-toussaint@mnhs***.org no later than **2:00 p.m. Local Time Thursday November 5, 2020**. Due to COVID-19, bids must be received electronically; there will be no public bid opening.

Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT)

Engineering Services Division

Notices Regarding Professional/Technical (P/T) Contracting

P/T Contracting Opportunities: MnDOT is now placing additional public notices for P/T contract opportunities on the MnDOT's Consultant Services website. 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.

Taxpayers' Transportation Accountability Act (TTAA) Notices: MnDOT is posting notices as required by the TTAA on the MnDOT Consultant Services website.

MnDOT's Prequalification Program: MnDOT maintains a Pre-Qualification Program in order to streamline the process of contracting for highway related P/T services. Program information, application requirements, application forms and contact information can be found on MnDOT's Consultant Services website. Applications may be submitted at any time for this Program.

MnDOT Consultant Services website: *www.dot.state.mn.us/consult*

If you have any questions regarding this notice, or are having problems viewing the information on the Consultant Services website, please all the Consultant Services Help Line at 651-366-4611, Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 4:00pm.

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 Emergency Services Board (MESB)

Request for Proposals for 2021 and 2022 Legislative Lobbying Services

The Metropolitan Emergency Services Board (MESB) is soliciting proposals from qualified firms to provide lobbying services for the 2021 and 2022 legislative sessions.

To see full Request for Proposals document, go to ***www.mn-mesb.org***. All questions and correspondence should be directed to Jill Rohret, Executive Director, in writing at 2099 University Ave. W., St. Paul, MN 55104, via email at ***jrohret@mn-mesb.org***, or via telephone at (651) 643-8394.

Proposals are due by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 13, 2020.