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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 Proposed emergency rules, and withdrawn proposed rules, are also published in the State Register.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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The *State Register* also publishes other official notices of state agencies and non-state agencies, including notices of meetings and matters of public interest.

Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA)

Notice of Comment Period for the Proposed Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine of Blue Earth County

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is accepting comments on the current state emergency quarantine for emerald ash borer, *Agrilus planipennis* (Fairemaire), in Blue Earth County and the proposed state formal quarantine to be implemented May 21, 2021.

Oral and written comments regarding the proposed regulations will be accepted via email or phone through March 12, 2021. Submit comments to Kimberly Thielen Cremers, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert Street North, St Paul, MN 55155, **email:** ***kimberly.tcremers@state.mn.us***, **phone:** (651)201-6329.

For more information on emerald ash borer, including a copy of the emergency quarantine, visit the Minnesota Department of Agriculture website at ***www.mda.state.mn.us/eab***.

Minnesota Department of Health (MDH)

Division of Environmental Health

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS for Possible Amendments to Rules Governing Registered Environmental Health Specialists/Registered Sanitarians (REHS/RS), *Minnesota Rules*, 4695.2500 - .3200; Revisor's ID Number: R-4175

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) requests comments on its possible amendment to rules governing the registration of REHS/RS. The department is considering rule amendments that clarify and simplify the registration and renewal processes, clarify and strengthen the complaint handling and enforcement language, and other issues that arise if time permits.

Persons Affected. The proposed rule amendments would likely affect persons seeking REHS/RS registration, persons registered as REHS/RS, governments and business that employ REHS/RS, and persons and customers who enter businesses and facilities that employ REHS/RS.

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 214.001 and 214.13, authorize the commissioner of health to adopt rules for the registration of REHS/RS. These rules may relate to the registration requirement, the scope of authorized practice, supervision required, continuing education, career progression, and disciplinary matters.

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these possible rule amendments in writing or orally until MDH publishes further notice in the State Register that the commissioner of health intends to adopt or to withdraw the rules. MDH will not publish a notice of intent to adopt the rules until more than 60 days have elapsed from the date of this request for comments.

The Registered Environmental Health Specialist/Sanitarian Advisory Council established under *Minnesota Statutes*, section 214.13, subdivision 4 will be the advisory committee for the rulemaking project. MDH does not plan to appoint a separate advisory committee to comment on the possible rules.

MDH is seeking information about whether these rule amendments might require a local government to adopt or amend an ordinance or other regulation under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.128. In addition, MDH is requesting information about whether the cost of complying with the rule amendments in the first year after the rule takes effect will exceed $25,000 for one small city or business under *Minnesota Statutes*, section 14.127. MDH is also asking for comments about the "cumulative effect of the rule with other federal and state regulations," as required by *Minnesota Statutes*, section 14.131(8).

Rules Drafts. The department has posted a rule draft at ***https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/sanitarian/rulerevision.html***.

Contact Person. Written or oral comments, questions, requests to receive a draft of the rule amendments when they have been prepared, and requests for more information on these possible rule amendments should be directed to:

Linda D. Prail, Section Rulemaking Coordinator Food, Pools,
and Lodging Services Section Environmental Health Division
P.O. Box 64975 Freeman Building
625 Robert Street North St. Paul, MN 55164-0975
Email: ***linda.prail@state.mn.us***
Office: (651)-201-5792

Alternative Format. Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request, please call (651)-201-4500.

NOTE: Comments received in response to this notice will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the administrative law judge (ALJ) if and when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The agency is required to submit to the ALJ only those written comments received in response to the rules after they are proposed. If you submitted comments during the development of the rules and you want to ensure that the ALJ reviews the comments, you should resubmit the comments after the rules are formally proposed.

Dated: February 1, 2021

Steven Diaz, Assistant Division Director
Environmental Health Division
Minnesota Department of Health

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Watershed Division

Notice of Availability of the Draft Marsh River Watershed Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Report and Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS) Report, and Request for Comment

The MPCA produced these reports to set pollution reduction goals and strategies for the watershed, and is requesting written comments during the public comment period:

- Public comment period begins: April 12, 2021
- Public comment period ends: 4:30 on May 12, 2021

Agency contact person: Written comments and requests for more information should be directed to:

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714 Lake Ave, Ste 220
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-3058
Phone: 218-846-8117; 800-657-3864
Email: ***danielle.kvasager@state.mn.us***

The draft reports are available for review at: ***http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/watersheds/red-river-north-marsh-river***

The official public notice for the reports and information on public notice procedures is available for review at the MPCA public notices webpage: ***https://www.pca.state.mn.us/public-notices*** – find it located under public notices issued on April 12, 2021.

Department of Transportation (MnDOT)

Modal Planning and Program Management Division Office of Transportation System Management

Notice of Public Comment Period for the Revised Public Participation Plan for the Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the public is invited to review and provide comments through April 29 on the revised Public Participation Plan for the Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan. The Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan provides policy guidance for all modes of travel and for all transportation partners. The SMTP shares objectives, performance measures and strategies for transportation decisions over the next two decades. Following the Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan, updates to MnDOT's plans for highways, rail, aviation, transit, freight and non-motorized transportation (walking, bicycling and rolling) answer what the Minnesota GO vision and the Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan mean for each type of transportation.

Public engagement is key to ensuring the final plan reflects Minnesotans' transportation priorities. The revised Public Participation Plan outlines how MnDOT plans to connect with the public, stakeholders and partners to update the Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan.

The revised Public Participation Plan can be accessed electronically at ***http://www.minnesotago.org***. A hard copy is available by mail with written request to the contact shared below.

Written comments will be accepted through April 29 and should be addressed to:

Hally Turner
Project Manager
Hally.Turner@state.mn.us
651-366-3901

For more information, contact Hally Turner at 651-366-3901 or ***hally.turner@state.mn.us***, or visit ***www.minnesotago.org***.

State Grants & Loans

In addition to requests by state agencies for technical/professional services (published in the State Contracts Section), the *State Register* also publishes notices about grants and loans available through any agency or branch of state government. Although some grant and loan programs specifically require printing in a statewide publication such as the State Register, there is no requirement for publication in the *State Register* itself. Agencies are encouraged to publish grant and loan notices, and to provide financial estimates as well as sufficient time for interested parties to respond.

SEE ALSO: Office of Grants Management (OGM) at: *http://www.grants.state.mn.us/public/*

Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)

Notice of Grant Opportunity

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) places notice of any available grant opportunities online at ***https://mn.gov/deed/about/contracts/open-rfp.jsp***

Minnesota Department of Health (MDH)

Request for Proposals for Exceptions to the Nursing Home Moratorium

Purpose

The commissioner of health is accepting written proposals from nursing homes and certified boarding care homes requesting funding through the moratorium exception process, according to Minn. Stat. § 144A.073. The commissioner of health, in coordination with the commissioner of human services, may approve such requests under conditions listed in the Minnesota Statutes. These conditions refer to categories of exceptions which are defined as:

(a) "Conversion" means the relocation of a nursing home bed from a nursing home to an attached hospital.

(b) "Relocation" means the movement of licensed nursing home beds or certified boarding care beds as permitted by state statute to promote equitable access across the state or to move the beds to another site.

(c) "Renovation" means extensive remodeling of an existing facility with a total cost exceeding ten percent of the appraised value of the facility or $200,000, whichever is less. A renovation may include the replacement or upgrade of existing mechanical or electrical systems.

(d) "Replacement" means the construction of a completely new facility.

(e) "Addition" means the construction of new space to an existing facility.

(f) "Upgrading" means a change in the level of licensure of a bed from a boarding care bed to a nursing home bed in a certified boarding care facility.

(g) "Phased project" means a proposal that identifies construction occurring with more than one distinct completion date. To be considered a distinct completion, each phase must have construction that is ready for resident use, as determined by the commissioner, which is not dependent on similar commissioner approval for future phases of construction. The commissioner of human services shall only allow rate adjustments for construction projects in phases if the proposal from a facility identifies construction in phases and each phase can be approved for use independent of the other phases.

(h) "Consolidation" means a project that meets the criteria for "consolidation of nursing facilities" as outlined in 144A.071, Subd. 4d.

Appropriation Available

Previously, the amount available for this Request for Proposals, posted on January 25, 2021, was $702,144. There is additional funding available. The new total annual costs to the Medical Assistance program for this Request for Proposals (RFP) is approximately **$821,088.**

Eligibility to Submit a Proposal

A proposal for an exception to the nursing home moratorium may be submitted by an organization or individual authorized by a facility's governing board or management to prepare and submit a proposal to the commissioner of health.

Method for Estimating Proposal Cost

The method that the commissioner will use in evaluating proposals for approval or disapproval for estimating the cost of a proposal is detailed in the application materials.

Criteria for Review

Minn. Stat. § 144A.073, Subd. 4a, states the criteria the commissioner of health is to consider in reviewing moratorium exception proposals:

Subd. 4a. **Criteria for review**. In reviewing the application materials and submitted costs by an applicant to the moratorium process, the review panel shall consider the following criteria in recommending proposals:

(1) the extent to which the proposed nursing home project is integrated with other health and long-term care services for older adults;

(2) the extent to which the project provides for the complete replacement of an outdated physical plant;

(3) the extent to which the project results in a reduction of nursing facility beds in an area that has a relatively high number of beds per thousand occupied by persons age 85 and over;

(4) the extent to which the project produces improvements in health; safety, including life safety code corrections; quality of life; and privacy of residents;

(5) the extent to which, under the current facility ownership and management, the provider has shown the ability to provide good quality of care based on health-related findings on certification surveys, quality indicator scores, and quality-of-life scores, including those from the Minnesota nursing home report card;

(6) the extent to which the project integrates the latest technology and design features in a way that improves the resident experience and improves the working environment for employees;

(7) the extent to which the sustainability of the nursing facility can be demonstrated based on the need for services in the area and the proposed financing of the project; and

(8) the extent to which the project provides or maintains access to nursing facility services needed in the community.

Procedure for Receiving Application Materials

The application materials, including instructions, format and necessary forms are available at the following website: ***https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/regulation/nursinghomes/moratoriumapp/index.html***

Or upon email request to: ***health.nhm@state.mn.us***

Review and Approval of Proposals

Proposals will be reviewed by a committee composed of organizations that represent consumers and providers of nursing home services; persons who provide engineering, building construction, or design services; and state agencies involved in long term care issues, housing and finance. Applicants will have the opportunity to present their proposal, by *virtual public meeting*, to the (Proposal Review Committee) prior to the Committee submitting comments and recommendations to the commissioner. Details on this *virtual meeting*, including date, time will be made available to the contact person listed in each moratorium exception proposal. The commissioner of health will approve or disapprove project proposals based on criteria established in law and rule. The commissioner will make the final decision no later than **September 3, 2021.**

Questions Concerning the RFP

Any questions relating to the RFP process must be submitted by prospective applicants in writing, via email to:

health.nhm@state.mn.us

No answers will be provided in response to phone calls. Each question must cite the particular RFP page to which it refers. Copies of all questions and their answers will be provided to all prospective applicants who have requested application materials. Only responses in writing by staff of the Minnesota Department of Health will be considered official. The closing date for the receipt of questions will be **Friday**, **April 23, 2021.**

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Technical assistance in completing the application forms is available from LeadingAge of Minnesota at (651) 645-4545, Care Providers of Minnesota, at (952) 854-2844 or The Minnesota Department of Health (651) 201-4101.

Procedures for Submitting Proposals
No proposals submitted by facsimile machine will be accepted.

Completed proposals must be emailed no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 25, 2021, to:

health.nhm@state.mn.us

Department of Labor and Industry

Apprenticeship Minnesota

Notice of Applications for Minnesota Registered Apprenticeship Expansion – On-The-Job Training (OJT) Program Funding

The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, through Apprenticeship Minnesota, is seeking applications from employers interested in forming a new registered apprenticeship program and from existing registered apprenticeship programs that may be seeking to grow their current training programs, registered apprenticeship signatory contractors, or third-party administrators such as Minnesota associations who currently provide registered apprenticeship program services for their cooperative members or their employers.

Total available funds for this grant opportunity is $120,000 total, up to $25,000 per applicant. Each applicant may apply for $1,000 for each new apprentice for a total of 25 new apprentices. For purposes of this funding, a new apprentice is an apprentice who has been in your registered apprenticeship program for less than 60 days prior to the effective date of your contract, and anytime thereafter.

Funding will be allocated through a competitive process with review by a committee representing content specialists with regional knowledge. Initial applications will be reviewed beginning April 20, 2021; subsequent applications will be reviewed as received through March 31, 2022, or until funds are depleted, whichever comes first. If selected, the responder may only incur eligible expenditures when the contract is fully executed, and the contract has reached its effective date.

Registered Apprenticeship continues to be a path to a great career and economic security for Minnesotans. It is committed to opening the door of career opportunities to all by supporting diversity in recruitment and career pathway strategies that provide quality learning, preparation for and connection to Registered Apprenticeship programs.

The Request for Proposal, Application, required documentation and attachments can be found at:
www.dli.mn.gov/business/workforce/apprenticeship-funding-opportunities

The application and all attachments must be submitted to ***ApprGrants.DLI@state.mn.us*** Attention: Ruth Taylor. Proposals must meet all specifications in order to be considered. DLI is not responsible for any issues related to technology.

This funding opportunity is made possible through US Department of Labor grants, issued to the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, to facilitate and support the expansion of Registered Apprenticeship in Minnesota.

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

Notice of Availability of Request for Proposal (RFP) for Designer Selection for: Pine Technical & Community College Technical/Trades Addition & Renovation (SDSB Project # 21-06)

The State of Minnesota, acting through Minnesota State through the State Designer Selection Board, is soliciting proposals from interested, qualified consultants for architectural and engineering design services for the above referenced project.

A full Request for Proposals is available on the Minnesota Department of Administration's website at ***https://mn.gov/admin/government/construction-projects/sdsb/projects/*** (click SDSB Project #21-06).

A mandatory informational meeting will be held on Friday, April 16, 2021 at 11:00 am CT in room 20 at Pine Technical & Community College, 900 4th Street SE, Pine City, Minnesota 55063. The meeting will include a tour of the proposed project areas and a review of the scope of work.

Any questions should be directed to Steven Lange at ***Langes@pine.edu***. Project questions will be taken by this individual only. Questions regarding this RFP must be received by F**riday, April 23, 2021 no later than 2:00pm** Central Time.

Proposals must be delivered to ***SDSB.Proposals.ADM@state.mn.us*** not later than **Monday, May 3, 2021 by 12:00 noon CT**. Late responses will not be considered.

Minnesota State 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.

State Contracts

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (Minnesota State)

Lake Superior College

Request for Proposals for MnDOT Technical Certification Program

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that bids are being solicited to assist in developing the MnDOT Technical Certification Program instruction and certification. All training, instructors, classroom materials, content manuals and exams will be provided by the winning proposal.

For additional information or to request a copy of the Request for Proposal, please contact:

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2101 Trinity Road, Duluth MN 55811
P: 218-733-5968 E: ***purchasing@lsc.edu***

The RFP can also be found at ***https://www.lsc.edu/rfp/*** . Proposals are due at the Lake Superior College Business Office by 12:00pm CT on Friday, April 23, 2021.

This notice and the Request for Bid do not obligate the State of Minnesota, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities or Lake Superior College to award a contract; and reserves its right to withdraw from the RFB if it is considered to be in its best interest.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (Minnesota State)

Winona State University

Request for Proposals for Integrated Pest Management Services

Notice is hereby given that Winona State University is seeking proposals for **Integrated Pest Management Services.**

Proposal specifications are available by contacting Laura Mann, Purchasing Director, PO Box 5838, 106 Somsen Hall, Winona, MN 55987 or via email to ***lmann@winona.edu***.

Sealed proposals must be received by Laura Mann, Purchasing Director, at Winona State University, PO Box 5838 or 175 West Mark Street, Business Office, Somsen Hall 106, Winona, MN 55987, by May 7, 2021, 3:00 PM CT

Winona State University reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any irregularities or informalities in proposals received.

Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)

Request for Proposals for MnDOT-DEED Highway Heavy Construction Equipment Operator Training and Placement

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development Request for Proposals for MnDOT-DEED Highway Heavy Construction Equipment Operator Training and Placement.

Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development is seeking proposals for Highway Heavy Construction Equipment Operator training services targeted to minorities and women.

The RFP is posted on DEED's website: ***https://mn.gov/deed/about/contracts/***. Responses must be received no later than 1:00 pm, Central Daylight Time, on May 5, 2021.

Minnesota Department of Health (MDH)

Request for Proposal for a Qualified Contractor to Provide Document Review Services, Hosted Document Services, and Data Collection and Processing Services Through a Master Contract Program

PROJECT NAME: Request for Proposal for a Qualified Contractor to Provide Document Review Services, Hosted Document Services, and Data Collection and Processing Services Through a Master Contract Program

DETAILS: The Minnesota Department of Health, through its Legal Unit (State), seeks Proposals from qualified Responders to provide, under master contract program, distinct services involved in collecting, processing, reviewing, and producing documents for litigation and data practice requests. State seeks responses from service providers that can provide complete services across the Electronic Discovery Reference Model ("EDRM"), as well as a la carte EDRM services. The services State is seeking can be generally broken down into three service areas: (1) Document Review; (2) Hosted Document Services; and (3) Data Collection and Processing. The purpose of these services is to assist State with fulfilling obligations in connection with litigation discovery, data practices requests, or other matters involving production of a large volume of documents or data.

Work is anticipated to start in May 2021.

COPY REQUEST: To receive a copy of the Request for Proposals, please send a written request by email to:

Mindy Hexum
MDH Legal Counsel/Data Practices Attorney
Mindy.Hexum@state.mn.us

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: Proposals in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received via email not later than **May 4, 2021, Central Time, 11:59 p.m. Late proposals will not be considered.** Faxed or mailed proposals will not be considered.

This request does not obligate the State of Minnesota to award a contract or complete the proposed program, and the State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation if it is considered in its best interest. All costs incurred in responding to this solicitation will be borne by the responder.

Minnesota Indian Affairs Council (MIAC)

Request for Proposals for TRUTH Toward Reconciliation and University Tribal Healing

PROJECT NAME: TRUTH Toward Reconciliation and University Tribal Healing

DETAILS: The Minnesota Indian Affairs Council is requesting proposals for the purpose of examining the shared history between the University and American Indian tribal nations and to work towards reconciliation and healing. This project is the start of this process. The eleven tribal nations sharing geography with Minnesota will each investigate their own histories with the University. American Indian and Indigenous Studies faculty from the University will be available to support the research. MIAC seeks someone willing to work within a systems-change and social justice-oriented framework to coordinate the project with the eleven tribal nations and collaborate with the University's tribal nations relations staff.

Work is anticipated to start after May 7, 2021

COPY REQUEST: To get a copy of the Request for Proposals, please send a written request, by email, to:

Shannon Geshick
Executive Director
Minnesota Indian Affairs Council

161 Saint Anthony Avenue Ste. 919
Saint Paul, MN 55103
Shannon.Geshick@state.mn.us

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: Proposals submitted in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received via email no later than **May 3, 2021. Late proposals will not be considered.** Fax/mailed 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.

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.

Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR)

Notice of Contract Opportunity for Sampling Vegetation in Wetland Sites

PROJECT NAME: Sampling Vegetation in Wetland Sites

DETAILS: The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources is requesting proposals for the purpose of establishing baseline vegetative quality on 33 compensatory mitigation wetland sites. Timed meander samples will be used to conduct floristic quality assessment on the vegetation identified through this activity.

Work is anticipated to start after June 14th.

COPY REQUEST: To get a copy of the Request for Proposals, please send a written request, by email, to:

Robert Kronick
Lead Accounting Officer
robert.kronick@state.mn.us

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: Proposals submitted in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received by email no later than **2:00 p.m., Central Time, April 28, 2021**. Late proposals will not be considered. Faxed/mailed 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.

Minnesota Zoo

Notice of Contract Opportunity for a Tour Operator for Patagonia Adult Travel EdVenture in November of 2021

PROJECT NAME: Tour Operator for Patagonia Adult Travel EdVenture in November of 2021

DETAILS: The Minnesota Department of Minnesota Zoo is requesting proposals for the purpose of hiring a tour operator to plan, coordinate, and lead an international travel opportunity to Patagonia for adults in November 2021 (or 2022, if a 2021 trip is not possible due to COVID or other safety concerns). This will be an educational and adventure trip for approximately 12 adults and one Minnesota Zoo staff member to experience and learn about wildlife and nature as it relates to the Minnesota Zoo's mission.

Work is anticipated to start after June 1, 2021.

COPY REQUEST: To receive a copy of the Request for Proposals, please send a written request by email to:

Tyler Ahnemann
Unique Experiences Specialist
Tyler.Ahnemann@state.mn.us

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: Proposals in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received via email not later than **3pm, Central Time, May 3, 2021. Late proposals will not be considered.**

This request does not obligate the State of Minnesota to award a contract or complete the proposed program, and the State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation if it is considered in its best interest. All costs incurred in responding to this solicitation will be borne by the responder.

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/*.

City of Brainerd

Request for Proposals for Brainerd and Crow Wing County Transit Service Operation

PROPOSAL ACCEPTANCE CLOSES MAY 3, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

Sealed proposals marked "Brainerd & Crow Wing County Service Operation" will be received at the Office of City Administrator, 501 Laurel St., Brainerd, MN 56401, until 10:00 a.m., local time, May 3, 2021, at which time they will

be opened and documented as received, cataloged for all required submittals, and prepared for review. Solicitation is for the operating services to the City of Brainerd and Crow Wing County, Minnesota, for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 in accordance with the specifications on same.

Proposal evaluation will occur May 6, 2021 and may be considered by the Brainerd City Council at their regular meeting on May 17, 2021. The Brainerd City Council reserves the right to review the proposals later, if necessary, to allow for further consideration and proposer presentations prior to acting.

Brainerd & Crow Wing Public Transit System is a citywide/countywide public transit service subsidized with state and federal public transit dollars, which utilizes small chassis cut-away buses to transport passengers. The proposer understands that the Transit System belongs to The City of Brainerd and Crow Wing County, and the proposal presented is for the operation of the transit system.

Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained, at no cost, from the City of Brainerd website located at ***www.ci.brainerd.mn.us***. All proposals must be submitted on the proposal forms furnished. The contact person for all communication involving the RFP is:

Transit Coordinator
501 Laurel Street
Brainerd, MN 56401
218-454-3413
astone@ci.brainerd.mn.us

Other Brainerd & Crow Wing Transit System personnel or its representatives are not allowed to discuss the RFP with anyone, including potential responders, before the RFP submission deadline.

All proposals shall be sealed with the proposer's name and address clearly identified on the outside of packet. The Brainerd & Crow Wing Transit System does not require a proposal guaranty, cash deposit, and/or proposal bond for this RFP.

The FTA is or will be providing federal assistance for this project in an estimated expected amount of $671,612; the Federal Assistance Listing number is 20.509.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Special Provisions: The Mn/DOT Office of EEO/Contract Management has assigned a Race/Gender Neutral DBE goal to this project. Bidders are directed to read the Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) Special Provision race/gender neutral goal in Attachment 3. The Disadvantage Business Enterprise Special Provisions explains how to comply with the DBE requirements.

The City of Brainerd reserves the right to select the most advantageous offer by evaluation and comparing factors in addition to cost or price such that a recipient may acquire technical superiority even if it must pay a premium price. A 'premium" is the difference between the price of the lowest priced proposal and the one that the recipient believes offers the best value.

By Order of the City Council, City of Brainerd

March 15th, 2021

Jennifer Bergman – City Administrator