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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 Proposed emergency rules, and withdrawn proposed rules, are also published in the State Register.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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**Rules to be Adopted After a Hearing.** After receiving comments and deciding to hold a public hearing on the rule, an agency drafts its rule. It then publishes its rules with a notice of hearing. All persons wishing to make a statement must register at the hearing. Anyone who wishes to submit written comments may do so at the hearing, or within five working days of the close of the hearing. Administrative law judges may, during the hearing, extend the period for receiving comments up to 20 calendar days. For five business days after the submission period the agency and interested persons may respond to any new information submitted during the written submission period and the record then is closed. The administrative law judge prepares a report within 30 days, stating findings of fact, conclusions and recommendations. After receiving the report, the agency decides whether to adopt, withdraw or modify the proposed rule based on consideration of the comments made during the rule hearing procedure and the report of the administrative law judge. The agency must wait five days after receiving the report before taking any action.

**Rules to be Adopted Without a Hearing.** Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 14.22, an agency may propose to adopt, amend, suspend or repeal rules without first holding a public hearing. An agency must first solicit *Comments on Planned Rules* or *Comments on Planned Rule Amendments* from the public. The agency then publishes a notice of intent to adopt rules without a public hearing, together with the proposed rules, in the *State Register.* If, during the 30-day comment period, 25 or more persons submit to the agency a written request for a hearing of the proposed rules, the agency must proceed under the provisions of §§ 14.141-14.20, which state that if an agency decides to hold a public hearing, it must publish a notice of intent in the *State Register.*

**KEY: Proposed Rules** - Underlining indicates additions to existing rule language. Strikeouts indicate deletions from existing rule language. If a proposed rule is totally new, it is designated “all new material.” **Adopted Rules** - Underlining indicates additions to proposed rule language. Strikeout indicates deletions from proposed rule language.

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**Office of Higher Education**

**Proposed Permanent Rules Relating to Supplemental Student Loans; Dual Notice: Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules Without a Public Hearing, and Notice of Hearing if 25 or More Persons Request a Hearing**

**Proposed Rules Governing Supplemental Student Loans; Minnesota Rules, Chapter 4850; Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules Without a Public Hearing, and Notice of Hearing if 25 or More Persons Request a Hearing; OAH Docket Number 60-9031-37587; Revisor’s ID Number R-4688**

**Introduction.** The Minnesota Office of Higher Education (office) intends to adopt rules without a public hearing under Minnesota Rules, parts 1400.2300 to 1400.2310, and Minnesota Statutes, section 14.225. But if 25 or more persons submit a written request for a hearing by 4:30 p.m. on September 2, 2021, the office will hold a public hearing at the Minnesota Office of Higher Education, 1450 Energy Park Drive, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55108-5227.

An administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) will conduct the hearing starting at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, September 20, 2021. The hearing will last until everyone who wants to comment has had the chance to do so or until the administrative law judge adjourns it.

To find out whether the office will adopt the rules without a hearing or if it will hold a hearing, you should contact Marilyn Kosir after September 2, 2021, and before September 20, 2021. A hearing is governed according to Minnesota Rules, parts 1400.2200 to 1400.2240, and Minnesota Statutes, sections 14.131 to 14.20.

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Agency Contact Person. Please send questions to Marilyn Kosir, marilyn.kosir@state.mn.us, 651-355-0600, the Minnesota Office of Higher Education, 1450 Energy Park Drive, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55108.

Subject of Rules and Statutory Authority. The proposed rules affect the SELF Loan program under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1701, which is a state program that provides supplemental loans to postsecondary students. To improve the program, the office seeks to:

• increase the value of the program to borrowers and cosigners;
• clarify existing rule language;
• align and update definitions and language and remove definitions not referenced in rules; and
• provide flexibility to respond to the needs of borrowers and cosigners.

The proposed changes give borrowers and cosigners flexibility by:

• allowing more flexibility in the payment of interest to permit a minimum interest amount to be paid instead of the full interest due;
• allowing more flexibility for borrowers to return to school and make interest-only payments;
• allowing borrowers to use the SELF program for prerequisites;
• providing a longer period to rehabilitate a defaulted loan;
• allowing for natural disaster forbearances to be offered;
• clarifying cosigner credit eligibility criterion at the time of loan approval; and
• clarifying loan suspension or forgiveness in the case of temporary or permanent disability.

The office also anticipates that the rule amendments will benefit postsecondary institutions because the amendments could lead more students to use the SELF program and to pay bills that they owe to the institution. And if borrowers and cosigners have more flexibility to pay interest and more time to rehabilitate a defaulted loan, institutions will benefit from lower institutional default rates.

The office has the statutory authority to amend and adopt rules on student-loan programs under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.16, subdivision 2. Included in this statutory authority is the office’s rules on the SELF Loan program. A copy of the proposed rules is published in the State Register, and a free copy of the rules is available upon request from Marilyn Kosir or online at the office’s statutes, rules, and policies web page).

Part of the office’s amendments include repealing Minnesota Rules, parts:

• 4850.0011, subparts 2, 6, 10, 21, 28a, 28b, 28c, 28d, and 30;
• 4850.0015, subparts 3 and 4; and
• 4850.0024, subpart 1.

Commenting on Rule. You have until 4:30 p.m. on September 2, 2021, to comment—supporting or opposing—on the proposed rules, including any specific rule part. Comments on the rule or requests for a public hearing must be submitted via the OAH Rulemaking eComments website (https://minnesotaoah.granicusideus.com). If you cannot use the eComments website, you may submit comments in person, via US mail, or by facsimile addressed to Judge LaFave at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, PO Box 64620, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620, or fax (651) 539-0310.

The office strongly encourages public comment—especially if the proposed rules affect you—and your comments should identify which rule part you are commenting on, the reason for the comment, and any proposed change. Any comments that you have about the legality of the proposed rules must also be made during the comment period.

Requesting a Hearing. In addition to submitting comments, you may also request that the office hold a hearing on the rules. You must make your request for a public hearing by 4:30 p.m. on September 2, 2021. You must include your name and address in your request and identify the portion of the proposed rules that you object to or state that you oppose the entire rule. Any request that does not comply with these requirements is invalid and does not count as a
request for hearing. You are also encouraged to state why you are requesting a hearing and any changes that you want made to the proposed rules.

**Withdrawning Requests.** If enough requests for hearing are withdrawn to reduce the number of hearing requests below 25, the office must give written notice to all persons who requested a hearing and explain that enough persons have withdrawn their hearing requests. The office’s notice on withdrawing requests must comply with additional requirements under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.25, subdivision 2.

**Alternative Format and Accommodation.** Upon request, the information in this notice can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make a request or if you need an accommodation to make the hearing accessible, please contact Marilyn Kosir.

**Modifying proposed rules.** The office may modify the proposed rules because of public comment, the hearing process, or as otherwise needed to comply with the Administrative Procedure Act. The office must support modifications with information or evidence, including public comments sent to the office or presented at the hearing. Unless the office follows the procedure under Minnesota Rules, part 1400.2110, the adopted rules may not be substantially different than the proposed rules.

**Canceling Hearing.** The office will cancel the hearing if the office does not receive enough valid hearing requests. If the hearing is canceled, the office will notify you if you requested a hearing. You may also contact Marilyn Kosir or go to the office’s statutes, rules, and policies web page (https://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=425) after September 2, 2021, to find out if the hearing has been canceled.

**Holding Hearing.** If 25 or more persons submit valid written requests for a public hearing, the office will hold a hearing as specified in the introduction. If you requested a public hearing, the office will notify you before the scheduled hearing. You may also contact Marilyn Kosir or go to the office’s statutes, rules, and policies web page (https://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=425) after September 2, 2021, to find out if the hearing will be held.

**Administrative Law Judge.** Administrative Law Judge LaFave will conduct the hearing. Judge LaFave can be reached at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, PO Box 64620, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620, (651) 361-7875, and fax (651) 539-0310. You should direct questions about the rule-hearing procedure to Judge LaFave’s legal assistant, Michelle Severson, Michelle.Severson@state.mn.us, 651-361-7874.

**Hearing Procedure.** If the office holds a hearing, you and all interested or affected persons, including representatives of associations or other interested groups, will have an opportunity to participate. You may present your views either (1) orally at the hearing, or (2) in writing at any time before the hearing record closes. All presented evidence or comments should relate to the proposed rules. You may also submit written material to the administrative law judge to be recorded in the hearing record for five working days after the public hearing ends, although at the hearing the administrative law judge may extend this five-day comment period for a longer period not to exceed 20 calendar days. After the comment period, there is a five-working-day rebuttal period when the agency and any interested person may respond in writing to any new information submitted. No one may submit new evidence during the five-day rebuttal period.

All posthearing comments and responses must be submitted to the administrative law judge no later than 4:30 p.m. on the due date. All persons submitting comments and responses must use the OAH Rulemaking eComments website (https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com). If you cannot use the eComments website, you may submit posthearing comments in person, via US mail, or by facsimile addressed to Judge LaFave at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, PO Box 64620, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620, or fax (651) 539-0310.

**Statement of Need and Reasonableness.** In the Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR), the office justifies why the proposed rules are needed to support the SELF Loan program and how the office’s proposed changes are reasonable. The office also describes who the rules will affect and estimates the probable cost. The SONAR is now available from Marilyn Kosir or online at office’s statutes, rules, and policies web page (https://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=425) or on the OAH eComments website (https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com). You may review the SONAR or get a copy by contacting Marilyn Kosir.
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Lobbyist Registration. A lobbyist must register with the State Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board (see Minnesota Statutes, chapter 10A). You may ask questions about this requirement by contacting the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board at 190 Centennial Office Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, (651) 539-1180 or 1-800-657-3889.

Adoption Procedure if No Hearing. If no hearing is required, the office may adopt the rules after the end of the comment period on September 2, 2021. The office will submit the rules and supporting documents to OAH for legal review, and the administrative law judge will issue a report. Contact Marilyn Kosir if you want to (1) be notified when the rules are submitted to OAH or when the report is available, or (2) receive a copy of the adopted rules. You may also ask to be notified when the office adopts the rules and when the rules are filed with the secretary of state.

Adoption Procedure after Hearing. If a hearing is held, the administrative law judge will issue a report after the hearing record closes. You may ask to be notified when the administrative law judge’s report is available; you can make this request at the hearing or in writing to the administrative law judge. You may also ask to be notified when the office adopts the rules and when the rules are filed with the secretary of state by making a request at the hearing or by contacting Marilyn Kosir.

Requesting to Be on Rulemaking List. Contact Marilyn Kosir to be placed on the office’s rulemaking list and to be notified of future rule proceedings.

Order. I order that if 25 or more persons request a public rulemaking hearing, that the hearing be held at the date, time, and location listed according to this notice.

07/06/2021 Dennis Olson Jr., Commissioner Minnesota Office of Higher Education

4850.0011 DEFINITIONS.

Subp. 2. [See repealer.]

Subp. 2a. Borrower. “Borrower” means an individual who is a beneficiary of a SELF Loan.

Subp. 3. [Repealed, 20 SR 2214]

Subp. 4. Capitalized interest or capitalization. “Capitalized interest” or “capitalization” means accrued interest that is added to the outstanding loan principal.

Subp. 6. [See repealer.]

Subp. 7. [Repealed, 20 SR 2214]

Subp. 7a. Commissioner. “Commissioner” means the commissioner of the office, or office staff who perform duties as assigned by the commissioner. [Renumbered from subpart 12a.]


Subp. 9. Creditworthy cosigner. “Creditworthy cosigner” means one “Creditworthy” refers to an individual who, based on either information provided by a national credit bureau or information available to the office, has:

C. no more than $300 combined total in unsatisfied credit or unsatisfied payment obligations including, but not-
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limited to, charged-off loans, credit, medical, utility accounts, collection items, and tax or mechanics liens; as listed on the individual’s credit report:

(1) a total debt greater than $300, with no more than $300 of combined debt charged-off or that represents a tax or mechanic’s lien; or

(2) a total debt of $300 or less, with no single charged-off debt or tax or mechanic’s lien;

[For text of item D, see Minnesota Rules]

E. no current delinquency on any defaulted loan payments to or SELF Refi Loan with the office that has not been satisfied in full;

F. no defaulted existing loan or SELF Refi Loan that is delinquent or in forbearance with the office which has not been paid in full in accordance with the requirements of the office when a new loan is approved unless an approved exception has been made for a natural disaster forbearance; and

G. a required credit score; if established, by the commissioner under part 4850.0013.

Subp. 10. [See repealer.]

Subp. 11a. [See text of subpart 11, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 12a. [Renumbered as subpart 7a.]

Subp. 14. Eligible school. “Eligible school” means a school that meets the requirements for an eligible institution as defined in under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.155, and either:

[For text of items A and B, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 15. Eligible student. “Eligible student” means a student who:

A. is enrolled in an eligible school in Minnesota, or is a Minnesota resident enrolled in an eligible school in another state or United States territory as defined in under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.155;

B. is enrolled at least half time in an educational program leading to a certificate, associate, baccalaureate, masters, doctorate, or other professional degree or the completion of prerequisites for a degree;

C. is making satisfactory academic progress as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.101, subdivision 10;

D. is not currently in default, as defined by each specific program, of any student educational loan program (Stafford Loan, GSL, FISL, NDSL, Perkins, HPL, HEAL, ALAS/SLS, or other similar federal, state, private, or institutional student loan program) at the current or any previous school federal, state, private, or institutional student loan program, based on the knowledge of either the office or the eligible school;

E. is not currently delinquent in payment of interest or principal on an outstanding SELF or SELF Refi Loan and does not have a forbearance, unless an approved exception has been made for a natural disaster forbearance;

F. has a creditworthy cosigner when the loan is approved;

G. demonstrates establishes financial eligibility by meeting the “maximum effort” test demonstrating maximum effort; and
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H. has agreed to the release of information to a consumer credit reporting agency, as listed in according to part 4850.0012, subpart 4.

Subp. 16. Enrolled student. “Enrolled student” “Enrolled” means a student who has registered for and begun the loan period at the eligible school.

Subp. 16a. [Repealed, 20 SR 2214]

Subp. 17. Financial aid. “Financial aid” includes all money flowing to the student that is contingent upon the student’s enrollment at the eligible school has the meaning given “estimated financial assistance” in Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, part 682, section 200, paragraph (b).

[For text of subparts 18 to 20, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 21. [See repealer.]

Subp. 22. Half-time student. “Half-time student” means one who is enrolled in at an eligible school and carrying a half-time academic workload as determined by the eligible school that amounts to at least one-half the workload of a full-time certificate or degree seeking student. In eligible schools utilizing clock hours, half-time enrollment includes programs requiring at least 300 clock hours.

Subp. 23. In-school period. “In-school period” means the period that the eligible student is enrolled on at least a half-time basis in an eligible school.

[For text of subparts 24 to 25, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 26. Maximum effort. To have used “Maximum effort” means that the student has applied for and exhausted all eligibility for other forms of financial aid except work-study, federal and student loans covered under Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, part 674, the federal Perkins Loan Program, Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, part 682, the federal Family Education Loan Program or FFEL, Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, part 685, the William D. Ford federal Direct Loan Program, or other similar federal student loan, and HEAL), before applying for a SELF Loan. Financial aid administrators must include any financial aid that has been awarded or is expected to be awarded to the student for the loan period.

Subp. 26a. [Renumbered as subpart 26c.]

Subp. 26b. Natural disaster forbearance. “Natural disaster forbearance” means a forbearance made owing to a local-, state- or federal-declared natural disaster that negatively affects a borrower’s or cosigner’s ability to safely live at home or to safely work.

Subp. 26c. Office. “Office” means the Minnesota Office of Higher Education or its predecessors or successors. [Renumbered from subpart 26a.]

Subp. 26d. Satisfactory academic progress. “Satisfactory academic progress” has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.101, subdivision 10.

Subp. 26e. SELF Loan or loan. “SELF Loan” or “loan” means a loan issued under this chapter and does not include SELF Refi Loan.

Subp. 26f. SELF Refi Loan. “SELF Refi Loan” means a loan issued by the office to refinance an educational loan.

[For text of subparts 27 and 28, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 28a. [See repealer.]

Subp. 28b. [See repealer.]
Subp. 28c. [See repealer.]

Subp. 28d. [See repealer.]

Subp. 28e. **Temporary total disability.** “Temporary total disability” means a disability certified according to part 4850.0027, subpart 1, and resulting from:

A. an injury or illness that is expected to last at least four months and that interferes with the borrower’s ability to make loan payments. A borrower has a temporary total disability if a doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine, legally authorized to practice in a state, certifies that the borrower is unable to work and earn money because of an injury or illness expected to last at least four months. A borrower is not considered to have a temporary total disability on the basis of a condition that existed at the time the loan was made;

B. an unforeseeable condition that existed when the loan was fully disbursed; or

C. a condition that:

   (1) existed before the loan was disbursed;

   (2) had an anticipated long-term progression; and

   (3) then had an unanticipated rapid progression after the loan was fully disbursed.

Subp. 28f. **Total and permanent disability.** “Total and permanent disability” means a disability certified according to part 4850.0027, subpart 2, and resulting from:

A. an injury or illness that is expected to continue indefinitely or result in death, that interferes with the borrower’s ability to make loan payments because the borrower is unable to work or earn money, as certified by a doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine, legally authorized to practice in a state. A borrower is not considered totally and permanently disabled on the basis of a condition that existed at the time the loan was made;

B. an unforeseeable condition that existed when the loan was fully disbursed; or

C. a condition that:

   (1) existed before the loan was disbursed;

   (2) had an anticipated long-term progression; and

   (3) then had an unanticipated rapid progression after the loan was fully disbursed.

Subp. 29. **Transition period.** “Transition period” means a 12-month period immediately following graduation or termination of enrollment. Borrowers may extend the transition period, if permitted by the terms of the promissory note, an additional period not to exceed 24 months. During the transition period, borrowers are billed for interest only the end of an in-school period.

Subp. 30. [See repealer.]

**4850.0012 SCHOOL AGREEMENTS AND STUDENT APPLICATIONS.**

Subpart 1. **Institutional loan participation agreement.**

A. For an eligible school to certify new SELF Loans, the eligible school and the commissioner must sign a loan
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participation agreement that will:

A. (1) states the eligible school’s responsibility for proper certification and delivery of certifying and delivering loans to students; and

B. (2) names a representative of the eligible school who is to be responsible for the administering the agreement.

B. For purposes of this subpart, “certifying” means an eligible school:

(1) verifies and documents the borrower’s identity, eligible enrollment, satisfactory academic progress, loan period, and associated cost of attendance and financial aid for the loan period;

(2) determines that the borrower has demonstrated maximum effort; and

(3) calculates the maximum allowable SELF Loan eligibility and recommends a specific loan amount.

C. If a school finds that a borrower is in default of an existing SELF Loan, the school must not certify a new SELF Loan for the borrower. When determining whether a borrower is in default, the school may rely on written, verbal, or electronic information available to the school.

Subp. 2. Termination. The commissioner may terminate the agreement for participation in the SELF program under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1701, with an eligible school upon determining:

A. the school is not complying with parts 4850.0010 to 4850.0024 this chapter; or

[For text of item B, see Minnesota Rules]
[For text of subpart 3, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 4. Release of information. The following information about the borrower and cosigner will be periodically released to a consumer credit reporting agency throughout the life of the loan:

[For text of items A to G, see Minnesota Rules]

H. the number of late payments in previous 12 months;

±H. the type of account;

±L. the responsibility for the account; and

Κ±L. the status or remarks code.

4850.0014 AMOUNT AND TERMS.

[For text of subparts 1 and 2, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 3. Interest rate.

A. For SELF II Loans, the interest rate on the loan will be determined by the commissioner at a margin in excess of the SELF II index rate as defined under part 4850.0011, subpart 28a. If the index rate increases or decreases, the interest rate on the loan automatically increases or decreases on the same day without notice to the borrower. The interest rate on the loan cannot increase or decrease more than two percentage points over any four consecutive calendar quarters exclusive of any individual loan interest rate reductions and reinstatements resulting from the application of benefit programs for military, on-time payments and automated payments or other program interest rate reductions. The commissioner shall set the margin to reflect the costs of the SELF program. If the commissioner determines that the margin does not reflect the costs of the SELF program, the commissioner must increase or decrease the margin. The commissioner shall advise borrowers of changes in the margin.
B. For SELF III and SELF IV Loans, the interest rate on the loan will be determined by the commissioner at a margin in excess of SELF III and SELF IV index rates, as defined under part 4850.0011, subparts 28b and 28c. The interest rate on the loan cannot increase or decrease more than three percentage points over any four consecutive calendar quarters exclusive of any individual loan interest rate reductions and reinstatements resulting from the application of benefit programs for military, on-time payments and automated payments or other program interest rate reductions. The commissioner shall set the margin to reflect the costs of the SELF program. If the commissioner determines that the margin does not reflect the costs of the SELF program, the commissioner must increase or decrease the margin.

C. For SELF V Loans, the interest rate on the loan will be a fixed rate, a maximum rate provided in the promissory note, or a rate determined by the commissioner at a margin in excess of SELF V index rates, as defined under part 4850.0011, subpart 28d. The interest rate on the loan cannot increase or decrease more than three percentage points over any four consecutive calendar quarters exclusive of any individual loan interest rate reductions and reinstatements resulting from the application of benefit programs for military, on-time and automated payments, or other program interest rate reductions. The commissioner shall set the margin to reflect the costs of the SELF program. If the commissioner determines that the margin does not reflect the costs of the SELF program, the commissioner must increase or decrease the margin.

A. The commissioner must determine the interest rate on SELF Loans to reflect a borrower’s payment choices. When determining the interest rate, the commissioner must establish indexes or use fixed or maximum rates as provided for in the promissory note. If the index rate increases or decreases, the interest rate on the loan automatically increases or decreases on the same day without notice to the borrower.

B. The commissioner must set the margin to reflect the costs of the SELF program. If the commissioner determines that the margin does not reflect the costs of the SELF program, the commissioner must increase or decrease the margin.

C. The commissioner must list the interest rate for SELF Loans on the office’s website and explain how the rate is calculated. The interest rate must also be included on billing statements sent to borrowers and cosigners.

4850.0015 LOAN DISBURSEMENTS.

Subpart 1. Disbursement scheduling. An eligible school may receive loan disbursements through an electronic funds transfer or by individual check. If loan proceeds are in the form of an individual check, the check must be jointly payable to the borrower and the eligible school. If the loan period covers more than one academic or payment period, the loan must be disbursed in installments during each academic or payment period. (For example, if an eligible school’s academic year is divided by quarters, the student’s loan amount may be disbursed in three installments, once each quarter.) Disbursements must be made at the beginning of each academic term, unless the commissioner requires or the school suggests other more appropriate dates.

Subp. 2. Disbursement when Disbursing loan proceeds arrive before loan period. Loan proceeds must not be disbursed to the student before the start of the loan period. The school must verify the student’s enrollment and that the student meets satisfactory academic progress requirements. If the loan proceeds are in the form of an individual check, the school must deliver the check to the student for endorsement. The check must then be endorsed by the school. In the case of either a check or an electronic funds transfer, the school must next subtract from the loan proceeds the amount owed to it for the payment period, and make arrangements with the student for the use of any remaining proceeds. The remaining proceeds may be returned to the student or retained on account at the election of the student. The school may not keep on account any more money than it charges for that payment period without the written permission of the student.

A. Before disbursing the loan proceeds, an eligible school must verify the student’s registration or enrollment at the school and that the student meets the school’s satisfactory academic progress requirements. If the loan proceeds are in the form of an individual check:
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(1) both the school and the student must endorse the check;

(2) the school must credit the check to the student’s financial account with the school; and

(3) if the student is owed a credit balance and the school does not automatically refund the balance, the school must get the student’s written instructions for holding or disbursing the balance or both.

B. The school:

(1) may hold the loan proceeds until the student returns if the student is:

(a) on a school-approved leave of absence when the loan proceeds are received from the office; and

(b) scheduled to return within 30 days from the check date or date of the electronic funds transfer; or

(2) must return the loan proceeds to the office if the student is not scheduled to return according to subitem (1), unit (b).

Subp. 3. [See repealer.]

Subp. 4. [See repealer.]

Subp. 5. Disbursing directly to borrower. The office must send the check directly payable to the borrower if:

A. the eligible school is unable to disburse the check according to this part; and

B. the student is owed a credit balance.

4850.0016 NONENROLLMENT, TRANSFER, AND WITHDRAWAL.

Subpart 1. Nonenrollment. A school must return a payment to the commissioner for the loan proceeds to the office if the student fails to enroll within 30 days of the payment date after the student was scheduled to enroll.

[For text of subpart 2, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 3. Withdrawal. In the event that if a borrower, for any reason, fails to complete a loan period, withdraws, and the school calculates a SELF refund for the borrower, that refund must be returned to the office for the SELF loan program within 30 days of the date the school becomes aware of the withdrawal. Refunds to the office are determined by items A and B. A school must calculate a refund according to the office’s SELF Loan Program Manual, May 2019, and as subsequently amended, which is incorporated by reference, is not subject to frequent change, and is available online at the office’s website:

A. Determine the percentage that the SELF loan represents of the student’s total nonfederal financial aid package for the applicable term:

B. Multiply that percentage by the amount determined to be refunded to nonfederal aid providers under the school’s refund policy. The result yields the amount to be refunded to the office.

[For text of subpart 4, see Minnesota Rules]

4850.0017 REPAYMENT PROCEDURES.

Borrowers or cosigners must make payments of principal and interest according to the following schedule this part.

A. During the in-school period, the office or its agent shall bill borrowers a minimum amount.
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due for accrued interest, as required by the terms of the promissory note, and applicable late charges at least once during each calendar quarter.

B. During the transition period, the office or its agent shall bill borrowers a minimum amount due for accrued interest, as required by the terms of the promissory note, and applicable late charges once during each calendar month.

C. During the repayment period, the office or its agent shall bill borrowers for accrued interest, applicable late charges, and principal once during each calendar month. The interest rate may vary throughout the period, according to the promissory note. The sum of the monthly payments must equal the sum of accrued interest plus principal, plus any applicable late charges. Except for income-driven repayment under item D, the borrower must pay a total of at least $600 each year on all of the borrower’s SELF Loans.

D. Interest payments during the in-school period that are delinquent in excess of 120 days from the billing date may be capitalized. Capitalization of past due interest must be limited to two occasions before filing a claim. Income-driven repayment is permitted under any program that offers it.

E. Capitalization of interest is permitted when there is delinquent interest, deferred interest, a forbearance, or a natural disaster forbearance.

E-F. A prepayment penalty must not be assessed against borrowers who elect to make unscheduled payments of loan principal.

F-G. The commissioner shall grant forbearances in those instances a forbearance or natural disaster forbearance when the borrower is unable to make payment and has not exhausted the permitted number of occurrences—The forbearance shall be granted upon receipt of a written request from the borrower and the cosigner. The commissioner shall waive the requirement for signatures from both the borrower and the cosigner when there is no current contact information for one of the parties or an affidavit or police report documents an adversarial relationship between the parties. Forbearances are limited to A forbearance must not be longer than four months, but the forbearance is renewable upon receipt of further documentation for another for an additional four months upon the commissioner receiving another written request. The commissioner must set the length for any natural disaster forbearance.

H. If there is a peacetime public health emergency or a local-, state-, or federal-declared natural disaster, the commissioner is authorized to forego the requirement for a written request applicable to all borrowers under item G.

G-I. Upon request, the commissioner shall provide borrowers and cosigners with an annual statement of outstanding principal and interest paid during the previous calendar year.

4850.0018 CLAIMS.

Subpart 1. When filed Filing claim. If after exercising due diligence, and after 120 days from the billing date the commissioner fails to collect a payment from a borrower or the cosigner, a claim must be filed to the bad debt reserve by the commissioner for the outstanding principal of the loan plus accrued interest. The commissioner must file a claim to the bad-debt reserve for the outstanding principal of the loan plus accrued interest if, after exercising due diligence:

A. the commissioner is unable to collect a loan payment from a borrower or cosigner; and

B. the loan is at least 120 days past due.

Subp. 2. When-paid Bad-debt reserve. Claims are paid in four categories: A claim to the bad-debt reserve is filed according to this subpart.

A. The commissioner must file a claim for death of the borrower must be filed by the commissioner upon receipt of a death record. The cosigner’s obligation to make any further payment of principal and interest or both on a SELF loan
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is canceled as of the date of confirming the borrower’s death.

B. If the borrower becomes totally and permanently disabled, the commissioner must file a claim must be filed by the commissioner upon receipt of proper medical documentation receiving a certification under part 4850.0027, subpart 2. The borrower’s and cosigner’s obligation to make any further payment of principal and interest on a SELF Loan is canceled as of the date of approval of the medical documentation by the office that the office receives and approves a certification under part 4850.0027, subpart 2.

C. If a borrower or cosigner fails to perform any of the conditions of the promissory note, a claim must be filed by the commissioner.

D. C. If a borrower is or cosigner or both are adjudicated bankrupt and have liability for the SELF Loan discharged, the cosigner any party not adjudicated bankrupt remains liable for unpaid principal and interest. If the cosigner fails to perform any of the conditions of the promissory note, the commissioner shall file a claim.

4850.0020 LOAN FORGIVENESS.

Subpart 1. Death of borrower or cosigner.

A. The obligation of the borrower and the cosigner to repay a SELF Loan shall be forgiven upon documentation of the death of the borrower. Payments made after the borrower’s death prior to the submission of a death certificate will not be reimbursed.

B. The obligation of the cosigner to repay a loan is forgiven upon the death of the cosigner.

Subp. 2. Total and permanent disability of borrower.

A. The obligation of the borrower and the cosigner to repay the SELF Loan shall be forgiven upon written request to the office if the office determines:

(1) that a borrower has a total and permanent disability and if receiving and approving a certification under part 4850.0027, subpart 2; and

(2) verifying that the total and permanent disability of the borrower occurred after all disbursements of the loan were made was fully disbursed.

B. The obligation of the cosigner to repay a SELF Loan is forgiven upon the office:

(1) receiving and approving a certification under part 4850.0027, subpart 2; and

(2) verifying that the total and permanent disability of the cosigner occurred after the loan was fully disbursed.

C. The forgiveness is effective the date the total and permanent disability documentation is approved and accepted by the office.

4850.0021 NONACCRUAL OF INTEREST PERIOD DURING A TEMPORARY TOTAL DISABILITY.

A. A borrower who has a temporary total disability shall be granted a period of nonaccrual of interest upon written request to the office, effective the date the temporary total disability documentation is approved and accepted by the office, if the office determines the office:

(1) receiving and approving a certification under part 4850.0027, subpart 1; and

(2) verifying that the borrower has a temporary total disability and if the temporary total disability of the
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borrower occurred after all disbursements of the loan were made was fully disbursed.

B. Interest does not accrue during an approved nonaccrual of interest period, and no payments will be required to be made during this time period. A nonaccrual of interest period, temporary total disability may be granted approved for up to one year at a time with a maximum of no more than three years. Extensions may be requested after the end of each approved period of nonaccrual of interest. Updated medical information is required of the borrower for each extension request. If at any time during a nonaccrual of interest period the borrower qualifies for loan forgiveness due to total and permanent disability status, the borrower may submit the required medical documentation to the office for review. A borrower may request an additional nonaccrual of interest period under this item, and item A applies to any request.

C. At the end of the nonaccrual of interest period, the borrower must resume payments at an amount necessary to repay the loan in the time period required by the promissory note unless a payment extension agreement has been entered into with the office.

4850.0022 ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY; INTEREST REDUCTION BENEFIT.

Eligible borrowers on active military duty may qualify for interest rate reductions greater than reductions already required by federal or state law based on a determination by the commissioner of available benefits. The military interest rate reduction availability and the amount of any reduction is determined quarterly. Eligible borrowers must request the reduction and provide a copy of active military orders in order to qualify have their active military status verified by the office. An available reduction is only effective for dates the borrower is on active duty. Interest reductions, other than reductions required by federal or state law, shall be discontinued without notice for any quarter in which the benefit is unavailable.

4850.0024 DEFAULTED LOAN REHABILITATION.

Subpart 1. [See repealer.]

Subp. 2. Exclusions. A defaulted loan rehabilitation option is not available for loans that have been turned over to a collection entity or that are in default for a second time.

Subp. 3. Rehabilitation deadline. Rehabilitation must be completed within two years 36 months from the default date.

[For text of subpart 4, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 5. Payment plan option.

A. For purposes of this subpart, “rehabilitating party” means a borrower or cosigner who rehabilitates a loan according to this subpart.

B. A borrower or cosigner may rehabilitate a defaulted loan upon approval by the office of a rehabilitation request signed by the borrower or cosigner and submitted to the office. If the office approves the rehabilitation request, the borrower or cosigner rehabilitating party must make 12 monthly on-time payments on the defaulted loan. If the borrower or cosigner rehabilitating party fails to make 12 consecutive on-time payments and if there is sufficient time remaining within the maximum two-year 36-month rehabilitation period, the borrower or cosigner rehabilitating party may submit a second rehabilitation request for approval by the office to make 12 on-time payments. The combined payment amounts must be sufficient so that at the end of the rehabilitation period the loan conforms with the promissory note repayment terms had the loan not defaulted. A payment is considered on time if the payment is received by the office no later than seven calendar days after the agreed-upon due date.

C. A borrower and cosigner may each attempt to rehabilitate a loan twice within the 36-month rehabilitation period. For a loan to be rehabilitated under this subpart, only a borrower or a cosigner, not both, needs to rehabilitate the loan.

Subp. 6. Rehabilitated loan requirement. Once a loan has successfully been rehabilitated, the remaining balance
must be repaid within the original time frame and according to the original terms and conditions of the promissory note absent any agreed-upon extension.

[For text of subpart 7, see Minnesota Rules]

4850.0025 TRANSITION PERIOD.

If permitted by the terms of the promissory note, a borrower may extend a transition period, but a transition period may not exceed 36 months. During a transition period, a borrower is billed according to part 4850.0017, item B.

4850.0026 COSIGNER.

Subpart 1. Cosigner required. A borrower must have a creditworthy cosigner when a loan is approved. The cosigner must be either a United States citizen or a permanent resident.

Subp. 2. Cosigner duties. A cosigner is jointly and separately responsible for making loan payments, including principal, interest, and other loan-related charges. A cosigner must:

A. permanently reside in the United States;
B. be at least 24 years of age or, if a borrower’s sibling or stepsibling, at least 18 years of age; and
C. agree to have information released to a consumer credit reporting agency as described under part 4850.0012, subpart 4.

4850.0027 CERTIFYING DISABILITY.

Subpart 1. Temporary total disability. For a borrower to claim a temporary total disability, a doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine, legally authorized to practice, must certify:

A. that the disability is expected to last at least four months;
B. that the disability interferes with the borrower’s ability to make loan payments because the borrower is unable to work; and
C. the date that the borrower became unable to work, the injury or illness associated with the disability, and how long the borrower is expected to be unable to work.

Subp. 2. Total and permanent disability. For a borrower or cosigner to claim a total and permanent disability, a doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine, legally authorized to practice, must certify:

A. that the disability is expected to continue indefinitely;
B. that the disability interferes with the borrower’s or cosigner’s ability to make loan payments because the borrower or cosigner is unable to work; and
C. the date that the borrower or cosigner became unable to work and the injury or illness associated with the disability.

Subp. 3. Sending certification to office. For a temporary total disability or total and permanent disability to be claimed under this chapter, a doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine certifying a disability under this part must send the doctor’s certification to the office.

TERM CHANGE. The term “SELF loan” is changed to “SELF Loan” wherever it appears in Minnesota Rules, chapter 4850.

REPEALER. Minnesota Rules, parts 4850.0011, subparts 2, 6, 10, 21, 28a, 28b, 28c, 28d, and 30; 4850.0015, subparts 3 and 4; and 4850.0024, subpart 1, are repealed.
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Provisions exist for the Commissioners of some state agencies to adopt expedited emergency rules when conditions exist that do not allow the Commissioner to comply with the requirements for emergency rules. The Commissioner must submit the rule to the attorney general for review and must publish a notice of adoption that includes a copy of the rule and the emergency conditions. Expedited emergency rules are effective upon publication in the State Register, and may be effective up to seven days before publication under certain emergency conditions.

Expedited emergency rules are effective for the period stated or up to 18 months. Specific Minnesota Statute citations accompanying these expedited emergency rules detail the agency’s rulemaking authority.

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Department of Natural Resources

Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: 2021 Waterfowl and Sandhill Crane Hunting, Game Refuges, Lac qui Parle WMA and Feeding and Resting Areas

Notice is hereby given that the above entitled rules have been adopted through the process prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, section 84.027, subdivision 13(b). The statutory authority for the content of the rules is Minnesota Statutes, sections 97A.091, subdivision 2; 97A.092; 97A.137, subdivision 2; 97A.401, subdivision 5; 97B.105; 97B.112; and 97B.731, subdivision 1(b).

The following conditions do not allow compliance with Minnesota Statutes, sections 97A.0451 to 97A.0459: Waterfowl hunting season dates are based on annual determinations of season timing and selection of options as allowed under federal frameworks for migratory bird hunting. Provisions for taking waterfowl on refuges are based on annual population data that show the harvestable surplus of species and selection of options as allowed under annual federal frameworks for migratory bird hunting.

Dated: June 8, 2021

Sarah Strommen
Commissioner of Natural Resources

6230.0100 DEFINITIONS.

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 1a. Early goose season. “Early goose season” has the meaning given in part 6240.0100, subpart 1a.

[For text of subparts 2 and 3, see Minnesota Rules]

6230.0400 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR STATE GAME REFUGES.

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2. Bemidji Game Refuge, Beltrami County. The Bemidji Game Refuge in Beltrami County is open to:

[For text of item A, see State Register, volume 45, page 34]

B. Canada goose hunting during the early goose season, except on Lake Bemidji, the Mississippi River, and Stump Lake;

[For text of items C and D, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subparts 3 and 4, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 5. Clay County Game Refuge, Clay County. The Clay County Game Refuge in Clay County is open to:

[For text of item A, see State Register, volume 45, page 34]
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[D. Canada goose hunting during the early goose season.]

Subp. 11. Evansville Game Refuge, Douglas County. The Evansville Game Refuge in Douglas County is open to:

A. trapping;

B. Canada goose hunting during the early goose season; and

C. deer and bear hunting by firearms.

[For text of subpart 12, see State Register, volume 45, page 34]

Subp. 13. Fox Lake Game Refuge, Martin County. The Fox Lake Game Refuge in Martin County is open to:

C. special goose hunts goose hunting during the early goose season;

[For text of items D and E, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subparts 14 to 32, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 33. Ocheda Lake Game Refuge, Nobles County. The Ocheda Lake Game Refuge in Nobles County is open to:

D. Canada goose hunting during the early season and from the first Saturday in December through the end of the statewide goose season, except that hunting is prohibited within 100 yards of surface water during the early goose season; and

[For text of item E, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subparts 34 to 40, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 41. St. James Game Refuge, Watonwan County. The St. James Game Refuge in Watonwan County is open to:

A. trapping; and

B. special goose hunts goose hunting during the early goose season.

[For text of subpart 42, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 43. Schoolcraft Game Refuge, Hubbard County. The Schoolcraft Game Refuge in Hubbard County is open to:

A. small game hunting, except waterfowl, through the Thursday nearest November 4 and after the close of the 100 series firearms deer season;

[For text of items B and C, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subparts 44 to 48, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subpart 49, see State Register, volume 45, page 34]

[For text of subparts 50 to 53, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 54. [See repealer.]

[For text of subpart 55, see State Register, volume 45, page 34]

[For text of subparts 56 to 60, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subparts 61 to 63, see State Register, volume 45, page 34]
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**6230.0600 DESCRIPTIONS OF CONTROLLED HUNTING ZONES.**

[For text of subparts 1 and 2, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 3. **Lac qui Parle zones, Chippewa and Lac qui Parle Counties.**

A. On the Lac qui Parle Wildlife Management Area in Chippewa and Lac qui Parle Counties, the controlled hunting zone includes the following:

The Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW 1/4 SW 1/4) and the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE 1/4 SW 1/4) of Section 32, Township 119 North, Range 42 West, and the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW 1/4 NE 1/4) and the East Half of the Northeast Quarter (E 1/2 NW 1/4) of Section 5, Township 118 North, Range 42 West, all in Lac qui Parle County.

And also the East Half of the Northeast Quarter (E 1/2 NE 1/4) and the West Half of the West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W 1/2 W 1/2 SE 1/4) of Section 12, Township 118 North, Range 42 West, except that part lying northeasterly of State Highway 7, the East Half of the Northeast Quarter (E 1/2 NE 1/4), and those parts of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) owned by the state and posted as “Wildlife Management Area, Controlled Hunting Zone,” all in Section 1, Township 118 North, Range 42 West, all in Chippewa County.

And also all state owned land posted as “Wildlife Management Area, Controlled Hunting Zone” located between U.S. Highways 7 and 59 and County State-Aid Highways 32 and 33, Chippewa County, in Sections 6 and 7, Township 118 North, Range 41 West, and Section 36, Township 119 North, Range 42 West, all in Chippewa County.

[For text of items B and C, see Minnesota Rules]
[For text of subparts 4 to 8, see Minnesota Rules]

**6230.0700 LAC QUI PARLE SPECIAL PROVISIONS.**

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2. **Hunting stations.**

[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]

B. From the third Thursday in October through November 30, waterfowl and small game hunters may reserve designated hunting stations according to regulations available at the Lac qui Parle Wildlife Management Area headquarters. Reservation dates may not be changed as available on a first-come, first-served basis.

[For text of item C, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 3. [See repealer.]

[For text of subparts 4 and 5, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 6. [See repealer.]

[For text of subparts 7 to 9, see Minnesota Rules]

**6234.0800 HUNTING BY FALCONRY.**

[For text of subparts 1 to 3, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 4. **Open season and hours for migratory game birds.** Woodcock, sora and Virginia rails, mourning dove, and common snipe may be taken by falconry from September 1 to December 16. Ducks, coots, and moorhens (Gallinules) may be taken by falconry during the open seasons as prescribed in part 6240.0640, subpart 1, and from December 11, 2021, through January 24, 2022. Geese may be taken by falconry during any open goose season. Crows may be taken by falconry during the open season. Falconry hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except during the regular waterfowl season when falconry hours are the same as waterfowl shooting hours.
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6240.0100 DEFINITIONS.  

Subp. 1a. Early goose season. “Early goose season” means goose seasons beginning before open September 16 through September 19.

6240.0200 GENERAL RESTRICTIONS FOR TAKING AND POSSESSION OF MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS.

Subpart 1. Shooting hours. Shooting hours for migratory waterfowl, coots, gallinules, rails, and snipe are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except as follows:

A. on the opening day of the duck season, shooting hours begin at 9:00 a.m.; and

B. during the early teal season from the opening day of the duck season to the Saturday nearest October 8, shooting hours end at 4:00 p.m. September 4 through September 8, when shooting hours are sunrise to sunset for teal.

Subp. 2. Possession limits. The possession limit is twice three times the daily limit, except for rails where the daily and possession limits are the same. All restrictions specific to a species or gender apply.

Subp. 4. Use of motorized watercraft. A person may use motorized watercraft in the waterfowl feeding and resting area established on South Heron Lake during the early goose season established in part 6240.1200.

Subp. 7. Taking in open water. A person may take migratory waterfowl, coots, gallinules, rails, and snipe in open water on the following waters of Minnesota with the restrictions given:

A. the area of the Mississippi River and backwaters within the boundary beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway 61 and the Minnesota border in Dakota County; thence along U.S. Highway 61 to U.S. Highway 63; thence along U.S. Highway 61/63 to U.S. Highway 61; thence along U.S. Highway 61/63 to Interstate 90; thence along Interstate 90 to U.S. Highway 61/63; thence along U.S. Highway 61/63 to State Trunk Highways (STH) 16, 17, and 18; thence along STH 16 to STH 17; thence along STH 17 to the state’s southern boundary; thence along the southern boundary to the eastern boundary; thence along the eastern boundary to the point of the beginning; hunting is allowed not more than 100 feet from any shoreline, including islands, from boats that must be at anchor;

B. Lake Pepin, Lake of the Woods, and Lake Mille Lacs: hunting is allowed from boats that must be at anchor; and

C. Lake Superior north and east of Minnesota/Park Point peninsula: hunting is allowed from boats that must be at anchor.

6240.0250 TAKING MOURNING DOVES.

Subpart 1. Open season. Mourning doves may be taken during the 60-day 90-day period beginning September 1.

6240.0610 YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAY.

Subpart 1. Dates, eligibility, and license requirements. Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and Canada dark or light geese may be taken statewide on Youth Waterfowl Hunting Day Weekend, September 11 and 12, by resident and nonresident hunters 15 to 17 years of age or younger. An adult resident or nonresident mentor 18 years of age or older, who is authorized by the youth’s parent or guardian, must accompany the youth hunter at all times during the hunt. The
accompanying adult may not hunt. No hunting license or state waterfowl stamps are required, except all youths age 16 and older must have a federal migratory bird stamp.

Subp. 2. **Shooting hours.** Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to 4:00 p.m sunset.

Subp. 3. **Bag limits.** The daily bag limit for ducks, mergansers, coots, and moorhens is as allowed by federal rule. The daily bag limit for geese is five *Canada* dark geese and 20 light geese.

**6240.0630 TAKING SANDHILL CRANE.**

Subpart 1. **Open season.** Sandhill cranes may be taken from September 18 through October 24.

Subp. 2. **Shooting hours.** Shooting hours for sandhill cranes are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Subp. 3. **Open area; taking restrictions.**

A. Sandhill cranes may be taken only in the Northwest Goose Zone described in part 6240.0860, subpart 1.

B. Sandhill cranes may be taken by bow and arrow or shotgun with nontoxic shot approved by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. A person may not take sandhill cranes with a rifle or handgun.

Subp. 4. **License and permit requirements.**

A. Sandhill cranes may be taken only with:

(1) a valid permit to take sandhill cranes, issued by the commissioner for a fee of $3; and

(2) a small-game license, unless the hunter is exempted.

B. A hunter must have a permit to take sandhill cranes in possession when taking or possessing sandhill cranes.

C. A hunter must not have had small- or big-game hunting privileges revoked within one year of purchasing a permit to take sandhill cranes.

Subp. 5. **Bag limits.** A person may not take more than two sandhill cranes per day or have more than six sandhill cranes in possession.

Subp. 6. **Penalties.** Violating this part or the conditions of any permit issued under this part results in revocation of the permit and any other penalty provided by state or federal law.

Subp. 7. **Game and waterfowl refuges.** All state game refuges closed to migratory-waterfowl hunting are closed to taking sandhill cranes under this part. All waterfowl refuges closed by posting to taking ducks or geese during any portion of the fall waterfowl seasons are closed to taking sandhill cranes under this part.

**6240.0640 TAKING COOTS, MOORHENS, DUCKS, AND MERGANSERS.**

Subpart 1. **Open season.**

A. Coots, moorhens, ducks, and mergansers may be taken as follows:

(1) in the North Waterfowl Zone described in part 6240.0620, subpart 2, during the 60-day period from September 25 through November 23;

(2) in the Central Waterfowl Zone described in part 6240.0620, subpart 4, during the 60-day period that
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includes September 25 through October 3 and October 9 through November 28; and

(3) in the remainder of the state during the 60-day period that includes September 25 through October 3 and October 9 through November 28.

B. Blue-winged, green-winged, and cinnamon teal may be taken statewide from September 4 through September 8.

Subp. 2. Daily limits. In any one day, a person may not take more than six ducks, five mergansers, and a total of 15 coots and moorhens. The daily limit of ducks, other than mergansers, may not include more than four mallards, including two female mallards; one pintail; two redheads; three wood ducks; two black ducks; and two canvasback. The limit of scaup is one per day through October 14 and two per day the remainder of the duck season. The daily limit of mergansers may not include more than two hooded mergansers.

6240.0950 TAKING GEESE.

Subpart 1. Open season. Geese may be taken as follows:

A. statewide during the early goose season, which is a special season for which a special-season goose license is required under Minnesota Statutes, section 97B.802;

B. in the North Waterfowl Zone described in part 6240.0620, subpart 2, September 25 through December 24;

C. in the Central Waterfowl Zone described in part 6240.0620, subpart 4, September 25 through October 3 and October 9 through December 29; and

D. in the South Waterfowl Zone described in part 6240.0620, subpart 3, September 25 through October 3 and October 9 through December 29.

Subp. 2. Daily limit. From September 4 through September 19, the bag limit for dark geese is five combined and the bag limit for light geese is 20 combined. Beginning September 25, a person may not take more than five dark geese or 20 light geese during any open season. Dark geese are Canada, brant, and white-fronted geese. Light geese are snow, blue, and Ross’s geese.

6240.1850 REFUGES OPEN TO TAKING GEESE.

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2. Game refuges.

A. The following refuges are open to goose hunting during the first two days of the regular goose season: Fox Lake Game Refuge in Martin County and The Saint James Game Refuge in Watonwan County is open to goose hunting during the first two days of the regular goose season.

B. The Fox Lake Game Refuge is open to goose hunting for the last seven days of the statewide goose season. There is no goose hunting within 100 yards of Fox and Temperence Lakes.

Subp. 3. Waterfowl refuges.

[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]

B. The Mud-Bardwell Waterfowl Refuge in Martin County is open to Canada goose hunting from the Saturday on or nearest November 1 October 9 to the end of the goose season. There is no goose hunting within 100 yards of Mud and Bardwell Lakes.
6240.2000 MIGRATORY WATERFOWL FEEDING AND RESTING AREA RESTRICTIONS.

[For text of subparts 1 to 3, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 4. Use of electric motors. On the lakes listed in items A to J, a person may use an electric motor with battery power of 12 volts or less within the designated migratory waterfowl feeding and resting area during the open waterfowl season:

[For text of items A to E, see Minnesota Rules]

F. Kandiyohi County: Waggoner Wakanda Lake, Lake Lillian;

[For text of items G and H, see Minnesota Rules]

I. Pope County: Nelson Lake; and

J. Traverse County: Mud Lake; and

K. Le Sueur County: Diamond Lake, Dora Lake, Sanborn Lake.

REPEALER. Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.0400, subpart 54; 6230.0700, subparts 3 and 6; 6240.1150, subpart 2; 6240.1200, subparts 3, 4, and 5; and 6240.1800, subpart 1, are repealed.

EFFECTIVE PERIOD. The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.0100, 6230.0400, 6230.0600, 6230.0700, 6234.0800, 6240.0100, 6240.0200, 6240.0250, 6240.0610, 6240.1850, and 6240.2000, expire January 30, 2022. After the emergency amendments expire, the permanent rules as they read before those amendments again take effect, except as they may be amended by permanent rule. Minnesota Rules, parts 6240.0630, 6240.0640, and 6240.0950, expire January 30, 2022.

Department of Natural Resources

Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Wildlife Management Areas, State Game Refuges, Small Game and Furbearers, Fall Wild Turkey and Goose Hunt for Veterans

Notice is hereby given that the above entitled rules have been adopted through the process prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, section 84.027, subdivision 13(b). The statutory authority for the content of the rules is Minnesota Statutes, sections 84.027, subdivision 13; 97A.091, subdivision 2; 97A.137, subdivisions 1 and 2; 97A.401, subdivision 4; 97B.111; 97B.112; 97B.425; and 97B.605.

The following conditions do not allow compliance with Minnesota Statutes, sections 97A.0451 to 97A.0459. Changes to rules for wildlife management areas correspond to changing habitat conditions and changes in use by hunters based on formal surveys, harvest data and field data, such as annual car counts. Changes to game refuges allow hunting or trapping where there is a harvestable surplus of species and where recreational access will not disturb other wildlife. Changes to small game seasons and bag limits are based on population estimates from ongoing collection of harvest and biological data for these species. Changes that allow over-water shooting during the Middle River Goose Hunt for Veterans are based on data that demonstrates increased harvest when goose hunters are located nearer to water. Wild turkey permit areas are opened for the fall hunting season based on harvest data from the spring season. Biological, harvest and survey data that form the basis of these changes become available each spring. Emergency rulemaking under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.027, subdivision 13(b) allows for necessary adjustments to regulations before the next year’s seasons open in the fall.

Dated: June 4, 2021

Sarah Strommen
Commissioner of Natural Resources
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6230.0200 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS.

[For text of subparts 1 to 4, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 5. Areas closed to hunting and trapping.

A. The following wildlife management areas are closed to hunting and trapping all species:

1. Boerner Wildlife Management Area in Sibley County;
2. Buelow Wildlife Management Area in Steele County;
3. Bryson Wildlife Management Area in Freeborn County;
4. Chapa-Kak-Say-Za Wildlife Management Area in Steele County; and
5. Hutchinson Wildlife Management Area in McLeod County are closed to the hunting and trapping of all species.

B. The Sand Prairie Wildlife Management Area in Sherburne County is closed to the hunting and trapping of all species, except for:

1. hunting by individuals with disabilities participating in a special hunt;
2. youth ages ten to 17 who are participating in the regular archery season. Youth may take one deer under this subitem but may not hunt during events for individuals with disabilities; and
3. youth up to age 17 during the spring turkey season.

[For text of subparts 6 to 10, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 11. Areas with other restrictions.

[For text of items A to D, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of item E, see State Register, volume 45, page 856]

F. The Sandstone Wildlife Management Area in Pine County is open only for:

1. hunting deer during the archery deer season;
2. hunting bear by special permit only;
3. hunting and trapping all other species by legal means during designated seasons.

G. Hampton Woods Wildlife Management Area in Dakota County is open as posted for:

1. hunting deer during the archery deer season;
2. hunting turkey during the spring and fall turkey seasons;
3. trapping by special permit only;
4. hunting predators by special permit only; and
5. hunting small game through November 30.

Subp. 12. Sanctuary areas open to hunting. The following sanctuary areas of wildlife management areas posted
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with “Wildlife Sanctuary Do Not Trespass” signs are open for hunting as specified:

[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]
[For text of item B, see State Register, volume 45, page 856]

C. The posted sanctuary within the Ricehaven Wildlife Management Area in St. Louis County is open:

(1) May 1 through September 14 to wild rice harvesting during the wild rice season, canoeing, and bird-watching; and

(2) November 25 through May 15 for hunting and trapping any species for which there is an open season.

[For text of subpart 13, see Minnesota Rules]

6230.0295 VERMILLION HIGHLANDS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.

Subpart 1. Hunting. The Vermillion Highlands Wildlife Management Area located in Dakota County is closed to all hunting and trapping except:

[For text of items A and B, see Minnesota Rules]

C. trapping beginning January 1 by special permit only; and

D. hunting predators beginning January 1 by special permit only; and

E. spring turkey hunting.

Subp. 2. [See repealer.]

6230.0400 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR STATE GAME REFUGES.

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2. Bemidji Game Refuge, Beltrami County. The Bemidji Game Refuge in Beltrami County is open to:

A. small game hunting, except waterfowl, through the Thursday nearest November 4 and after the close of the 200 Series firearms deer season November 21;

[For text of items B to D, see Minnesota Rules]
[For text of subparts 3 and 4, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 5. Clay County Game Refuge, Clay County. The Clay County Game Refuge in Clay County is open to:

A. prairie chickens small-game hunting except ducks and geese during the regular duck season;

[For text of items B to D, see Minnesota Rules]
[For text of subparts 6 to 11, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 12. Fish Lake-Ann River Game Refuge, Kanabec County. The Fish Lake-Ann River Game Refuge in Kanabec County is open to all hunting and trapping, except waterfowl.

[For text of subparts 13 to 20, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 21. Lac qui Parle Game Refuge, Chippewa and Lac qui Parle Counties. The following special provisions apply to the Lac qui Parle Game Refuge, Chippewa and Lac qui Parle Counties:

[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]

B. No unauthorized person may trespass during the dates posted on any part of the refuge posted with “State Wildlife Sanctuary - Do Not Trespass” signs, except for:

(1) ice fishing; and
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(2) open water fishing in the posted closed area from the close of the Canada goose season until the second Saturday in October November 1.

[For text of items C and D, see Minnesota Rules]
[For text of subparts 22 to 48, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 49. Warroad Game Refuge, Roseau County. The Warroad Game Refuge in Roseau County is open to:

A._ trapping;

B._ hunting for deer by archery according to part 6232.0600.

[For text of subparts 50 to 54, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 55. Collegeville (St. John’s) Game Refuge, Stearns County. The Collegeville (St. John’s) Game Refuge in Stearns County is open to archery deer hunting and firearms deer and bear hunting during the established seasons, by written permission of the landowner.

[For text of subparts 56 to 60, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 61. St. Cloud Game Refuge, Stearns County. The St. Cloud Game Refuge in Stearns County is open to taking deer and bear by archery.

Subp. 62. Hagali-Rice Game Refuge, Beltrami County. The Hagali-Rice Game Refuge in Beltrami County is open to:

A._ small-game hunting, except waterfowl, beginning November 1 through the end of the respective seasons;

B._ trapping beginning November 1 through the end of the respective seasons;

C._ deer and bear hunting by archery; and

D._ deer hunting by firearms.

Subp. 63. Butterball and Little Rice Game Refuges, St. Louis County. The Butterball and Little Rice Game Refuges in St. Louis County are open November 25 through May 15 for trapping any species for which there is an open season.

6234.0600 TAKING JACK RABBITS, COTTONTAIL RABBITS, AND SNOWSHOE HALES.

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2. Bag limits. A person may not take more than ten cottontail rabbits, jack rabbits, and snowshoe hares, combined, per day or possess more than 20 cottontail rabbits, jack rabbits, and snowshoe hares, combined, at a time. A person may not take more than one jack rabbit per day or possess more than three jack rabbits, combined, at a time.

6234.1400 TAKING WEASELS, BADGER, AND OPOSSUM.

Subpart 1. Open season. Long-tailed weasels, short-tailed weasels, badgers, and opossums may be taken statewide with by legal firearms, bow and arrow, and by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 22, except in the North Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter Zone as described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3, where badger and opossum long-tailed weasels, short-tailed weasels, badgers, and opossums may be taken with by legal firearms, bow and arrow, and by trapping beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 17. The season ends March 15.

[For text of subpart 2, see Minnesota Rules]
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6234.1600 TAKING BOBCAT.

Subpart 1. **Open season.** Bobcats may be taken with legal firearms, bow and arrow, and by trapping from the first Saturday following Thanksgiving, December 18, to the Sunday nearest January 6.

[For text of subparts 2 to 4, see Minnesota Rules]

6234.1700 TAKING FISHER AND PINE MARTEN.

Subpart 1. **Open season.** Fisher and pine marten may be taken by trapping from the first Saturday following Thanksgiving, December 18, to the Sunday nearest December 12.

Subp. 2. **Bag limits.** The combined limit for fisher and pine marten is five per season, in aggregate. A person may not take more than five fisher and pine marten, combined, per season or possess more than five fisher and pine marten, combined, at a time, except that a person may possess additional pelts that the person lawfully took, tagged, and registered during previous seasons.

[For text of subparts 3 and 4, see Minnesota Rules]

6234.2000 TAKING OTTER.

Subpart 1. **Open season for otter in North Zone.** Otter may be taken by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 26 to the Sunday nearest January 6, only in that portion of the state described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3.

Subp. 2. **Open season and area for otter in South Zone.** Otter may be taken by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 30 to the Sunday nearest January 6, in the remainder of the state described in part 6234.1000, subpart 4.

[For text of subparts 3 and 4, see Minnesota Rules]

6236.0700 FALL TURKEY SEASON.

[For text of subparts 1 to 3, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 4. **Open areas.** Wild turkey permit areas are open for the fall turkey season as prescribed by the commissioner. Turkey licenses are valid for taking turkeys only in the wild turkey permit area specified on the license statewide. The following wild turkey permit areas are open for the 2021 fall season: 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, and 512.

[For text of subpart 5, see Minnesota Rules]

6240.1955 MIDDLE RIVER GOOSE HUNT FOR VETERANS.

Disabled military veterans may hunt geese within 100 yards of water in the Northwest Goose Zone described in part 6240.0860 when participating in a special hunt sponsored by Middle River Veterans Outdoors. The special hunt will be held September 18 and 19 in Marshall County. Participants must meet all requirements of the sponsoring organization and must possess any required licenses before the hunt.

REPEALER Minnesota Rules, part 6230.0295, subpart 2, is repealed. The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.0200; 6230.0295; 6230.0400; 6234.0600; and 6234.1400, published in the State Register, volume 45, page 34, July 6, 2020, are repealed.

EFFECTIVE PERIOD. The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.0200, 6230.0295, 6230.0400, 6234.0600, and 6234.1400, expire August 15, 2022. The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6234.1600, 6234.1700, 6234.2000, and 6236.0700, expire February 28, 2022. After the emergency amendments expire, the permanent rules again take effect, subject to any permanent rule amendments that have been adopted in the interim. Minnesota Rules, part 6240.1955, expires February 28, 2022.
Executive Orders

The governor has the authority to issue written statements or orders, called Executive Orders, as well as Emergency Executive Orders. The governor's authority is specified in the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, Article V, and in Minnesota Statutes § 4.035. Emergency Executive Orders, for protection from an imminent threat to health and safety, become effective immediately, are filed with the secretary of state, and published in the State Register as soon as possible after they are issued. Other Executive Orders become effective 15 days after publication in the State Register and filing with the secretary of state. Unless otherwise specified, an executive order expires 90 days after the date the governor who issued the order vacates office.

Office of the Governor
Emergency Executive Order 21-26: Providing for Emergency Relief from Regulations to Motor Carriers and Drivers Transporting Forage in Minnesota

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:

Since March 2021, rainfall across the state has been five to eight inches below normal. The Department of Natural Resources (“DNR”) has indicated that, under current conditions, it will take at least three to five inches of precipitation spread over a period of two weeks to significantly alleviate the drought. Unfortunately, the extended weather forecast shows continued below-normal rain and above-normal temperatures for Minnesota and the upper Midwest.

On July 16, 2021, the DNR announced that Minnesota had reached the drought warning phase, with 56 percent of the state in severe drought (level D2), including four percent of the state in extreme drought (level D3). That same day, the United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA”) designated 11 Minnesota counties as primary natural disaster areas due to drought.

On July 20, 2021, I spoke with the United States Secretary of Agriculture to urge USDA to take all available actions to support livestock producers, including expanding haying and grazing opportunities to reduce pressure on already limited forage reserve. On July 26, 2021, USDA designated a total of 35 Minnesota counties as primary or contiguous natural disaster areas, due to drought.

DNR’s most current drought monitor data shows that 72 percent of Minnesota is in severe drought (level D2), including 19 percent in extreme drought (level D3).

These drought conditions have resulted in a significant decrease in the availability of hay and other forage in Minnesota and neighboring states. This has prompted farmers and livestock producers to change their operations, including reducing their herd or shipping livestock earlier than normal. The drought has resulted in a decrease of approximately 10,000 acres of harvestable hay and will require farmers and livestock producers to travel farther distances to obtain hay and forage needed to feed their livestock.

State officials and I have visited affected areas and have heard from dairy and livestock producers who, because of limited livestock forage, are requesting immediate help to increase the supply of livestock forage. The Minnesota Farmers Union, Minnesota Farm Bureau, Minnesota Cattlemen, Minnesota Lamb and Wool Producers, and the Minnesota Milk Producers all support emergency relief measures to increase access to livestock forage.

Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 221.0314, subdivision 9, adopts federal safety regulations, including hours of service requirements for drivers. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 221.0269, provides: “The governor may declare an emergency and grant relief from any of the regulations incorporated in section 221.0314 to carriers and drivers operating motor vehicles in Minnesota to provide emergency relief during the emergency.”

Strict enforcement of certain hours of service regulations would prevent or hinder the efficient transportation of forage, which is critical to maintaining healthy livestock. The continued movement of this commodity is vital to the economic security and viability of many farming and livestock operations in Minnesota.
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For these reasons, I order as follows:

1. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 221.0269, subdivision 1, a state of emergency exists in
   Minnesota that requires relief from regulations incorporated in Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 221.0314,
   subdivision 9, pertaining to hours of service for motor carriers and drivers of commercial motor vehicles
   providing direct assistance to emergency relief efforts by transporting forage.

2. Motor carriers and drivers providing direct assistance to emergency relief efforts by transporting forage
   are exempted from paragraphs (b) and (c) under the Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, part 395.3, and which
   are incorporated in Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 221.0314, subdivision 9, pertaining to hours of service.

3. Nothing in this Executive Order may be construed to relieve motor carriers and drivers providing direct
   assistance to emergency relief efforts by transporting forage from the requirements under paragraph (a) of
   the Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, part 395.3, and which are incorporated in Minnesota Statutes 2020,
   section 221.0314, subdivision 9, which states, in part, that a driver may drive only 11 hours during a period of 14
   consecutive hours after coming on duty following 10 consecutive hours off duty.

4. This Executive Order does not relieve motor carriers and drivers providing direct assistance to emergency
   relief efforts from regulations pertaining to driver qualifications; driving of commercial motor vehicles;
   commercial driver’s licenses; drug and alcohol testing for drivers; or equipment, parts, and accessories
   necessary for the safe operation of vehicles.

5. A motor carrier operating under the terms of this Executive Order must not require or allow a fatigued or ill
   driver to operate a commercial motor vehicle. A driver who informs a carrier that he or she needs immediate
   rest must be given at least 10 consecutive hours off duty before the driver is required to return to service.

6. Upon the expiration of this Executive Order, or when a driver or motor carrier has been relieved of all duty
   and responsibility to provide direct assistance to the emergency relief efforts, a driver that has had at least 34
   consecutive hours off-duty must be permitted to start his or her on-duty status and 60/70 clock at zero.

7. For purposes of this Executive Order, and as defined in Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 221.0269, subdivision
   3, paragraph (c), direct assistance to an emergency relief effort terminates when a driver or commercial motor
   vehicle is used to transport cargo not destined for the emergency relief effort, or when the carrier dispatches
   that driver or vehicle to another location to begin operations in commerce.

This Executive Order is effective immediately under Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 4.035, subdivision 2, and
remains in effect for 30 days.

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 July 28, 2021.

Tim Walz
Governor

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Steve Simon
Secretary of State
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.

Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA)
Notice of Comment Period for the Proposed Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine of Freeborn County

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is accepting comments on the current state emergency quarantine for emerald ash borer, *Agrilus planipennis* (Fairemaire), in Freeborn County and the proposed state formal quarantine to be implemented September 8th, 2021.

Oral and written comments regarding the proposed regulations will be accepted via email or phone through September 3rd, 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 Racing Commission
REQUEST FOR COMMENTS for Possible Amendments to Rules Governing Horse Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering, Class C Licenses, Advance Deposit Wagering, Horse Races, Harness Races, Horse Medication and Prohibited Acts; Chapters 7873, 7877, 7880, 7883, 7884, 7890 and 7897

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Subject of Rules.

The Minnesota Racing Commission (MRC) requests comments on possible amendments to the rules governing Horse Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering, Class C Licenses, Advance Deposit Wagering, Horse Races, Harness Races, Horse Medication and Prohibited Acts relating to horse racing, Minnesota Rules, Chapters 7873, 7877, 7880, 7883, 7884, 7890 and 7897. Each year the MRC reviews its rules in cooperation with interested industry participants in order to modify, update and clarify the rules. New rules on Pari-Mutuel Wagering, Class C Licenses, Advance Deposit Wagering, Horse Races, Harness Races, Horse Medication and Prohibited Acts. We may also seek to repeal obsolete rules. The public is welcomed and encouraged to comment and make proposals for this year’s amendments.

Persons Affected.

Any amendments to the rules would likely affect participants in horseracing in Minnesota, including horse owners, trainers, drivers, veterinarians, stewards, judges, association staff, racing officials, and the betting public.

Statutory Authority.

*Minnesota Statutes*, sections 240.03, 240.23 and 240.24 authorize the Racing Commission to amend rules which affect the integrity of racing or the public health, welfare, or safety. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 240.24 authorizes the Commission to promulgate rules specifically relating to medications and medical testing for horses running at licensed racetracks.
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Public Comment.
Interested persons or groups may submit proposals, comments or information on the possible rules in writing or orally until further notice is published in the State Register that the Commission intends to adopt or to withdraw the rules. The Commission does not contemplate appointing an advisory committee to comment on the possible rules. Interested persons may comment via the Office of Administrative Hearings Rulemaking e-Comments Website at https://minnesotaaoah.granicusideas.com/.

Rules Drafts.
The Commission has not yet prepared a draft of the possible rule amendments and does not anticipate a complete draft will be prepared prior to publication of the proposed rules.

Agency Contact Person.
Written or oral comments, questions, rule proposals, and requests for more information on these possible rule changes may be directed to:

Chad Peterson
Contract, Procurement and Rulemaking Assistant
Minnesota Racing Commission
15201 Zurich Street, Suite 212
Columbus, MN 55025
Phone: 651-925-3951
Fax: 651-925-3953
Email chad.peterson1@state.mn.us

TTY users may call the Commission at 800-627-3529.

Alternative Format.
Upon request, this Request for Comments can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, Braille, or audio recording. To make such a request, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

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

Dated: August 02, 2021

Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission
Notice of Public Hearing to Consider Amendments to the Sentencing Guidelines and Commentary

THE MINNESOTA SENTENCING GUIDELINES COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., in the Minnesota State Capitol Building, Room G 3, 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155. Remote participation will be optional. The public hearing is being held to consider proposed modifications to the 2020 Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines and Commentary resulting from legislative action and non-legislative technical corrections.

A. Legislative Amendments to Crime Laws Affecting the Guidelines – 2021 1st Special Session. As a result of its review of 2021 1st Special Session Laws, the Commission proposes the following: to rank Assault 1st Degree (Great Bodily Harm Upon Official by Dangerous Weapon or Deadly Force) at Severity Level (SL) 11; to rank Assault
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1st Degree (Great Bodily Harm Upon Official) at SL 10; to rank Child Torture at SL 8; to rank Patrons of Prostitution (2nd or Subsequent Violation) at SL 3; to rank the new Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) force offenses involving infliction of bodily harm at SL A (CSC First Degree) and SL B (CSC Second Degree) and to add those offenses to the Severe Violent Offense List; to rank prohibited occupational relationship CSC offenses at SL C (CSC Third Degree) and SL E (CSC Fourth Degree); to rank Sexual Extortion at SL C (penetration) or SL E (contact); to maintain existing rankings for those CSC offenses involving force by attempt or threat, and for those CSC coercion offenses uncoupled from force; to make no Guidelines changes, other than conforming changes, as a result of statutory changes to age gaps in CSC offenses, and statutory changes to age thresholds in CSC, prostitution, and child pornography offenses; to treat reorganized CSC offenses in the same way that corresponding offenses with identical elements are treated in the existing Guidelines; to increase the SLs of Use of Minors in Sexual Performance as legislatively adopted; to increase the SLs of enhanced child pornography dissemination and possession offenses as legislatively directed; to rank CSC Fifth Degree (Nonconsensual Penetration) at SL H, but shaded at criminal history scores of 0 through 4 and capped at 24-month durations due to the statutory maximum; to create a new SL I, identical to the existing SL H, for Failure to Register as a Predatory Offender; to assign to a prior felony sentence for CSC Fifth Degree (Nonconsensual Penetration) a weight of 1 or ½ point, depending on whether the current offense is on the Sex Offender Grid or not; to add CSC Fifth Degree (Nonconsensual Penetration) and Child Torture to the list of Offenses Eligible for Permissive Consecutive Sentences; to reference the Veterans Restorative Justice Act (VRJA) in Guidelines’ policy on military veterans; to incorporate the VRJA’s statutory departure factor within the Guidelines’ list of departure factors; to amend Appendix 1 to refer to the new mandatory minimums for Assault 1st Degree; and to make conforming, clarifying, distinguishing, technical, and editorial amendments. Amendments to the 2020 Minn. Sentencing Guidelines and Commentary are proposed in sections 1.B.17 (Severity Level), 2.B.1 (Prior Felonies), 2.D.3.a (Mitigating Factors), 2.G.5 (Attempt or Conspiracy to Commit Criminal Sexual Conduct in the First or Second Degree), 3.A.2.d (Length of Stay), 3.F (Military Veterans), 4.A (Sentencing Guidelines Grid), 4.B (Sex Offender Grid), 5.A (Offense Severity Reference Table), 5.B (Severity Level by Statutory Citation), 6 (Offenses Eligible for Permissive Consecutive Sentences), & 8 (Severe Violent Offense List), Appendices 1 (Mandatory and Presumptive Sentences Reference Table) & 3 (Presumptive Sentence Durations that Exceed the Statutory Maximum Sentence Reference Table), and Comment 2.B.202.

B. Legislative Amendments to Crime Laws Affecting the Guidelines – 2021 Regular Session. As a result of its review of the 2021 Regular Session Laws, the Commission proposes conforming and technical amendments related to Identity Theft in Guidelines sections 5.A and 5.B.


A complete copy of the proposed amendments, as well as a more detailed description of their nature and effect, will be posted on the Commission’s web site at mn.gov/sentencing-guidelines from August 2 through September 6, 2021. Information on how to attend the public hearing, both in-person and remotely, is also posted on the same web site.

The Commission will hold the record open for five calendar days after the public hearing to accept written comment.

Modifications are subject to final adoption by the Commission at its meeting on September 9, 2021. If adopted, modifications will take effect September 15, 2021, and will apply to crimes committed on or after that date.

For more information, please refer to the Commission’s web site at mn.gov/sentencing-guidelines or call the Commission’s office at (651) 296-0144.
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

Department of Public Safety (DPS)
Office of Justice Programs
Notice of Application for Funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance

The Office of Justice Programs is submitting an application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U. S. Department of Justice for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG). JAG funded projects may address crime through provision of direct services and by improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the criminal and juvenile justice systems, processes and procedures.

Those wishing to comment on the application may contact Tricia Hummel at the Department of Public Safety, telephone number (651) 201-7320 or e-mail: Tricia.Hummel@state.mn.us.

The application can be found on our website.
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) Website. 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 - $5,000 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.

Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA)

Agricultural Marketing and Development Division
Notice of Requests for Proposals for Minnesota Grown Metro TV Advertising, Greater MN TV Advertising, and Digital Marketing

Project Name: Minnesota Grown Advertising

Details: The Minnesota Department of Agriculture is requesting proposals for three separate but related marketing projects for the purpose of creating awareness of Minnesota Grown agricultural products and to promote the online Minnesota Grown Directory. The three Requests for Proposals are: Minnesota Grown Metro TV Advertising, Minnesota Grown Greater MN TV Advertising, and Minnesota Grown Digital Marketing.

The Directory is an online listing of farmers and farmers markets who sell directly to consumers.

Work is anticipated to start after September 8th, 2021.

Copy Request:
To obtain a copy of one or more of the Requests for Proposals, please send a written request, by email, to:

Gabbi Sparby
Minnesota Grown Program, Marketing Specialist
Gabbi.sparby@state.mn.us

Proposal Deadline:
Proposals submitted in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received in the offices of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture no later than 3:30 p.m. Central Standard Time on August 23rd.

Late proposals will not be considered. Email responses will be considered, however the burden of proving timely receipt is upon the responder. Fax responses will not be accepted or 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 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.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (Minnesota State)
Normandale Community College
Request for Proposals for Snow and Ice Removal of the Parking lots and Roadways

Normandale Community College is requesting proposals to assist in developing our snow and ice removal program. Deadline for RFP proposal submissions is Tuesday August 24th, 2021 at 1:00PM.

Contact for RFP please email:

Nissa Passmore
Nissa.Passmore@normandale.edu
Facilities Office Manager

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (Minnesota State)
Winona State University
Request for Proposals for Bookstore Retail Services

Notice is hereby given that Winona State University is seeking proposals for Bookstore Retail 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 Monday, August 23, 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.

Board of Cosmetologist Examiners (BCE)
Request for Proposals for an Infection Control Course Provider

PROJECT NAME: Infection Control Course Provider

DETAILS: The Minnesota Board of Cosmetology is seeking a contractor to develop and administer an infection control course. The infection control course is not offered to the general public. It is generally a remedial course for licensees who are required to take it under an order from the Board of Cosmetology Complaint Committee as a remedy per Minnesota Statute 155A.33 subdivision 4b.
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Work is anticipated to start November 2021.

COPY REQUEST: To receive a copy of the Request for Proposals, please contact:

Tami Thein
Minnesota Board of Cosmetology/Executive Assistant
1000 University Avenue West, Suite 100
St. Paul, MN 55104
Phone: (651) 201-2748
tami.thein@state.mn.us

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: Proposals in response to the Request for Proposals must be received at the address above no later than 4:00 p.m., Central Time, September 8, 2021. Late proposals will not be considered. Faxed or emailed 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 State Lottery
Request for Proposals for Sponsorship Agreements

Description of Opportunity
The Minnesota State Lottery develops sponsorship agreements throughout the year with organizations, events, and sports teams to create excitement for lottery players, to interest new players and increase the visibility of lottery games. The Lottery encourages and continually seeks new sponsorship agreements to help achieve current Lottery marketing goals.

Proposal Content
A sponsorship proposal presented to the Lottery should meet the following three criteria:

1. **Maximize Lottery Visibility** – the event, sports or tie-in proposal should draw a large number of desired participants (typically 50,000 or more) whose demographics match the Lottery player profile. The Lottery is interested in effectively delivering its message of fun and entertainment to Minnesota adults whose demographics skew primarily towards those aged 25-64, with a household income of $35,000-$75,000, and having an educational background of some college or higher. The Lottery does not market to those under the age of 18, and family events with high levels of children present are generally not accepted. Attendance, on-site signage visibility and paid media exposure will be critical components that will be evaluated.

2. **Enhance Lottery Image** – the event, sports or tie-in proposal should inherently project the attitude that the Lottery is a fun and socially acceptable part of the community. The Lottery’s presence should fit well within the lineup of other sponsors. The Lottery is interested in creating opportunities whereby the sponsorship can translate into sales revenue, either via on-site sales from a Lottery booth, from sales-generating promotions with Lottery retailers or from joint programs with the sponsor’s media partners.

3. **Provide Promotional Extensions** – the event, sports or tie-in proposal should offer exciting, value-added ways to interact with our players and have opportunities to motivate attendees, listeners and viewers to participate in and purchase Lottery games. The proposal must include proper staffing availability or other considerations to help the Lottery implement any appropriate promotional extension ideas.

Proposals should address all pertinent elements of the sponsorship and how the Lottery criteria as stated above and on the Evaluation Form are to be met. To view or print copies of the Request for Proposal go to http://www.mnlottery.com/vendorops.html
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This Solicitation does not obligate the state to award a contract or pursue a proposed sponsorship opportunity, and the state reserves the right to cancel the solicitation if it is considered to be in its best interest.

Questions
Questions concerning this Solicitation should be directed to:

Jason LaFrenz, Marketing Director
Minnesota State Lottery
2645 Long Lake Road
Roseville, MN 55113
Telephone: (651) 635-8230
Toll-free: 1-888-568-8379 ext. 230
Fax: (651) 297-7496
TTY: (651) 635-8268
E-mail: jasonla@mnlottery.com

Other personnel are not authorized to answer questions regarding this Solicitation.

Response Delivery
All responses must be in writing and delivered to the contact noted above. Proposals will be accepted on an ongoing basis.

Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB)
Request for Proposals for Teacher Recruitment and Marketing Campaign

PROJECT NAME: Teacher Recruitment and Marketing Campaign

DETAILS: The Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board is requesting proposals for the purpose of developing and implementing an outreach and marketing campaign to elevate the teaching profession and recruit teachers, especially teachers of color and American Indian teachers, from high school and college students who have not chosen a career path and adults seeking to change careers.

Work is anticipated to start after October 15, 2021.

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

Alex Liuzzi
Executive Director
Alex.liuzzi@state.mn.us

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: Proposals in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received by email not later than 4:30pm, Central Time, August 20, 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.
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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 call 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 Airports Commission (MAC)
Notice of Call for Bids for 2021 Baggage Claim/Ticket Lobby Operational Improvements P2

Airport Location: Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport
Project Name: 2021 Baggage Claim/Ticket Lobby Operational Improvements P2
MAC Contract No: 106-2-866
Bids Close At: 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 24, 2021
Bid Opening At: 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 via teleconference
Teleconference Dial In #: +16124056798
Conference ID #: 681090675#

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
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and hour indicated. This project provides for Interior renovations with: office space demolition, modification and construction; MEP systems; structural enhancements; custom lighting and specialty sign installation, terrazzo floors, millwork, interior storefront 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 MAC’s E-News Subscription Service and choose this and other topics about which you are interested.

Targeted Group Businesses (TGB): The goal of the MAC for the utilization of Targeted Group Businesses on this project is TGB 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 Allianice; at the Minnesota Builders Exchange; Dodge Data and Analytics; and NAMC-UM Plan Room. Bidders desiring bidding documents may secure a complete digital set at http://www.franzrepro.com. Click on the “Plan Rooms” tab and select the “Franz Public Plan Room.” Bidders may download the complete set of digital bidding documents for $50.00 by entering 106-2-866-00 in the “search projects” box then click “refresh/search” button. Contact Franz at 763-503-3401 or support@franzrepro.com for assistance. Hard copy drawings and specifications are available for purchase at Bidders expense.

MAC Internet Access of Additional Information: A comprehensive Notice of Call for Bids for this project will be available on July 26, 2021, at MAC’s web address of MAC’s Solicitations Website (construction bids).

Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC)
Notice of Call for Bids for 2021 Indoor Air Quality Monitoring System

Airport Location: Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport
Project Name: 2021 Indoor Air Quality Monitoring System
MAC Contract No.: 106-2-963
Bids Close At: 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 17, 2021
Bids Open At: 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 17, 2021 via teleconference
Dial In Number: +16124056798
Conference ID: 681090675#

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 Gas detection sensors in garage spaces and throughout the terminal buildings.

Note: You can sign up on our Web site (www.metroairports.org) to receive email notifications of new business opportunities or go directly to MAC’s E-News Subscription Service and choose this and other topics about which you are interested.

Targeted Group Businesses (TGB): The goal of the MAC for the utilization of Targeted Group Businesses 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
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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 at http://www.franzrepro.com. Click on the “Plan Rooms” tab and select the “Franz Public Plan Room”. Bidders may download the complete set of digital bidding documents for $50.00 by entering 106-2-963-00 in the “search projects” box then click “refresh/search” button. Contact Franz at 761-503-3401 or support@franzrepro.com for assistance. Hard copy drawings and specifications are available for purchase at Bidders expense.

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