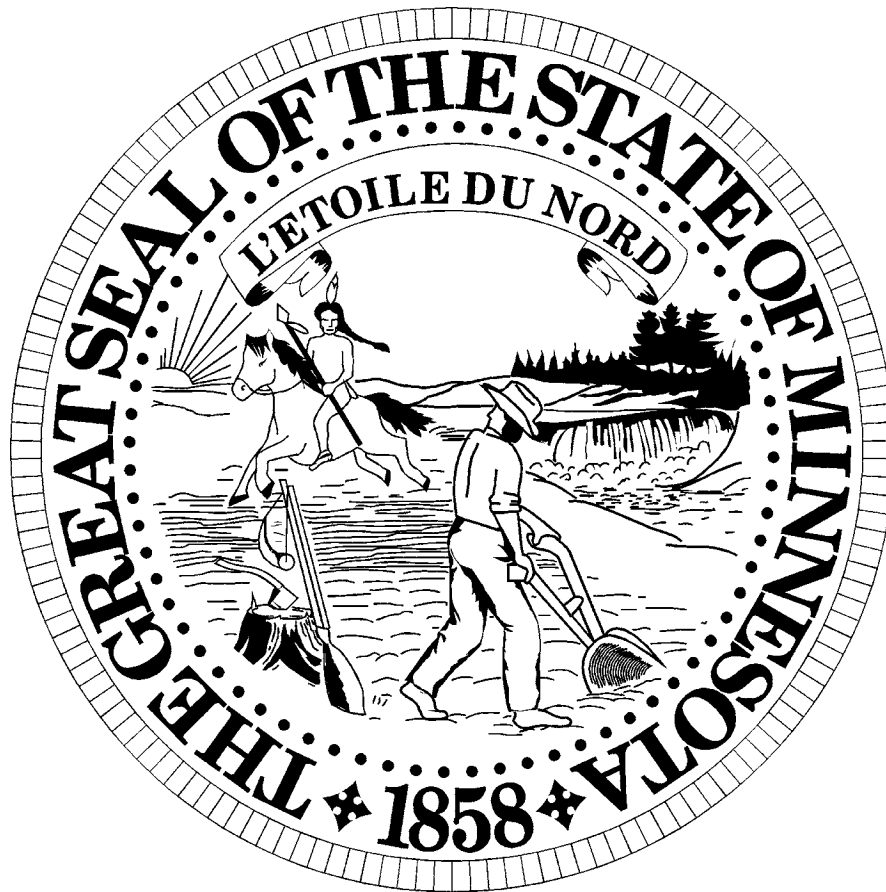


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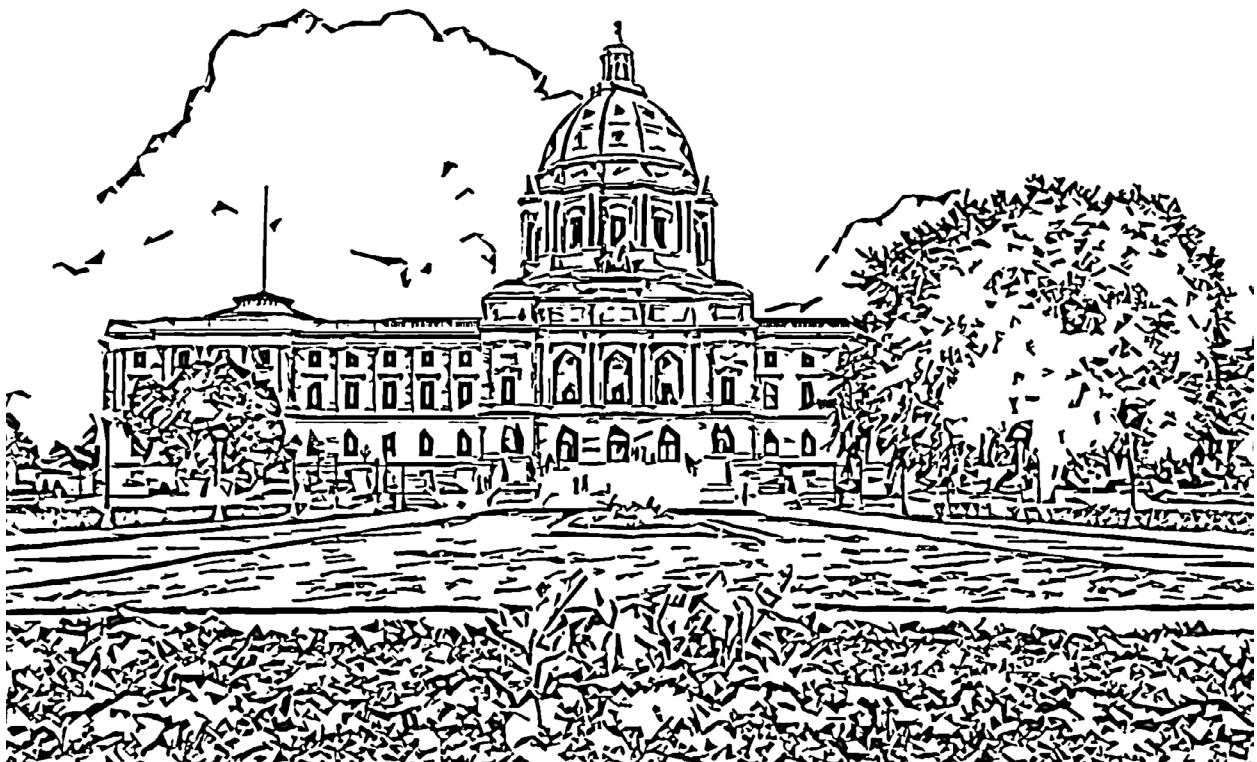
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An agency must first solicit Comments on Planned Rules or Comments on Planned Rule Amendments from the public on the subject matter of a possible rulemaking proposal under active consideration within the agency (Minnesota Statutes §§ 14.101). It does 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.

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## Minnesota Management & Budget

### Budget Services Division

#### Notice of Rate for Provider Tax Research Credit

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* 295.53, Subdivision 4a and 4a(e), the research tax credit for companies subject to the gross earnings tax under *Minnesota Statutes* 295.52 shall be 0.5 percent of revenues for patient services used to fund expenditures for qualifying research conducted by an allowable research program in calendar year 2024.

For additional information, please call Josh Riesen, Executive Budget Officer, at (651) 201-8025.

Erin Campbell  
Commissioner

## Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

### REQUEST FOR COMMENTS on Possible Amendments to Rules Governing Water Quality Standards for Lake Aquatic Life and Recreation, *Minnesota Rules* chapter 7050; Revisor's ID Number R-04740

**Overview.** The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is requesting comments on possible amendments to water quality standards (WQS) rules, *Minnesota Rules* (Minn. R.) chapter 7050. This rulemaking is referred to as the Lakes WQS Rule. The MPCA is considering amendments to the listed rule chapters and requests comments on the proposed amendments from affected or interested parties. See the **Comments** and **MPCA Contact Person** sections of this notice for information on how to submit comments.

This request for comments (RFC) is the MPCA's legal notice of its intent to begin rulemaking. This is the first of several opportunities for public comment and input on this rulemaking. At this stage, we do not have a draft of the rule amendments; we want your feedback to inform us about the ideas described under the **Subject of Rules** section. If you have other ideas related to this rulemaking that we need to consider, please submit them in writing as well. For example, we recognize that costs to regulated parties can be a concern with rulemaking, so if you have cost information or data related to this rulemaking that you wish to share with us to inform our decisions, please submit that information. Submitting your ideas and information at this early stage in rulemaking allows us more time to address issues that may come up, and helps to ensure informed decision-making on our part. If the rules under consideration affect you in any way, the MPCA encourages you to participate in the rulemaking process.

See the **Alternative Format/Accommodation** and **MPCA Contact Person** sections of this notice for information on requesting this document in an alternative format.

**Subject of Rules.** The MPCA requests comments on its possible amendment of WQS rules governing lake aquatic life and recreational uses. The revisions under consideration for this rulemaking include three main elements: 1) adoption of eutrophication standards for shallow or mixed lakes in the northern nutrient region, 2) adoption of nutrient and oxythermal standards to protect cold-water fish habitat, and 3) adoption of a tiered aquatic life use (TALU) framework.

1. **Shallow/mixed lake eutrophication standards for northern lakes:** Current standards for northern lakes do

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not make a distinction between lakes that stratify in the summer (dimictic) and those that mix (polymictic). Trophic conditions in stratified and mixed lakes are naturally different, which demonstrates a need for a revision to the existing standard. Refining these standards to acknowledge the differences between these lake types will improve assessment accuracy and result in more appropriate management decisions.

2. **Cold-water lake standards:** Standards currently provide additional protections for lakes managed for trout, but lakes with other cold-water fishes such as cisco or lake whitefish are protected by warm-water lake standards—a gap in protections that puts these species at risk. Undertaking this rulemaking is consistent with the MPCA’s overall approach to protecting cold-water habitats, which is not solely focused on waters which support trout. For example, the MPCA recently (2020) revised the rules that protect cold-water stream habitats to include streams that support other cold-water organisms such as insects. This rule revision would adopt standards (eutrophication and oxythermal) for cold-water lakes supporting cisco and lake whitefish, including determination and designation of lakes where cold-water fish habitat is an existing use. These revisions are needed to document where these fish species occur and to assign standards that will protect these species from threats such as eutrophication. Such standards will also complement programs administered by the MPCA and DNR to protect lake quality. Additional protection of refuge lakes for cold-water species is especially critical due to climate change.
3. **Lake TALU:** Currently, lake biological criteria are implemented as numeric translators for narrative standards using a one-size-fits-all approach. As part of this revision, TALU and the supporting biocriteria would be adopted for lakes following a similar model for streams, which was adopted into rule in 2017. Revisions will codify biological criteria and provide a framework for protecting high-quality lakes. The TALU framework for lakes will designate a subset of exceptional-use lakes and identify and provide additional protections to Minnesota’s high-quality lakes. This approach has the benefit of providing a framework for protecting the highest-quality lakes more efficiently and at typically lower cost than restoration.

In addition to the three main objectives of this rule, we also intend to make several housekeeping revisions, including correcting an error in the river eutrophication standards and moving lake designations in Minn. R. 7050.0470 into documents incorporated by reference. Incorporating lake use designations by reference will permit additional use designation information to be codified into rule. Correcting the errors in the river eutrophication standards will assign the correct criteria adopted in rule and bring clarity to Minnesota’s river eutrophication rules.

The MPCA has developed draft charge questions organized by topic area to guide peer reviewers’ evaluation of the draft technical support documents (TSDs). We especially encourage comments and suggestions on our proposed charge questions, as follows:

- **Northern lakes.** In the draft TSD (*Development of eutrophication standards for northern lakes in Minnesota*), the MPCA has determined that it is appropriate to assign different eutrophication standards to stratified (dimictic) lakes and mixed (polymictic) lakes in the Northern Lakes and Forests and Northern Minnesota Wetlands ecoregions. MPCA staff determined this pattern to be the result of differences in mixing type, lake morphology, watershed features, and the types of beneficial uses supported by these lake types, and developed different criteria for dimictic and polymictic lakes for chlorophyll-a to protect aquatic life and recreational endpoints. Using these chlorophyll-a thresholds, we also developed criteria for total phosphorus and Secchi depth. In addition to describing the development of eutrophication standards for northern lakes, the TSD describes how lake type is determined and how the draft standards will be implemented.
  - Has the MPCA demonstrated that it is appropriate to assign different standards to dimictic and polymictic lakes in the Northern Lakes and Forests and Northern Minnesota Wetlands ecoregions? Is it appropriate to assign or expect different beneficial uses to be supported by dimictic and polymictic lakes?
  - Did the MPCA use appropriate methods to determine protective chlorophyll-a thresholds for beneficial uses? Are there other methods that the MPCA should consider?
  - Are the criteria developed for total phosphorus and Secchi depth reasonable? Are there other methods that the MPCA should consider?

- Are the methods for determining lake type (i.e., dimictic versus polymictic) appropriate and reasonable?
- **Cold-water lakes.** The MPCA intends to propose changes to the existing standards for cold-water lake habitats and to change the list of lakes managed as cold-water habitats. This will include the adoption of oxythermal habitat standards for lake trout, lake whitefish, and cisco lakes and the adoption of new lake eutrophication standards for lake whitefish and cisco lakes. Revisions would also be made to the eutrophication standards for lake trout and stream trout lakes. In addition, these revisions would include changes to the list of waters designated as Class 2A. Descriptions of the revisions to lake standards and use designations are provided in the TSD. In addition, the TSD describes how cold-water use designations will be reviewed and includes a statewide review of cold-water lake habitats with supporting documentation for each lake.
  - Is it reasonable and appropriate to assign specific oxythermal and eutrophication standards to lakes supporting lake whitefish and/or cisco?
  - Were appropriate methods used to determine protective eutrophication and oxythermal thresholds for cold-water fishes? Are there other methods that should be considered?
  - Will the adoption of an oxythermal habitat criterion likely improve management and protection of cold-water fishes? Are the specific draft criteria suitable for the protection of lake trout, lake whitefish, and cisco? Are there other criteria that the MPCA should consider?
  - Are the location, timing, and frequency requirements of sampling as specified in the implementation section of the TSD sufficient to make an accurate assessment using the draft criteria? Is the draft process for making an assessment determination sufficiently described?
  - The MPCA intends to assign site-specific standards (SSS) to 11 lakes with atypical conditions that still attain beneficial uses despite higher nutrient levels or poorer oxythermal conditions. Are these recommended SSS reasonable, and has the MPCA sufficiently demonstrated that a SSS is appropriate? Is the guidance for evaluating whether other lakes may be candidates for SSS sufficiently described?
  - As part of this rule, the MPCA is also considering changes to the list of lakes assigned Class 2A. These lakes are listed in the appendices of the TSD. Are the provided lists of lakes and associated cold-water designations for cold-water fish species appropriate? Is the draft process for making cold-water use designations sufficiently described?
- **TALU for lakes.** The MPCA intends to propose a TALU framework for Minnesota lakes. This framework is similar to the aquatic life use framework adopted for Minnesota streams. The draft lake TALU framework consists of fish biological criteria for high-quality or Exceptional Use lakes. Under this framework, lakes meeting Exceptional Use goals would be assigned more stringent biological goals, which would need to be maintained.
  - Is it reasonable to assign more protective biological goals for a subset of lakes that demonstrate this high quality is attainable?
  - Were appropriate methods used to determine protective biological goals for fish communities in lakes? Are there other methods that should be considered?
  - Is the process for identifying Exceptional Uses reasonable and sufficiently described in the TSD?

**Comments.** Interested parties may submit written comments or information on these possible rules in writing until **4:30 p.m. on Friday, November 3, 2023**. The MPCA will not publish a notice of intent to adopt the rules until more than 60 days have elapsed from the date of this RFC.

During the public comment period associated with this RFC, submit written comments or information to:

1) the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Rulemaking eComments website at <https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com>; or

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2) OAH attn: William Moore, OAH, 600 North Robert Street, P.O. Box 64620, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620 or fax 651-539-0310.

You may view frequently asked questions about the OAH Rulemaking eComments website at [https://mn.gov/oah/assets/ecomments-faq\\_tcm19-82012.pdf](https://mn.gov/oah/assets/ecomments-faq_tcm19-82012.pdf). Any questions about submitting comments via the Rulemaking eComments website should be directed to William Moore of the OAH at 651-361-7900 or by email at [William.T.Moore@state.mn.us](mailto:William.T.Moore@state.mn.us); **please note that you may not submit rulemaking comments by phone or email.**

Comments received are public and will be available for review at the OAH Rulemaking eComments website at <https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com/discussions> and at the OAH, 600 North Robert Street, P.O. Box 64620, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620. NOTE: The MPCA will carefully consider all comments received in response to this RFC. However, these comments will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) if and when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The MPCA is required to submit to the ALJ only the written comments received in response to the draft rules after they are proposed with a Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules. If you submit comments during the RFC stage of rule development and want to ensure that the ALJ reviews them, you should resubmit your comments after the rules are formally proposed with a Notice of Intent.

**Parties Affected.** These amendments to the existing rules would be most likely to affect people working with or interested in WQS, such as in natural resource management, soil and water conservation, and environmental protection; the changes may also affect holders of some National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. Because the rule amendments will result in a more accurate classification of waters and more efficient, effective assessment and implementation of WQS, parties with a general interest in the quality of Minnesota's waters, such as fishing and tourism, may also be affected.

The MPCA does not plan to appoint a specific advisory committee to comment on the rule amendments under consideration. The MPCA does not anticipate that the rule amendments will require a local government to adopt or amend an ordinance or other regulation under *Minnesota Statutes* (Minn. Stat.) §14.128; local governments may submit written information to the contrary. The MPCA requests any information pertaining to the cumulative effect of the rule amendments with other federal and state regulations related to the specific purpose of the rule. Cumulative effect means the impact that results from incremental effects of the proposed rule in addition to other rules, regardless of what state or federal agency has adopted the other rules.

**MPCA Contact Person.** The MPCA contact person is Katie Izzo at the MPCA, 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, MN 55155-4194; telephone 651-757-2595; and email [katie.izzo@state.mn.us](mailto:katie.izzo@state.mn.us). You may also call the MPCA at 651-296-6300 or 1-800-657-3864; use your preferred relay service. Again, please note that you may not submit rulemaking comments by phone or email.

1. During the public comment period associated with this RFC:
  - a. Submit all comments in response to this notice as described in the **Comments** section of this RFC.
  - b. Contact the MPCA contact person with clarification questions or requests for more information.
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  - b. Rulemaking process questions: Katie Izzo, 651-757-2595 or [katie.izzo@state.mn.us](mailto:katie.izzo@state.mn.us)

**Rules Drafts.** The MPCA has not yet drafted the possible rule amendments. Parties interested in being notified when a draft of the rules is available and of other activities relating to this rulemaking are encouraged to register at [http://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNP/CA/subscriber/new?topic\\_id=MNP/CA\\_491](http://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNP/CA/subscriber/new?topic_id=MNP/CA_491) (MPCA GovDelivery- Rulemaking: Lakes Water Quality Standards).

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**Statutory Authority.** Minn. Stat. §115.03, subd. 1(b)-(c), authorizes the MPCA to establish WQS, and Minn. Stat. §115.44 grants the MPCA authority to group designated waters of the state into classes.

Date: September 5, 2023

Katrina Kessler, Commissioner  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

## Minnesota Department of Transportation

### Office of State Aid and Statewide Radio Communications

#### REQUEST FOR COMMENTS for Possible Amendment to Rules Governing Bridge Rehabilitation, Construction, and Reconstruction, *Minnesota Rules*, 8810.8000 through 8810.8500; Revisor's ID Number R-04830

**Subject of Rules.** The Minnesota Department of Transportation is considering rule amendments to incorporate revisions made to Minnesota Statutes, section 174.50, subdivision 7 during the 2023 Legislative Session. The Legislature amended the statute to authorize political subdivisions to use grants to rehabilitate bridges in addition to the already authorized use of grants for bridge construction or reconstruction. The rules will reflect the statutory amendments. The Department requests comments on its possible amendment to rules governing bridge rehabilitation, construction, and reconstruction.

**Persons Affected.** The amendment to the rules would likely affect political subdivisions eligible for bridge grants.

**Statutory Authority.** *Minnesota Statutes*, section 174.50, subdivision 7, requires the Department to develop rules, procedures for application for grants, conditions of grant administration, standards, and criteria as provided under subdivision 6, including bridge specifications, in cooperation with road authorities of political subdivisions, for use in the administration of funds appropriated to the commissioner and for the administration of grants to subdivisions.

**Public Comment.** Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these possible rules in writing until further notice is published in the *State Register* that the Department intends to adopt or to withdraw the rules. The Department will not publish a notice of intent to adopt the rules until more than 60 days have elapsed from the date of this request for comments. The Department does not plan to appoint an advisory committee to comment on the possible rules.

**Rules Drafts.** The Department does not anticipate that a draft of the rule amendments will be available before the publication of the proposed rules.

**Agency Contact Person.** Written comments, questions, requests to receive a draft of the rules when it has been prepared, and requests for more information on these possible rules should be directed to: Andrea Barker, Policy and Rules Coordinator, at Minnesota Department of Transportation, 395 John Ireland Boulevard, MS 130, St. Paul, MN 55155, or [andrea.barker@state.mn.us](mailto:andrea.barker@state.mn.us).

**Alternative Format.** Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request, please contact the agency contact person at the address 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 submitted 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: September 18, 2023

Nancy Daubenberger, Commissioner  
Department of Transportation

# 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: <https://mn.gov/admin/citizen/grants/>

## 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 Human Services Contracts and Legal Compliance Division Notice of Changes to Grant Request for Proposal noticing in the State Register for the Department of Human Services

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) will no longer publish individual grant RFP notices to the State Register effective March 27, 2023. The RFPs and RFIs can be viewed by visiting the Minnesota Department of Human Services Grants, Requests for Proposals (RFP) and Requests for Information (RFI) website: <https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/grants-rfps/open-rfps/>.

The RFPs and RFIs do not obligate the State to complete the work contemplated in the respective notices. The State reserves the right to cancel solicitations. All expenses incurred in responding to the RFPs and RFIs are solely the responsibility of the responder.

## Minnesota Department of Transportation Office of Civil Rights Request for Proposal: Minnesota Highway Construction Training Program

MnDOT requests responses from workforce centers, community-based organizations, training institutions, colleges, and trades associations to develop and administer one or more programs in highway construction career development and training.

Responses must be received no later than 2:00 P.M. Central Daylight Time on October 12, 2023. Late responses will not be considered.

To view the RFP go to: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/civilrights/requests-for-proposals.html>

For more information, visit: *Workforce Training Programs - Civil Rights - MnDOT (state.mn.us)*

## Minnesota Department of Transportation

### Office of Civil Rights

#### Request for Proposal: SFY 2024 Certified Small Business Micro Grant Program

MnDOT requests responses from Minnesota-based Certified Small Businesses to financially assist them with their eligible expenses that increases their business capacity and/or industry knowledge to assist in their pursuit of MnDOT projects/contracts.

Responses must be received no later than 02:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on April 30, 2024 or until funding is exhausted. Late responses will not be considered.

To view the RFP go to: [mndot.gov/civilrights/requests-for-proposals.html](https://mndot.gov/civilrights/requests-for-proposals.html).

For more information, visit: [mndot.gov/civilrights/micro-grant.html](https://mndot.gov/civilrights/micro-grant.html).

## Minnesota Department of Transportation

### Office of Civil Rights

#### Request for Proposal: Youth Construction Career Exposure

MnDOT requests responses from workforce centers, community-based organizations, training institutions, colleges, and trades associations to develop and administer one or more programs in highway construction career development and training directed towards youth between ages of 14-24.

Responses must be received no later than 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on September 28, 2023. Late responses will not be considered.

To view the RFP go to: [https://edocs-public.dot.state.mn.us/edocs\\_public/DMResultSet/download?docId=35115192](https://edocs-public.dot.state.mn.us/edocs_public/DMResultSet/download?docId=35115192)

For more information, visit: [Workforce Training Programs - Civil Rights - MnDOT \(state.mn.us\)](#)

## Minnesota Department of Transportation

### Ports and Waterways Section

#### Request for Applications for the Minnesota Port Development Assistance Program

The Minnesota Department of Transportation, Ports and Waterways Section, is requesting project proposal applications from those qualifying for the Minnesota Port Development Assistance Program, Minnesota Statute section 457A.01-06. Please review the Administrative Rules 8895.0100-1100 before filling out an application. Application form and further solicitation details can be found at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/ofrw/waterways/pdap.html>. Approximately \$18 million is available for this funding cycle. The application filing will be open from **September 18, 2023 through October 9, 2023**. Applications are to be submitted electronically to: [FreightPlans.DOT@state.mn.us](mailto:FreightPlans.DOT@state.mn.us). If you have questions, please email: [patrick.phenow@state.mn.us](mailto:patrick.phenow@state.mn.us).

# 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, Office of State Procurement (OSP) Website. Interested vendors are encouraged to monitor the P/T Contract Section of the OSP Website at <https://mn.gov/admin/osp> 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 Office of State Procurement strongly recommends meeting the following requirements: \$0 - \$5000 does not need to be advertised; \$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.

Contact the Office of State Procurement at: (651) 296-2600

## Department of Administration

### Notice of Availability of Request for Proposal (RFP) for Designer Selection for: Alexandria Technical Community College Student Services and Transportation Center (SDSB Project # 23-13)

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

A full Request for Proposals is available on the Minnesota Department of Administration's website at <https://mn.gov/admin/government/construction-projects/sdsb/projects/> (click SDSB Project #23-13).

A **mandatory** informational meeting is scheduled for **September 27, 2023 at 10:00 am at the** Alexandria Technical & Community College campus at 1601 Jefferson Street, Alexandria, MN 56308. Park in the Visitor's front parking lot. Gather in the main Lobby and we will move to a room from there. The meeting will include a tour of the proposed project areas and a review of the scope of work.

Any questions should be directed to Joel Seela at [joels@alextech.edu](mailto:joels@alextech.edu). Project questions will be taken by this individual only. Questions regarding this RFP must be received by **October 2, 2023**, no later than **5:00 p.m.** Central Time.

Proposals must be delivered to ***SDSB.Proposals.ADM@state.mn.us*** not later than **Monday, October 9, 2023**, by **12:00 noon CT**. Late responses will not be considered.

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

## Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (Minnesota State) Notice of Bid and Contracting Opportunities

Minnesota State is now placing additional public notices for contract opportunities, goods/commodities and related services on its Vendor and Supplier Opportunities website (<https://www.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 email the Minnesota State Procurement Unit at [Sourcing@MinnState.edu](mailto:Sourcing@MinnState.edu).

## MNsure

### Request for Proposals the Minnesota Insulin Safety Net Program's Public Awareness Campaign

**PROJECT NAME:** Minnesota Insulin Safety Net Program's Public Awareness Campaign

**DETAILS:** MNsure is requesting this proposal for the purpose of obtaining detailed cost, work plan, and timeline proposals for the design and management of a comprehensive statewide public awareness campaign that increases applications for Minnesota's Insulin Safety Net Program. Regional proposals are not eligible. Beginning September 18, 2023, the full RFP can be viewed by visiting MNsure's Requests for Proposals website: <https://www.mnsure.org/about-us/rfp-contract/index.jsp>

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

Anne Sexton  
Senior Staff Attorney  
[anne.sexton@state.mn.us](mailto:anne.sexton@state.mn.us)

**PROPOSAL DEADLINE:** Proposals in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received by email to Anne Sexton, [anne.sexton@state.mn.us](mailto:anne.sexton@state.mn.us), not later than **12:00 p.m., Central Time, Monday, October 23, 2023. Late proposals will not be considered.** Responses sent by methods other than email (including courier, fax, US mail or express shipment) will not be considered or reviewed.

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 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](http://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: <https://mn.gov/admin/osp> as well as the Office of Grants Management (OGM) at: <https://mn.gov/admin/citizen/grants/>.

## JE Dunn Construction Company

### Request for Qualifications: MN State Office Building Renovation and Addition - BP1

The purpose of this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is to evaluate and prequalify subcontractors for The State Office Building Renovation project. Based upon evaluation of the responses to the RFQ, the successful responders will be eligible to submit bid proposals for work and enter into a contract with JE Dunn Construction, the Construction Manager for the project.

The RFQ applies to the following scopes:

- Earthwork and utilities
- Cast-in-place concrete
- Waterproofing
- Steel Fabrication
- Elevators
- Fire Protection

If a contractor has been approved to bid by JE Dunn for a bid package, they will be automatically approved to bid future packages. There is no need for approved contractors to submit additional RFQ's.

**Please note: We are not asking for bids at this time, we are only looking for completed RFQ forms**

#### Project Description

Work will include a complete renovation of the existing 251,794 SF State Office Building and a building addition of 229,168 SF with corresponding site work around the building. The building will be utilized to house various State entities including the House of Representatives.

The intent of this RFQ process is to select subcontractors for the opportunity to be a bidding subcontractor.

Project Construction Budget: \$416,000,000

Schedule: December 15, 2023 - November 30, 2026

Contact Paul Miller with questions at 952-833-5978

RFQ's are due no later than September 28, 2023 at 3:00 PM. Please send to [paul.miller@jedunn.com](mailto:paul.miller@jedunn.com)

Documents can be downloaded at the following location: <https://securecc.smartinsight.co/#/PublicBidProject/722854>

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## Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Request for Proposals: 2023 and 2024 Audit Services

Pursuant to MSA 103B.227, Subdivision 5, the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District (LMRWD) hereby solicits proposals from qualified firms of public accounts for annual audit of its 2023 and 2024 financial statements. The audit is to be performed in accordance with the provisions contained in the request for proposal, which can be found on the LMRWD website at:

All proposals must be submitted electronically in PDF format to:

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District  
Attention: Linda Loomis, District Administrator  
112 East Fifth Street, Suite 102  
Chaska, MN 55318  
*naiadconsulting@gmail.com*

Proposals shall be submitted on or before 4:00 PM, Friday, September 29, 2023. The LMRWD Board of Managers plans to select an auditor pursuant to this RFP at its October 18, 2023, meeting. Questions should be addressed to District Administrator, Linda Loomis by email before September 19, 2023.

The Board of Managers will review all proposals and reserves the right to request additional information from any and all proposers, to conduct interviews of the proposers, specifically lead staff proposed to provide services, to reject any and all proposals, and to otherwise take such action as it deems in the best interest of Lower Minnesota River Watershed District.

For further information about the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District, contact Linda Loomis, Administrator at *naiadconsulting@gmail.com* or by telephone at (763) 568-9522, or visit: <http://lowermnriverwd.org/>

## Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) Request for Qualifications for DELTA - MSP T1 Modernization Project (AMP)

J.E. Dunn Construction Company, hereafter referred as the **Construction Manager**, is Requesting for Qualifications for the following project described below and requests for your interest on bidding on the project. The following list highlights information associated with the Project that may be helpful in your prequalification process.

### **PROJECT NAME:**

DELTA - MSP T1 Modernization Project (AMP)

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

We are currently prequalifying for Phases 1 & 2 on the project. The forthcoming bid packages may include the following scopes but not limited to:

Final Cleaning, Misc. Metals, Equipment Support Systems, Glass and Glazing, Stainless Steel and Column Covers, Joint Sealants, Firestopping, Drywall, Tile and Stone Work, Acoustical and Metal Ceilings, Terrazzo, Flooring, Painting, Quartz Paneling, Fire Protection, Mechanical, Electrical, and Lighting Controls.

### **REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS:**

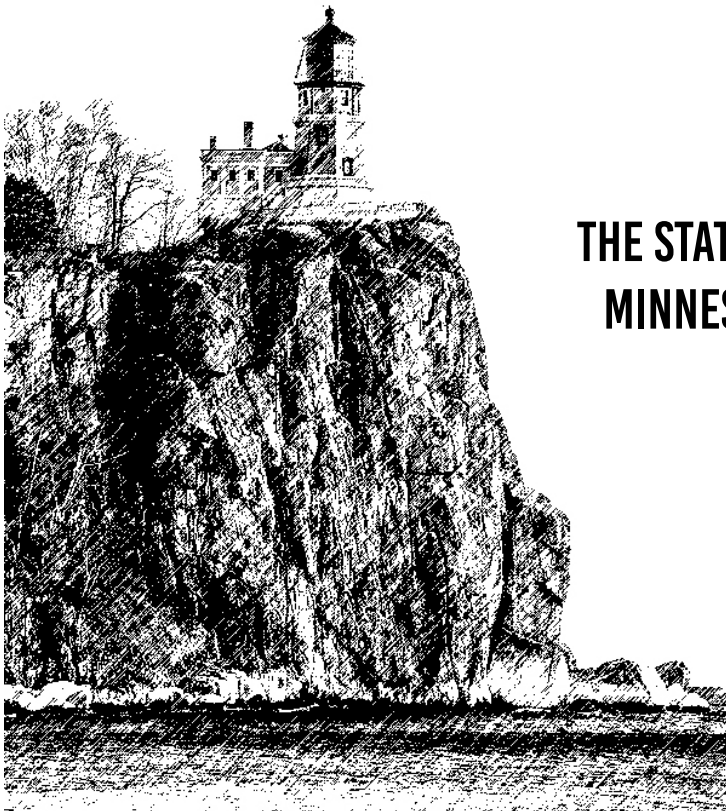
1. To be qualified to perform the Work described in the Bidding Documents, the Bidder must submit and/or update the necessary information on Construction Manager's online Subcontractor Management System located at <http://sms.jedunn.com>.

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2. When your subcontractor profile is completed and/or updated, please notify Jessica Venegas at JE Dunn Construction to allow for formal review from JE Dunn to determine prequalification status.

## **QUESTIONS:**

All questions regarding the prequalification process should be directed to the Construction Manager, please contact Jessica Venegas at 952-833-5911 or [jessica.venegas@jedunn.com](mailto:jessica.venegas@jedunn.com).



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