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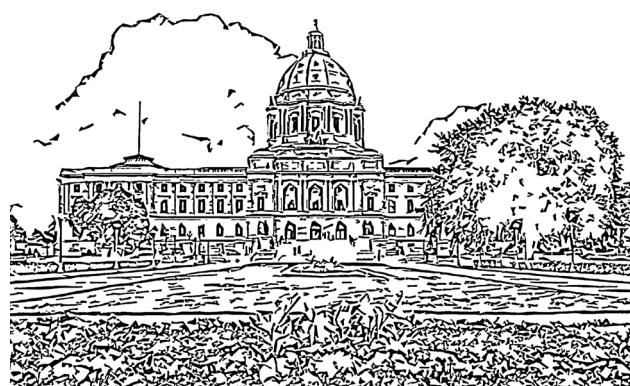
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An agency must first solicit Comments on Planned Rules or Comments on Planned Rule Amendments from the public on the subject matter of a possible rulemaking proposal under active consideration within the agency (Minnesota Statutes §§ 14.101). It does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

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 Proposed emergency rules, and withdrawn proposed rules, are also published in the State Register.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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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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Adopted Rules - Underlining indicates additions to proposed rule language. ~~Strikeout~~ indicates deletions from proposed rule language.

Department of Natural Resources

Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Light Goose Population Control

Notice is hereby given that the above titled rule has been adopted through the process prescribed by *Minnesota Statutes*, section 84.027, subdivision 13(b). The statutory authority for the contents of this rule is *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 84.027, subdivision 13(a); and 97B.731, subdivision 1(b).

The conditions that do not allow compliance with *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 97A.0451 to 97A.0459, are as follows. Each year, Minnesota joins other states along the light goose migration route in allowing a spring harvest for population reduction. This conservation action is intended to mitigate the impact of light geese on arctic nesting habitat, as prescribed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service ("USFWS"). This conservation action has been authorized by the USFWS and has been held annually in Minnesota since 2000. DNR uses current biological and harvest data to adjust the season variables associated with this action.

Dated: January 5, 2025

Sarah Strommen
Commissioner of Natural Resources

6240.0600 SPECIAL LICENSES FOR LIGHT GOOSE POPULATION CONTROL.

Subpart 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this part, "light goose" means a lesser snow goose, including a blue-phase lesser snow goose (*Anser c. caerulescens*), or a Ross's goose (*Anser rossii*).

Subp. 2. **License required.** A person may not take a light goose during the period prescribed in subpart 3 except under a valid license and in full compliance with this part and the conditions in the license. Residents and nonresidents may apply for licenses. No other hunting license or stamps are required. A license holder must have a license in possession at all times when taking or transporting light geese taken under this part and must retain the license for as long as the license holder possesses light geese taken under this part.

Subp. 3. **Open harvest period.** Light geese may be taken from February 18 to April 30 with licenses issued under this part. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

Subp. 4. **Bag limits.** No daily or bag limits apply to taking light geese under this part.

Subp. 5. **Game refuges and waterfowl refuges.** All state refuges that are closed to migratory waterfowl hunting are closed to taking light geese under this part. All waterfowl refuges that are closed by posting to taking ducks or geese during any portion of the fall waterfowl seasons are closed to taking light geese under this part. All controlled hunting stations in the Lac qui Parle Game Refuge, Chippewa and Lac qui Parle Counties, are closed to taking light geese.

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under this part.

Subp. 6. License conditions; applicability of other laws and rules.

A. A license issued under this part is effective on the date issued or on February 18, whichever occurs later. A license expires on April 30 of the year of issuance.

B. Except as provided in subparts 2 to 5, all applicable state statutes and federal law for taking migratory waterfowl apply to taking light geese under this part. All applicable state rules for taking migratory waterfowl apply to taking light geese under this part, unless inconsistent with or otherwise provided in this part.

C. By July 1, licensees must submit records of their light goose harvest to the Department of Natural Resources on forms provided by the commissioner.

Subp. 7. License application. Application for a license under this part must be made using the application processes established by the commissioner under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.027, subdivision 15.

Subp. 8. Penalties. A violation of this part or the conditions of any license issued under this part results in revocation of the license, and any other penalty provided by state or federal law applies.

Subp. 9. License eligibility. To be eligible for a light goose license, a person must not have any small-game hunting privileges revoked within one year before purchasing a light goose license.

REPEALER. Minnesota Rules, part 6240.0600, published in the State Register, volume 50, page 5, July 7, 2025, is repealed.

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

Executive Order 26-02: Ensuring Safety at the Capitol

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

The Minnesota State Capitol is the People's House and it belongs to all Minnesotans. The Capitol is the central seat of Minnesota's state government, housing all three branches of government. Within its halls, laws are debated, enacted, interpreted, and enforced every day. Hundreds of thousands of Minnesotans, including thousands of school children, visit the Capitol each year to observe government in action, advocate for causes important to them, and participate in civic life.

However, violence and threats directed at public officials are on the rise. Last summer, Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark Hortman, were killed in their home, and Senator John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette Hoffman, were shot. Threats towards public officials have only grown more persistent and more intense.

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In response to ongoing security concerns, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (“DPS”) commissioned an independent security assessment of the Minnesota State Capitol. The resulting report strongly recommended that DPS begin screening for prohibited weapons in order to better protect public officials, staff, and members of the public at the Capitol. The Advisory Committee on Capitol Area Security, which includes the Lieutenant Governor, bipartisan legislators, and the Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, met to assess security risks in the Capitol Area and voted to adopt the recommendation for weapons screening at the Capitol.

Keeping public officials, staff, and visitors safe in the Capitol is essential for efficient and transparent government function. A secure Capitol allows public servants to carry out their duties while protecting the public’s right to access and engage with their government. It also helps preserve trust in democratic institutions by ensuring that this shared civic space remains open, welcoming, and resilient.

Minnesota Statutes 2025, section 609.66, subd. 1g, makes it a felony to possess a dangerous weapon, ammunition, or explosives within the Capitol unless a specific statutory exception applies. Minnesota Rules 2025, part 7525.0300, subpart 2, requires persons in designated parts of the Capitol Area to submit to inspection for weapons, explosives, or other dangerous substances. Screening for dangerous items prohibited under section 609.66, subd. 1g, at the Capitol is consistent with these laws, and will enable security personnel to detect and prevent the introduction of unlawful dangerous items into the Capitol. Screening will also serve as a deterrent to those who may wish to bring illegal weapons into the Capitol to commit violence, intimidate people, or interfere with the orderly work of government. Weapons screening will make Minnesota’s Capitol a safer and more welcoming place for all who use it.

For these reasons, I order as follows:

- (1) By the beginning of the legislative session on February 17, 2026, the Commissioner of Public Safety, working with the Colonel of the Minnesota State Patrol, will put in place the equipment and trained personnel necessary to implement weapons screening to ensure that unlawful dangerous items are not introduced into the Minnesota State Capitol in violation of Minn. Stat. Sec. 609.66, subd. 1g, during the 2026 legislative session.

This Executive Order is effective fifteen days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State. It will remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or until the end of the 2026 legislative session.

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 January 26, 2026.

Tim Walz, GOVERNOR

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Revenue Notices

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

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Minnesota Department of Revenue

Revenue Notice # 26-01: Corporate Franchise Income Tax – Minnesota Taxable Income – Foreign Corporate Filers

Introduction

For a foreign corporate filer that files federal Form 1120-F, there are circumstances when line 1a of Form M4I, Income Calculation, will not equal the income amount on the corresponding line on federal Form 1120-F.¹ Line 1a of Form M4I, Income Calculation, lists the federal taxable income before net operating loss (“NOL”) deduction and special deductions. The test the *Internal Revenue Code* uses to establish when a foreign corporation is subject to its jurisdiction to tax – which can involve establishment of an “effective connection” with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States – is different from the test Minnesota uses to establish its jurisdiction to tax which involves constitutional nexus and can result in a different calculation of taxable income.

This Revenue Notice discusses two common examples of when this occurs. One example is when sections 864(c) and 882 of the *Internal Revenue Code* exempt income of a foreign corporate filer for federal income tax purposes but does not do so for Minnesota income tax purposes (the “not effectively connected” example). The other example is when a foreign tax treaty exempts income of the foreign corporate filer for federal income tax purposes but not for Minnesota income tax purposes (the “foreign treaty” example).

Background

A. Federal income taxation of foreign corporations.

Section 11 of the *Internal Revenue Code* imposes federal income tax on domestic corporations using one method, and on foreign corporations using another method.

Domestic Corporations: For domestic corporations, federal income tax is generally “imposed for each taxable year on the taxable income of every corporation.” *Internal Revenue Code* section 11(a). The “taxable income” referenced in section 11(a) is defined in *Internal Revenue Code* section 63. A domestic corporation’s “taxable income” means, for federal purposes, “gross income minus the deductions allowed by this chapter (other than the standard deduction).” *Internal Revenue Code* section 63. “Gross income,” for federal purposes, is generally defined as “all income from whatever source derived.” *Internal Revenue Code* section 61.

Foreign Corporations: The method used for imposing federal income taxes on foreign corporations is different than domestic corporations, as described in section 11(d) of the *Internal Revenue Code*. Section 11(d) provides that “[i]n the case of a foreign corporation, the taxes imposed by subsection (a) and section 55 shall apply only as provided by section 882.” Generally, section 882(b) imposes federal income tax on a foreign corporation’s:

- (1) gross income which is derived from sources within the United States and which is not effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States, and

¹ A foreign corporate filer’s federal taxable income before NOL deduction and special deductions appears on Line 29, Section II of the federal 2024 Form 1120-F.

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(2) gross income which is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States.

Section 864(c)(4)(B) of the *Internal Revenue Code* provides, generally, that income, gain, or loss from sources outside the United States shall be treated as effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States by a foreign corporation “if such person has an office or other fixed place of business within the United States to which such income, gain, or loss is attributable.”

As a result, if a foreign corporation does not have gross income in connection with a trade or business within the United States fitting the definitions in paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 882(b) of the *Internal Revenue Code*, then it is not subject to federal income tax.

B. Minnesota income taxation of foreign corporations.

Minnesota income tax law differs from federal income tax law in that it does not adopt the federal definitions of “gross income” in *Internal Revenue Code* section 882(b).

1. Minnesota’s jurisdiction to tax income of foreign corporations.

Under Minnesota income tax law, a “corporation” is defined as including, among other things, “every entity which is a corporation under section 7701(a)(3)” of the Internal Revenue Code. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 290.01, subdivision 4. Sections 7701(a)(3)(4) and (5) of the *Internal Revenue Code* provide that the term “corporation” includes both “domestic corporations” and “foreign corporations.” The same is true under Minnesota income tax law. *See Minnesota Statutes*, section 290.01, subdivisions 4, 5 and 5a (“corporation” includes both “domestic corporations” and “foreign corporations”).

As a general matter, Minnesota has jurisdiction to impose its income tax on foreign corporations when they have income allocable to Minnesota due to their contacts with the state:

Except as provided in section 290.015, corporations are subject to the return filing requirements and to tax as provided in this chapter if the corporation so exercises its franchise as to engage in such contacts with this state as to cause part of the income of the corporation to be:

(1) allocable to this state under section 290.17, 290.191, 290.20, or 290.36.

Minnesota Statutes, section 290.014, subdivision 5(1).

Unlike *Internal Revenue Code* section 882(b), Minnesota imposes no requirement that a foreign corporate filer be “effectively connected” with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States (or within Minnesota) to impose the corporate franchise income tax.

2. The definitions of income applicable to foreign corporations under Minnesota tax law.

Minnesota Statutes, section 290.02 imposes the corporate franchise income tax on “the corporations’ taxable income and alternative minimum taxable income for the taxable year for which the tax is imposed, computed in the manner and at the rates provided in this chapter.” “Taxable income” for corporations is defined in *Minnesota Statutes*, section 290.01, subdivision 29(2) (“taxable net income less [certain deductions]”).

“Taxable net income” for corporations means “the part of net income that is allocable to Minnesota by assignment or apportionment under one or more of Sections 290.17, 290.191, 290.20, and 290.36.” *Minnesota Statutes*, section 290.01, subd 22(3).

“Net income” means for corporations “the federal taxable income, as defined in section 63 of the *Internal Revenue Code* of 1986, as amended through the date named in this subdivision, incorporating the federal effective dates of changes to the Internal Revenue Code and any elections made by the taxpayer in accordance with the Internal Revenue

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Code in determining federal taxable income for federal income tax purposes, and with the modifications provided in sections 290.0131 to 290.0136." *Minnesota Statutes*, section 290.01, subdivision 19(a).

Under *Internal Revenue Code* section 63(a), federal "taxable income" means gross income minus the deductions allowed by this chapter (other than the standard deduction)."

Minnesota imposes the corporate franchise income tax on corporations that "engage in contacts with this state that produce gross income attributable to sources within this state." *Minnesota Statutes*, section 290.02.

"Gross income" means "the gross income as defined in section 61 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through the date named in subdivision 19 for the applicable taxable year, plus any additional items of income taxable under this chapter but not taxable under the Internal Revenue Code, less any items included in federal gross income but of a character exempt from state income tax under the laws of the United States." *Minnesota Statutes*, section 290.01, subdivision 20.

Accordingly, when the term "gross income" is used with respect to a foreign corporate filer in Minnesota's corporate franchise income tax laws, it includes: 1) "all income from whatever source derived," and 2) "any additional items of income taxable under this chapter but not taxable under the Internal Revenue Code."

Department Position

The test the federal government uses to establish when a foreign corporation is subject to its jurisdiction to tax – which can involve establishment of an "effective connection" – is different from the test Minnesota uses to establish its jurisdiction to tax which involves constitutional nexus.² This can lead to a different calculation of Minnesota taxable income. Below the Department describes two common examples of when this occurs.

A. The "not effectively connected" example.

In this example, the foreign corporate filer does not have any effectively connected income ("ECI") to report on federal Form 1120-F. The filer also does not have any physical presence in the United States (e.g., an office or other fixed place of business) but makes sales in Minnesota producing income for purposes of *Internal Revenue Code* sections 61 and 63. In this situation, the filer must enter its federal taxable income, as defined in section 63 of the *Internal Revenue Code*, on line 1a of Minnesota Form M4I, Income Calculation – without consideration of whether it has ECI. The Department's position is that the filer must complete Schedule REC, Reconciliation, to explain the difference between line 1a on Minnesota Form M4I, Income Calculation, and the line on Form 1120-F showing its federal taxable income before NOL deduction and special deductions, and attach Schedule REC to its Form M4I.

B. The "foreign treaty" example.

In this example, the foreign corporate filer is exempt from paying federal income tax because of a tax treaty signed by the United States. The Department's position is that a treaty that provides that a taxpayer's income and gains are exempt from federal income taxes imposed by the *Internal Revenue Code*, but specifies that subnational (e.g., state) taxation is not included in the exemptions provided in the treaty, does not define, alter, or exempt income from the *Internal Revenue Code* definition of federal taxable income, which is the basis for determining Minnesota taxable income. In this situation, the federal treaty does not apply to Minnesota income taxation, and the foreign corporate filer must file a pro forma federal Form 1120 to calculate Minnesota taxable income.

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² See *Mobil Oil Corp. v. Commissioner of Taxes of Vermont*, 445 U.S. 425, 433 and 443 (1980) (describing contacts sufficient to impose a state's income tax as "sufficient nexus" for purposes of the Due Process Clause and "substantial nexus" for purposes of the Commerce Clause).

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 Administration

Notice of Minnesota Buy Clean Program Standards and Requirements to be Published on the Environmental Standards Procurement Task Force Website

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to agencies with authority to oversee Minnesota construction projects and stakeholders in the Minnesota construction industry of Minnesota Buy Clean Program Requirements, including greenhouse gas emissions standards for certain construction materials and disclosure of Environmental Product Declarations for eligible construction materials. Minnesota Statute, chapter 16b, section 16b.312, subdivision 2 gives the Commissioner of Administration authority to establish and publish a maximum acceptable global warming potential for each eligible material used in an eligible project.

Effective January 15, 2026, maximum global warming potential standards for certain materials are established. **These global warming potential limits will apply to projects advertised on or after July 15, 2026.** Additional details and information on the material standards and program requirements will be published on the Minnesota Environmental Standards Procurement Task Force website at <https://mn.gov/admin/government/purchasing-contracting/buy-clean/>.

Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience, and Interior Design

Request for Comments for Possible Amendments to Rules Governing Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Landscape Architects, Geoscientists, and Certified Interior Designers Licensure/Certification Requirements; and Housekeeping Updates, Minnesota Rules, Chapter 1800; Revisor's ID Number: R-04898

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience, and Interior Design requests comments on its possible rule amendments to the rules governing architects, professional engineers, land surveyors, landscape architects, geoscientists, and certified interior designers licensure/certification requirements, and housekeeping items. The Board is considering rule amendments to:

- Allow for direct registration for both the Fundamentals of Engineering and the Principles and Practice of Engineering examinations, with individuals applying to the Board for licensure after completion of the education, examination, and experience requirements;
- Allow for direct registration for the land surveying examinations taken through the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES);
- Modify the professional examination requirements for land surveying to reflect changes by NCEES to the examination structure and content;
- Allow for direct registration for the geoscience examinations;
- Allow comity/reciprocal applicants to be substantially equivalent to Minnesota's licensure/certification standard at the time of their initial licensure/certification if they have met all other requirements other than the timing requirements; and
- Make housekeeping modifications.

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Persons Affected. The amendment to and repeal of the rules would likely affect examinees, applicants and licensees/certificate holders.

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 326.02, authorizes the Board to “make all rules, not inconsistent with law, needed in performing its duties.”

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these possible rules in writing or orally until further notice is published in the *State Register* that the Board intends to adopt or to withdraw the rules. The Board 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 Board does not plan to appoint an advisory committee to comment on the possible rules.

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

Agency Contact Person. Written or oral 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 Kate Van Etta-Olson, Executive Director, at the Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design, 85 East Seventh Place, Suite 160, St. Paul, MN 55101, phone: 651-757-1517, or email: kate.van.etta-olson@state.mn.us. TTY users may call the Board at 8006273529.

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, email, 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 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. Also, please note this Request for Comments is replacing a previous Request for Comments published on September 16, 2024.

Dated: January 26, 2026

Kate Van Etta-Olson, Executive Director

Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Notice of Public Hearing by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development with Respect to a Proposed Project and the Provision of Funds from the Minnesota Forward Fund Program under Minnesota Statutes 116J.8752

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (“DEED”) will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 1:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as reasonably possible at 180 East Fifth Street, 12th Floor, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101 on one (1) proposal to provide funding through the Minnesota Forward Fund Program (“MFF”) pursuant to authority granted under *Minnesota Statutes 116J.8752*. This hearing is conducted in accordance with *Minnesota Statutes 116J.994*, Subd. 5.

Description of Project and Proposed MFF Funding:

Boston Scientific Corporation (NAICS 339112) is looking to expand its Maple Grove location in Minnesota. Boston Scientific Corporation transforms lives through innovative medical solutions that improve the health of patients around the world. As a global medical technology leader for more than 40 years, they advance science for life by providing a broad range of high-performance solutions that address unmet patient needs and reduce the cost of health care. The Boston Scientific Corporation’s Maple Grove, Minnesota location is focused on Interventional Cardiology, Peripheral Interventions, Watchman, and Urology. The proposed project would be an expansion of the existing Arbor Lakes facility

in Maple Grove, MN. The expansion would add 300,000 square feet of office, research and development labs, amenities, and conferencing facilities. The project site would include extensive site development of the old McCrosson gravel mine consisting of parking, landscaping, attenuation ponds and circulation roads through the campus. The project will create 150 jobs paying an average wage of \$27.33 per hour. Boston Scientific Corporation's investment in the project is expected to be approximately \$198,000,000. The project may be eligible for an award of up to \$10,000,000 from the MFF, which may be forgiven if project goals are met.

All interested persons may appear and be heard at the time and place set forth above. Persons interested in participating via teleconference should contact David Leslie, Senior Loan Officer, at (651) 259-7092 or david.leslie@state.mn.us prior to the date of the hearing for instructions on how to participate in the call.

Interested persons may mail written comments to David Leslie at 180 East Fifth Street, 12th Floor, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101 or e-mail david.leslie@state.mn.us prior to the date of the hearing set forth above. All persons who appear at the meeting or participate via teleconference will be given an opportunity to express their views with respect to the proposal to award funds from the MFF.

Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Notice of Public Hearing by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development with Respect to a Proposed Project and the Provision of Funds from the Minnesota Forward Fund Program under Minnesota Statutes 116J.8752

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (“DEED”) will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 1:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as reasonably possible, at 180 East Fifth Street, Floor 12, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55101, on one (1) proposal to provide funding through the Minnesota Forward Fund Program (“MFF”) pursuant to authority granted under *Minnesota Statutes 116J.8752*. This hearing is conducted in accordance with *Minnesota Statutes 116J.994*, Subd. 5.

Description of Project and Proposed MFF Funding:

Louisiana-Pacific Corporation (“LP”) is a leading manufacturer of high-performance engineered wood building products, providing solutions to builders, remodelers, and homeowners worldwide. LP is looking to build their new flagship site in North Branch, MN. Over the 5-year period, they will invest approximately \$144,700,000 in land acquisition, site development, building construction, machinery and equipment, and architectural and engineering fees. LP expects to create 100 jobs within 5 years at an average cash wage of \$32.75 per hour. The project may be eligible for an award of up to \$10,000,000 from the MFF, which may be forgiven if certain project goals are met.

All interested persons may appear and be heard at the time and place set forth above. Persons interested in participating via teleconference should contact Kipp Woxland, MFF Economic Development Specialist at (651) 259-7690 or Kipp.Woxland@state.mn.us prior to the date of the hearing for instructions on how to participate in the conference call.

Interested persons may mail written comments to Kipp Woxland at the street or e-mail address set forth above prior to the date of the hearing set forth above. All persons who appear at the meeting or participate via teleconference will be given an opportunity to express their views with respect to the proposal to award funds from the MFF.

Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry Notice of Correction to Prevailing Wage Rates

The Commissioner of the Department of Labor & Industry (DLI) certified prevailing wage rates for commercial construction projects in all 87 counties on Monday, December 22, 2025. These rates were identified by annual survey of commercial construction projects in Minnesota collected by DLI.

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This notice regards a correction to commercial wage rates. These corrections are for all public works contracts advertised for bid on or after this date.

- Commercial Survey Field Technician (Job Code 110) in LeSueur County.
- Commercial Electricians (Job Code 707) in Lac Qui Parle County.
- Commercial Pipefitters/Steamfitters (Job Code 717) in Yellow Medicine County.

The revised wage rate determinations and all other wage rate determinations are available online at:
<https://dli.mn.gov/business/employment-practices/prevailing-wage-commercial-rates>

Questions regarding determinations may be directed to the following:

Division of Labor Standards
443 Lafayette Road N
St. Paul, MN 55155

Phone: 651-284-5192
Email: pwsurvey.dli@state.mn.us

Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry Construction Codes and Licensing Division

Request for Comments for Possible Amendment to Rules Governing the Adoption of Chapter 11 of the *International Residential Code*, Minnesota Rules, Chapter 1322; Revisor's ID Number R-4904

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry requests comments on its possible rule amendments that incorporate by reference chapter 11 "Energy Efficiency" of the 2024 edition of the *International Residential Code* ("IRC") with amendments, and any other amendments necessary to administer and enforce the code for residential energy conservation.

Persons Affected. The amendment to the rules would likely affect building officials, building inspectors, building contractors, architects, engineers, installers, building owners and managers, homeowners, the general public.

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 326B.02, subdivision 5, authorizes, in part, the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry ("Commissioner") to adopt, amend, suspend, and repeal rules relating to the Commissioner's responsibilities under Chapter 326B, except for rules for which the rulemaking authority is expressly transferred to the Plumbing Board, the Board of Electricity, or the Board of High Pressure Piping Systems.

Minnesota Statutes, section 326B.101 requires, in part, that the Commissioner "administer and amend a state code of building construction which will provide basic and uniform performance standards, establish reasonable safeguards for health, safety, welfare, comfort, and security of the residents of this state and provide for the use of modern methods, devices, materials, and techniques which will in part tend to lower construction costs."

Minnesota Statutes, section 326B.106, subdivision 1, requires, in part, that the Commissioner "shall by rule and in consultation with the Construction Codes Advisory Council establish a code of standards for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, and repair of buildings, governing matters of structural materials, design and construction, fire protection, health, sanitation, and safety, including design and construction standards regarding heat loss control, illumination, and climate control." That statutory provision also requires that the code "include duties and responsibilities for code administration, including procedures for administrative action, penalties, and suspension and revocation of certification. The code must conform insofar as practicable to model building codes generally accepted and in use

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throughout the United States, including a code for building conservation.”

Agency Contact Person. Written comments, questions, and requests for more information on these possible rules should be directed to Amanda Spuckler at the Department of Labor and Industry, 443 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, MN 55155, telephone (651) 284-5006, and email: dli.rules@state.mn.us.

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.

Interested persons or groups may view chapter 11 of the 2024 edition of the IRC online and free-of-charge at the International Code Council website: <https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/IRC2024P2/chapter-11-re-energy-efficiency>.

The Department is also interested in whether local governments might be required to adopt or amend an ordinance or other regulation to implement these rules and therefore requests that local governments provide the Department with relevant information about their ordinances. Additionally, the Department requests any information pertaining to the cumulative effect of this rule with other federal and state regulations related to the specific purpose of the rule. Cumulative effect means the impact that results from incremental impact of the proposed rule in addition to other rules, regardless of what state or federal agency has adopted the other rules.

The Department, in consultation with the Construction Codes Advisory Council, appointed a technical advisory group to review chapter 11 of the 2024 IRC. Information about the technical advisory group review and recommendations is available at: <https://www.dli.mn.gov/about-department/boards-and-councils/technical-advisory-groups-tags>.

The Department is also interested in determining whether the cost of complying with the rule in the first year after the rule takes effect will cost or exceed \$25,000 for any small city or small business under *Minnesota Statutes*, section 14.127, subdivision 1. A small city is a statutory or home rule charter city that has less than ten full-time employees and a small business means a business that has less than 50 full-time employees.

This public comment opportunity is associated with the development of possible rules. Comments received in response to this notice will not be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the Administrative Law Judge if and when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The Department 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 must resubmit the comments after the rules are formally proposed.

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

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 or telephone number listed above.

Date: 1/20/2026

Nicole Blissenbach, Commissioner
Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry

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Construction Codes and Licensing Division

Request for Comments for Possible Amendment to Rules Governing the Adoption of the *International Mechanical and Fuel Gas Codes, Minnesota Rules, Chapter 1346*; Revisor's ID Number R-4907

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry requests comments on its possible rule amendments that incorporate by reference the 2024 editions of the *International Mechanical Code* ("IMC") and the *International Fuel Gas Code* ("IFGC"), with amendments. The existing *Minnesota Rules*, chapter 1346, applies commercial and non-commercial construction. The Department is considering rule amendments so that chapter 1346 applies only to commercial construction. The Department intends to provide mechanical and fuel gas requirements specific to one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses by incorporating chapters 12 through 24 of the *International Residential Code* ("IRC") by reference in *Minnesota Rules*, chapter 1309, the "International Residential Code," during its adoption of the 2024 IRC. The Department is also considering any other amendments necessary to administer and enforce Minnesota's mechanical and fuel gas codes.

Persons Affected. The amendment to the rules would likely affect municipal building officials, building inspectors, building and mechanical contractors, architects, engineers, building owners and managers, and the general public.

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 326B.02, subdivision 5, authorizes, in part, the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry ("Commissioner") to adopt, amend, suspend, and repeal rules relating to the Commissioner's responsibilities under Chapter 326B, except for rules for which the rulemaking authority is expressly transferred to the Plumbing Board, the Board of Electricity, or the Board of High Pressure Piping Systems.

Minnesota Statutes, section 326B.101 requires, in part, that the Commissioner "administer and amend a state code of building construction which will provide basic and uniform performance standards, establish reasonable safeguards for health, safety, welfare, comfort, and security of the residents of this state and provide for the use of modern methods, devices, materials, and techniques which will in part tend to lower construction costs."

Minnesota Statutes, section 326B.106, subdivision 1, requires, in part, that the Commissioner "shall by rule and in consultation with the Construction Codes Advisory Council establish a code of standards for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, and repair of buildings, governing matters of structural materials, design and construction, fire protection, health, sanitation, and safety, including design and construction standards regarding heat loss control, illumination, and climate control." That statutory provision also requires that the code "include duties and responsibilities for code administration, including procedures for administrative action, penalties, and suspension and revocation of certification. The code must conform insofar as practicable to model building codes generally accepted and in use throughout the United States, including a code for building conservation."

Agency Contact Person. Written comments, questions, and requests for more information on these possible rules should be directed to Amanda Spuckler at the Department of Labor and Industry, 443 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, MN 55155, telephone (651) 284-5006, and email: dli.rules@state.mn.us.

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.

Interested persons or groups may view the 2024 editions of the IMC and IFGC online and free-of-charge at the International Code Council website: <https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/IMC2024P1> and <https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/IFGC2024P1>.

The Department is also interested in whether local governments might be required to adopt or amend an ordinance

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or other regulation to implement these rules and therefore requests that local governments provide the Department with relevant information about their ordinances. Additionally, the Department requests any information pertaining to the cumulative effect of this rule with other federal and state regulations related to the specific purpose of the rule. Cumulative effect means the impact that results from incremental impact of the proposed rule in addition to other rules, regardless of what state or federal agency has adopted the other rules.

The Department, in consultation with the Construction Codes Advisory Council, appointed a technical advisory group to review the 2024 IMC and IFGC. Information about the technical advisory group review and recommendations is available at: <https://www.dli.mn.gov/about-department/boards-and-councils/technical-advisory-groups-tags>.

The Department is also interested in determining whether the cost of complying with the rule in the first year after the rule takes effect will cost or exceed \$25,000 for any small city or small business under *Minnesota Statutes*, section 14.127, subdivision 1. A small city is a statutory or home rule charter city that has less than ten full-time employees and a small business means a business that has less than 50 full-time employees.

This public comment opportunity is associated with the development of possible rules. Comments received in response to this notice will not be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the Administrative Law Judge if and when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The Department 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 must resubmit the comments after the rules are formally proposed.

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

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 or telephone number listed above.

Date: 1/20/2026

Nicole Blissenbach, Commissioner
Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry

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Construction Codes and Licensing Division

Request for Comments for Possible Amendment to Rules Governing the Adoption of the *International Residential Code, Minnesota Rules, Chapter 1309; Revisor's ID Number R-4902*

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry requests comments on its possible rule amendments that incorporate by reference the 2024 edition of the *International Residential Code* ("IRC"), with amendments. The existing *Minnesota Rules*, chapter 1309, incorporates by reference chapters 2 through 10 and 44 of the 2018 edition of the IRC. The Department is considering rule amendments to incorporate by reference chapters 2 through 24 and 44 of the 2024 IRC by reference, with amendments, to provide mechanical and fuel gas requirements specific to the construction of one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses. The Department is also considering any other amendments that are necessary to administer and enforce the code for residential construction.

Persons Affected. The amendment to the rules would likely affect municipal building officials, building inspectors, building contractors, fire protection personnel, architects, engineers, building owners and managers, homeowners, and the general public.

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 326B.02, subdivision 5, authorizes, in part, the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry ("Commissioner") to adopt, amend, suspend, and repeal rules relating to the

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Commissioner's responsibilities under Chapter 326B, except for rules for which the rulemaking authority is expressly transferred to the Plumbing Board, the Board of Electricity, or the Board of High Pressure Piping Systems.

Minnesota Statutes, section 326B.101 requires, in part, that the Commissioner "administer and amend a state code of building construction which will provide basic and uniform performance standards, establish reasonable safeguards for health, safety, welfare, comfort, and security of the residents of this state and provide for the use of modern methods, devices, materials, and techniques which will in part tend to lower construction costs."

Minnesota Statutes, section 326B.106, subdivision 1, requires, in part, that the Commissioner "shall by rule and in consultation with the Construction Codes Advisory Council establish a code of standards for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, and repair of buildings, governing matters of structural materials, design and construction, fire protection, health, sanitation, and safety, including design and construction standards regarding heat loss control, illumination, and climate control." That statutory provision also requires that the code "include duties and responsibilities for code administration, including procedures for administrative action, penalties, and suspension and revocation of certification. The code must conform insofar as practicable to model building codes generally accepted and in use throughout the United States, including a code for building conservation."

Agency Contact Person. Written comments, questions, and requests for more information on these possible rules should be directed to Amanda Spuckler at the Department of Labor and Industry, 443 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, MN 55155, telephone (651) 284-5006, and email: dli.rules@state.mn.us.

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.

Interested persons or groups may view the 2024 edition of the IRC online and free-of-charge at the International Code Council website: <https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/IRC2024P2>.

The Department is also interested in whether local governments might be required to adopt or amend an ordinance or other regulation to implement these rules and therefore requests that local governments provide the Department with relevant information about their ordinances. Additionally, the Department requests any information pertaining to the cumulative effect of this rule with other federal and state regulations related to the specific purpose of the rule. Cumulative effect means the impact that results from incremental impact of the proposed rule in addition to other rules, regardless of what state or federal agency has adopted the other rules.

The Department, in consultation with the Construction Codes Advisory Council, appointed a technical advisory group to review the 2024 IRC. Information about the technical advisory group review and recommendations is available at: <https://www.dli.mn.gov/about-department/boards-and-councils/technical-advisory-groups-tags>.

The Department is also interested in determining whether the cost of complying with the rule in the first year after the rule takes effect will cost or exceed \$25,000 for any small city or small business under *Minnesota Statutes*, section 14.127, subdivision 1. A small city is a statutory or home rule charter city that has less than ten full-time employees and a small business means a business that has less than 50 full-time employees.

This public comment opportunity is associated with the development of possible rules. Comments received in response to this notice will not be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the Administrative Law Judge if and when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The Department 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 must resubmit the comments after the rules are formally proposed.

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

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 or telephone number listed above.

Date: 1/20/2026

Nicole Blissenbach, Commissioner
Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry

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Construction Codes and Licensing Division In cooperation with the State Fire Marshal Division, Minnesota Department of Public Safety

Request for Comments for Possible Amendment to Rules Governing the Adoption of the *International Fire Code, Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7511*; Revisor's ID Number R-4908

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, in cooperation with the State Fire Marshal Division, requests comments on its possible rule amendments that incorporate by reference the 2024 edition of the *International Fire Code* ("IFC") with amendments, and any other amendments necessary to administer and enforce the fire code in Minnesota.

Persons Affected. The amendment to the rules would likely affect fire inspection personnel, building inspection personnel, fire protection contractors, building contractors, architects, engineers, building owners and managers, homeowners, and the general public.

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 326B.02, subdivision 6, requires that the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, consistent with the recommendations of the State Fire Marshal, "shall adopt a State Fire Code and make amendments thereto in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act in chapter 14. The code and its amendments shall conform insofar as practicable to model fire codes generally accepted and in use throughout the United States, with consideration given to existing statewide specialty codes presently in use in the state of Minnesota. Statewide specialty codes and model codes with necessary modifications may be adopted by reference in accordance with section 14.07, subdivision 4."

Minnesota Statutes, section 299F.011, subdivision 3, requires that the Commissioner of Public Safety "shall adopt rules as may be necessary to administer and enforce the code, specifically including but not limited to rules for inspection of buildings and other structures covered by the code and conforming the code to the governmental organization of Minnesota state agencies, political subdivisions and local governments."

Agency Contact Person. Written comments, questions, and requests for more information on these possible rules should be directed to Amanda Spuckler at the Department of Labor and Industry, 443 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, MN 55155, telephone (651) 284-5006, and email: dli.rules@state.mn.us.

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.

Interested persons or groups may view the 2024 edition of the IFC online and free-of-charge at the International Code Council website: <https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/IFC2024P1>.

The Department is also interested in whether local governments might be required to adopt or amend an ordinance or other regulation to implement these rules and therefore requests that local governments provide the Department with relevant information about their ordinances. Additionally, the Department requests any information pertaining to the cumulative effect of this rule with other federal and state regulations related to the specific purpose of the rule.

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Cumulative effect means the impact that results from incremental impact of the proposed rule in addition to other rules, regardless of what state or federal agency has adopted the other rules.

The Department, in consultation with the Construction Codes Advisory Council, appointed a technical advisory group to review the 2024 IFC. Information about the technical advisory group review and recommendations is available at: <https://www.dli.mn.gov/about-department/boards-and-councils/technical-advisory-groups-tags>.

The Department is also interested in determining whether the cost of complying with the rule in the first year after the rule takes effect will cost or exceed \$25,000 for any small city or small business under *Minnesota Statutes*, section 14.127, subdivision 1. A small city is a statutory or home rule charter city that has less than ten full-time employees and a small business means a business that has less than 50 full-time employees.

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

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 or telephone number listed above.

Date: 1/20/2026

Nicole Blissenbach, Commissioner
Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry

Date: 1/20/2026

Dan Krier, State Fire Marshal
Minnesota Department of Public Safety

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 Commerce

Division of Energy Resources

Notice of Grant Availability: New Incentive Rates – Minnesota Solar for Schools Grant Application for Public Minnesota K-12 Schools and State Colleges and Universities

The Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources seeks applications from qualified Minnesota schools for the *Solar for Schools Grant Program*.

Independent and Special School Districts, Tribal Contract Schools, Cooperative School Districts, and Minnesota

State Grants & Loans

State Colleges and Universities are eligible to apply for one or more grants valued up to 70-90% of the System's purchase and installation cost. The cumulative value of grant(s) received by each district or college must not exceed \$675,000 if within Xcel electric service territory, or \$500,000 for all other electric utilities.

Remaining Grant Funds as of January 1, 2026

Xcel Electric Service	K-12 Schools	\$12,884,232
	MN State Colleges & Universities	\$1,117,800
All Other Utilities	K-12 Schools	\$4,126,303
	MN State Colleges & Universities	\$2,006,889

APPLICATION INFORMATION:

This application is comprised of two steps. The Readiness Assessment demonstrates a school's readiness to proceed to procurement. The total *maximum grant* is reserved at this stage for selected respondents and is calculated by multiplying the applicable *grant rate* by the nameplate capacity of the system specified in the Assessment. Grant rates are determined by school type, financial need, and system size and range from \$0.84 to \$2.70 per watt.

[Total Maximum Grant (\$) = System Size (kWdc) X 1000 X Grant Rate (\$/w)]

Selected respondents will be invited to submit Full Applications. The *final grant value* is determined using project details submitted in the Full Application.

Step 1: Notice of Intent: School Readiness Assessment (completed by the school)

- Application Open: Monday, February 02, 2026
- Application Due: Monday, March 02, 2026
- School Readiness Eligibility Notification (Goal): by Friday, April 03, 2026

Step 2: Full Grant Application (completed in coordination with developer or electric utility)

- Application Open: Upon Notification
- Application Due: Thursday, July 02, 2026

The Request for Proposals (RFP) includes comprehensive application requirements, relevant eligibility and incentive details, instructions for submitting proposals, a full list of application questions, and required forms and reference materials. It will be available for download on the Department's *RFP website* through the Full Application deadline of July 02, 2026.

[VIEW & DOWNLOAD RFP]

ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

In 2021, the Minnesota State Legislature established the Solar for Schools grant program (*Minn. Stat. 216C.375*). Administered by the Minnesota Department of Commerce Division of Energy Resources, the program was designed to promote the installation of solar energy systems on Minnesota schools, while using the opportunity to integrate renewable energy use into school curriculum. For more information, visit mn.gov/solar4schools.

This request does not obligate the State to complete the work contemplated in this notice. The State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder.

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Department of Commerce

Division of Energy Resources

Notice of Request for Applications for Minnesota Low and Moderate-Income Accessible Community Solar Garden Program - 2026

During the 2023 Legislative session, the Minnesota Legislature made changes to the Community Solar Garden statute (Minn. Stat. 216B.1641), sunsetting the “Legacy” program operated by Xcel Energy and establishing a new program to be administered by the Minnesota Department of Commerce (“Department”). The Department is launching the third year of the Low- and Moderate-Income Accessible Community Solar Garden Program (“LMI-Accessible CSG Program”).

Information about the LMI-Accessible CSG Program and instructions on how to apply can be accessed on the Department’s website at <https://mn.gov/commerce/energy/consumer/energy-programs/community-solar-gardens-app-info.jsp>

Application information is also made available on the Department’s RFP website at <https://mn.gov/commerce/business/rfp.jsp>. The application window for the 2026 RFP opens on Monday, February 2, 2026, and closes on Thursday, December 31, 2026. Commerce will review community solar applications in batches on a monthly basis, based on the calendar month that the application was submitted in.

To be considered for Batch 1 of the 2026 RFA, project applications must be submitted by no later than February 28, 2026 at 11:59 PM Central Time through the application portal at <https://mnseo.gvgrantcloud.com/account/Announcement>.

All expenses incurred in applying to this notice are solely the responsibility of the applicant.

Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Notice of Grant Opportunity

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

Minnesota Department of Human Services Notice of Grant Opportunities

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) places notice of any available grant opportunities on the DHS Grant Requests for Proposals website: ***Open grants, RFPs and RFIs.***

MNsure (Minnesota’s Health Insurance Marketplace) Request for Proposals: Navigator Grant Program

For fiscal year (FY) 2027, MNsure anticipates that \$4 million will be available to fund community-based outreach, enrollment, and coverage support efforts for eligible entities through the MNsure’s Navigator Grant Program RFP. A complete copy of the Request for Proposals will be available on February 3, 2026, on MNsure’s website at: <https://www.mnensure.org/about-us/rfp-contract/index.jsp>

Proposals are due by 1:00 p.m. Central on March 3, 2026. Late proposals will not be considered. Applications must

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be completed using the online submission process described in the RFP. Responses sent by other methods will not be considered or reviewed. Questions regarding the RFP may be emailed to navigatorgrants@mnsure.org. This request does not obligate the State of Minnesota to award a contract or complete the proposed program.

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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

Real Estate and Construction Services

Notice of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and Fee Schedule for Professional Services of Minnesota Registered Architects, Engineers, Interior Designers, Land Surveyors, Landscape Architects, Geoscientists, and Owners Representatives

The Department of Administration, Real Estate and Construction Services (“State”), requests qualifications of Minnesota registered architects, engineers, interior designers, land surveyors, geoscientists, and Owners Representatives (“Consultant”) to assist the State in providing studies, predesigns, design through construction documents, construction administration, post construction services, interior design, land surveys, geosciences, and project related professional services through 2/27/2031. These projects will be varied in nature and scope and will involve new construction and remodeling, which includes but is not limited to buildings, commissioning, bridges, parking structures, site and utility work, roadways, and land development.

Unless otherwise provided in *Minnesota Statutes* § 16B.33, the following guidelines apply when using the Master Roster. State agency construction projects requiring a primary designer will have an estimated cost of construction of no greater than \$4,000,000.00; or a study, report, or predesign for a state agency planning project will have a consultant estimated fee no greater than \$400,000.00. Primary Designers for projects to construct, erect, or remodel a building with an estimated cost in excess of these amounts will be selected by the State Designer Selection Board in accordance with *Minnesota Statutes* § 16B.33.

The Request for Qualifications document may be found online at <https://mn.gov/admin/business/vendor-info/construction-projects/solicitations-announcements/>. Copies of the RFQ may also be requested from:

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Master Roster Administrator
Real Estate and Construction Services
309 Administration Building, 50 Sherburne Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55155
recs.contracting@state.mn.us
(651) 201-2550

The Request for Qualifications and Fee Schedule will remain open continually to enable individuals and firms not on the Roster to submit their qualifications and fee schedules. One year after a completed response is added to the Master Roster, the firm may be asked whether it wants to remain on the roster. If the responder wants to continue to remain on the roster, it will be able to update its fee schedule and will be required to submit updated written documents. If no response is received by February 27, 2026, the responder's name will be removed from the Master Roster until such time as it has re-submitted a complete response to the RFQ.

The State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation if it is considered to be in its best interest. The RFQ is not a guarantee of work and it does not obligate the State to award any contracts. The State reserves the right to discontinue the use or cancel all or any part of this Master Roster program if it is determined to be in its best interest. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder.

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

Minnesota State advertises contract opportunities for goods and services on its Vendor and Supplier Opportunities website (<https://www.minnstate.edu/vendors/index.html>). New notices may be added daily and will remain posted for the duration specified in each individual notice. For questions or to report any issues viewing the information on the website, please email Minnesota State at *Sourcing@MinnState.edu*.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (Minnesota State) Notice of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Architectural, Engineering, Owner's Representative, Real Estate and other Professional and Technical Services for the Professional / Technical Roster

The State of Minnesota, acting through its Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities ("Minnesota State"), requests information and qualifications of Minnesota registered consultants to provide Minnesota State and its member institutions facilities-related professional and technical services as needed for up to a five-year period. Campus projects will vary in scope and may involve professional or technical specialty services such as Architectural Design, Predesign, Building Envelope, Commissioning, Engineering, Industrial Hygiene, Inspectors and Laboratories, Land Surveyor, Landscape Architectural Design, Owner's Representative, Real Estate, or Technology, among others. This RFQ will result in a prequalified Facilities P/T Roster database that campuses can refer to in planning and executing projects in accordance with Minnesota State procurement policies and procedures. The RFQ documents are available on the *Minnesota State QuestCDN Private Interface*. Responses must be received no later than **Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 2:00 P.M. CT**. Late responses will not be considered. The RFQ is not a guarantee of work and does not obligate Minnesota State to award any contracts. Minnesota State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation if it is considered to be in Minnesota State's best interest. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder.

Department of Natural Resources

Division of Forestry

Request for Proposals to Lease School Trust Land in St. Louis County, Minnesota

PROJECT: The Department of Natural Resources (“DNR”), Division of Forestry, is requesting proposals for the purpose of entering into a long-term lease to operate a public-serving environmental education and/or natural resource stewardship program on approximately 29 acres of DNR-administered School Trust Land located in Section 16, Township 60 North, Range 18 West, St. Louis County, Minnesota. The property contains approximately 1.82 acres of trails, 25 buildings, and numerous outbuildings, structures, and other assets. The property was previously leased and operated as the Laurentian Environmental Learning Center. This Request for Proposals is open to nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, environmental or conservation groups, public-private partnerships, government entities, or tribal governments.

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

Ellen Pribyl
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry
Lands and Realty Consultant
ellen.pribyl@state.mn.us

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: Proposals in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received via email not later than 4:30 p.m., Central Time, March 2, 2026. Late proposals will not be considered. Fax proposals will not be considered.

This request does not obligate the State of Minnesota to award a lease agreement or complete the proposed project, 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 Lottery

Request for Proposals for Minnesota State Lottery Sponsorship Agreements

Description of Opportunity

The Minnesota State Lottery (“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.

The Minnesota Lottery finds sponsorship opportunities in two ways. First, the Minnesota Lottery marketing staff locates and approaches potential sponsors to negotiate directly. Second, the Minnesota Lottery accepts incoming potential sponsors through this proposal process. Employing both strategies allows the Minnesota Lottery to find the best sponsorship opportunities, including opportunities that are not already known by staff. Both strategies are evaluated using the same criteria.

If you feel your organization, event, sports team, or other opportunity is a good fit for the Minnesota Lottery to sponsor, we encourage you to prepare and submit a proposal.

Proposal Content

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

- (1) Maximize Lottery Visibility - the event, sports team, or venue sponsorship proposal should draw a large

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number of attendees (typically 20,000 or more) whose demographics match the Lottery's target audience. The Lottery is interested in effectively delivering its message of fun and entertainment to Minnesota adults, ages 25-64, with a household income of \$75,000+ and an educational background of some college or higher. The Lottery does not market to those under the age of 18, and events with large numbers of children present are generally not accepted. Attendance numbers, on-site signage availability, sales and engagement opportunities, and media exposure are critical components that will be evaluated in the proposal. List and define all assets, value, and benefits that the Lottery would receive as part of the sponsorship, such as PR inclusions, social media posts, prize support, promotional activities, and signage.

- (2) Enhance Lottery Image - the event, sports team, or venue should be a reputable, safe, and well-run event and organization that enhances the Lottery's brand. The Lottery's presence should fit well within the lineup of other sponsors and participants. The Lottery is interested in sponsorships that can promote Lottery products, 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 or other sponsorship partners.
- (3) Provide Promotional Extensions - the event, sports team, or venue proposal should offer exciting, value-added ways to interact with attendees and have opportunities to motivate attendees, listeners, and viewers to participate in and purchase Lottery games. The proposal must include staffing support, 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 RFP Evaluation Form, are to be met. To view or print copies of the Request for Proposal go to <https://www.mnlottery.com/vendors/>

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 must specify "Sponsorship RFP" in the email subject line or address of a USPS envelope, and should be directed to:

Purchasing
Minnesota State Lottery
2645 Long Lake Road
Roseville, MN 55113
Email: purchasing@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.

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 email the Consultant Services Helpline at ptconsultantserviceshelpline.dot@state.mn.us.

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/>.

Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) Notice of Call for Bids for 2026 Post Road Construction

Airport Location:	Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport
Project Name:	2026 Post Road Construction
MAC Contract No.:	106-3-713
Bids Close At:	2:00 PM on February 10, 2026
Bid Opening Conference Call: 3:00 PM on February 10, 2026	
Teleconference Dial In #:	1-612-405-6798
Conference ID #:	897 927 742#

Notice to Contractors: Electronic Bid Submission for the project listed above will be received by the MAC, a public corporation, via *QuestCDN's website* until the official time and date as displayed in QuestCDN Online.

Note: You can sign up on our portal (<https://metroairports.bonfirehub.com>) to receive email notifications of new business opportunities.

Small Businesses (SB): The goal of the MAC for the utilization of Small Businesses on this project is 19%.

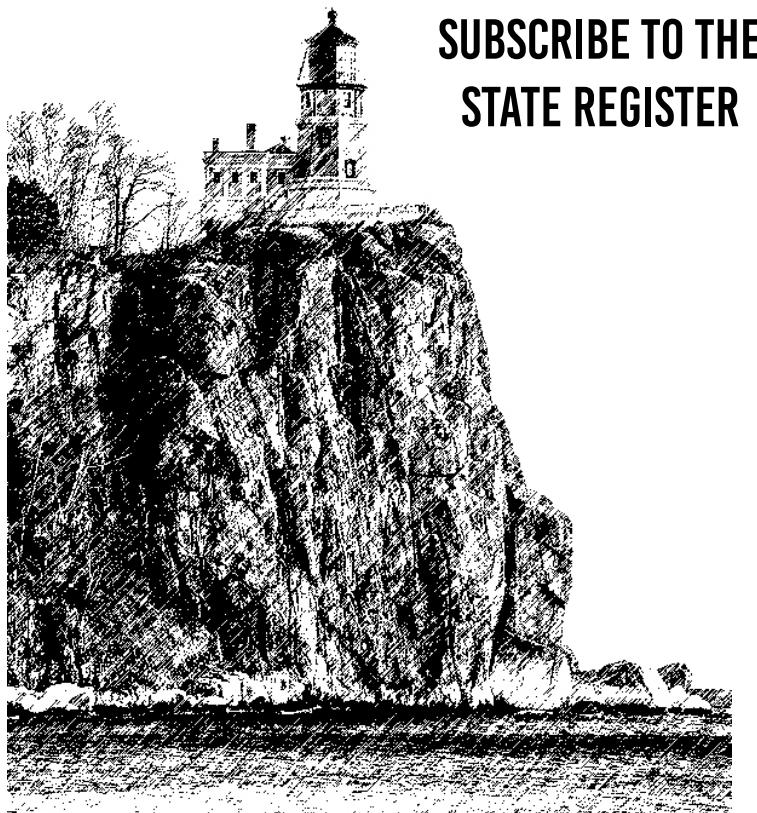
Bid Security: Each bid shall be accompanied by a "Bid Security" in the form of a certified check made payable to the MAC in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, or a surety bond in the same amount, running to the MAC, with the surety company thereon duly authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota.

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Availability of Construction Documents: Plans and specifications are on file for inspection at the office of Kimley-Horn and Associates; at the QuestCDN Online indicated below and at the Minnesota Builders Exchange; Rochester Builders Exchange; Dodge Data and Analytics; and NAMC-UM Plan Room. Bidders desiring drawings and specifications for personal use may secure a complete digital set at the *QuestCDN website*. Bidders may download the complete set of digital documents for \$22.00, or other fee as determined by QuestCDN, by entering eBidDoc™ #9929878 in the “Search Projects” page. Contact Quest Construction Data Network at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance. Hard copy drawings and specifications will not be made available to Bidders. Bid documents for this project may be viewed for no cost at QuestCDN Online.

For this project, bids will **ONLY** be received electronically. Contractors submitting an electronic bid will be charged an additional \$42.00, or other fee as determined by QuestCDN, at the time of bid submission via the online electronic bid service QuestCDN Online.

MAC Internet Access of Additional Information: A comprehensive Notice of Call for Bids for this project will be available on January 26, 2026, at MAC’s web address of <https://metroairports.bonfirehub.com>.



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