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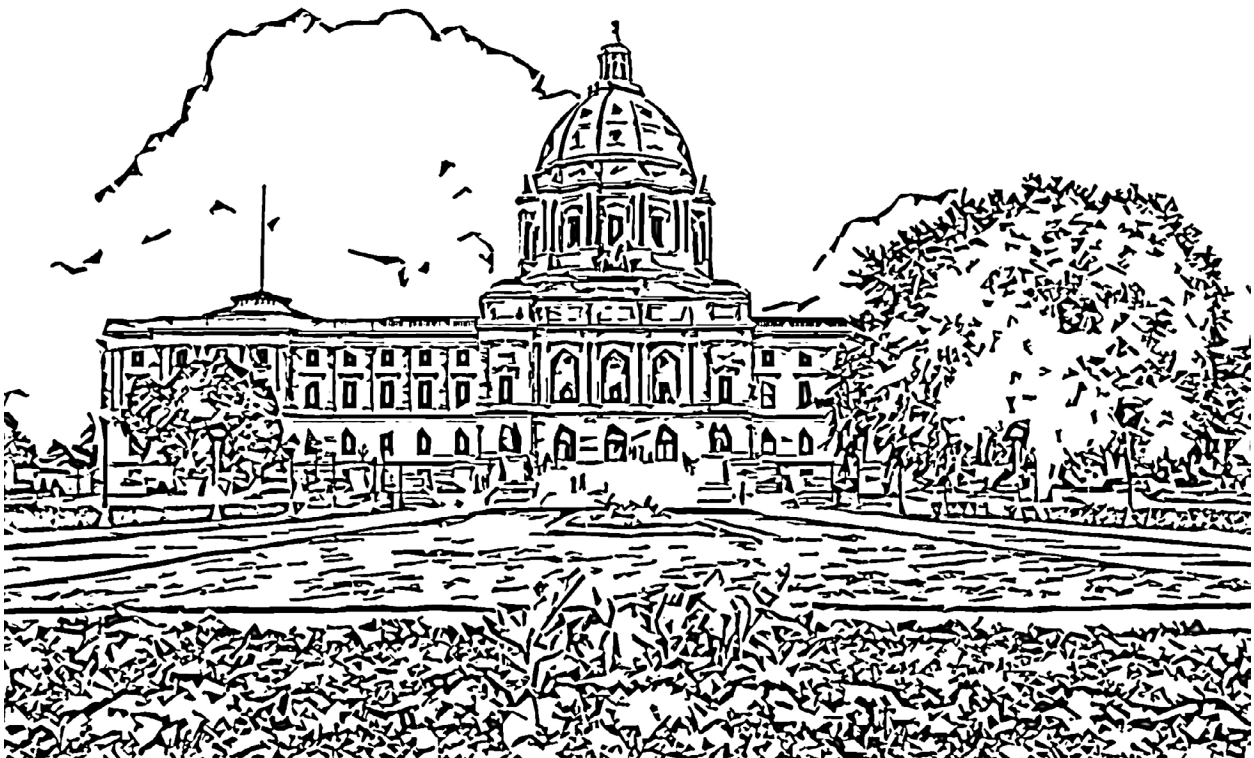
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When rules are first drafted, state agencies publish them as Proposed Rules, along with a notice of hearing, or a notice of intent to adopt rules without a hearing in the case of noncontroversial rules. This notice asks for comment on the rules as 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 Proposed emergency rules, and withdrawn proposed rules, are also published in the State Register.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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## Department of Natural Resources

### Division of Fish and Wildlife

#### Notice of Electronic Licensing System Implementation, Temporary Interrupted Services, and Temporary Exemption from Requirements to Possess a License to Take Game or Fish

In 2024, the Minnesota Legislature adopted several statutory changes to modernize the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) electronic licensing system (ELS). Pursuant to Minnesota Laws 2024, chapter 90, article 1, section 52, these changes are effective upon implementation of the replacement electronic licenses, permits, and pass portions of the ELS. Because the licenses, permits, and pass portions have been implemented, the commissioner of natural resources (Commissioner) considers the statutory and rule changes relating to electronic licenses, permits, and passes to be effective.<sup>1</sup>

Minn. Stat. § 97A.445, subd. 6 authorizes the Commissioner to exempt residents and nonresidents from requirements to possess a license to take game or fish in the event of a disruption to the availability of hunting or angling licenses. The DNR anticipates that hunting and angling licenses will be temporarily unavailable during a period when the new ELS licensing software is initially installed. **Accordingly, from June 2, 2026, through June 8, 2026, residents and nonresidents are exempt from the requirements to possess and validate a license to take game or fish.** Starting June 9, 2026, the license possession and validation (where applicable) requirements will again be required for hunting and angling activities. All other regulations regarding hunting and angling activities (including, but not limited to, season setting, bag limits, and take methods) are not exempted by this notice and will still apply.

More information about the new ELS can be found at <https://mndnr.gov/rlp/els.html> and <https://engage.dnr.state.mn.us/new-electronic-license-system>. Additional information about license requirements is available at <https://mndnr.gov/buyalicense>. For general information about fishing, trapping, and hunting licenses and passes, the Minnesota DNR license center can be reached by phone at (651) 296-6157 or (888) 285-2000.

Dated: May 11, 2026

Sarah Strommen  
Commissioner of Natural Resources

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<sup>1</sup> Specifically, the statutory changes described in the following sections of Minnesota Laws 2024, chapter 90, article 1 are effective: sections 4, 7, 10 to 12, 14 to 17, and 19 to 51. The following rule amendments, as published in the State Register, volume 49, page 1416, June 30, 2025, are also effective: parts 6100.5002, 6213.0100, 6213.0400, 6213.0500, 6232.0200, 6232.0300, 6232.0400, 6232.0500, 6232.0900, 6232.1250, 6232.1300, 6232.1600, 6232.1950, 6232.1970, 6232.1980, 6232.2550, 6232.2800, 6232.3100, 6232.4400, 6234.1600, 6234.1700, 6234.2000, 6234.2600, 6236.0300, 6236.0500, 6236.0950, 6237.0200, 6262.1000, 6262.3200, 6264.0400, 6266.0700, and the repealer.

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## Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)

### Request for Comments for Possible New Rules Relating to the Packaging Waste and Cost Reduction Act, Minnesota Rules, 7035; Revisor's ID Number R-04992

**Overview.** The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA or Agency) requests comments on possible new rules regarding waste. This rulemaking project is referred to as the Packaging Waste and Cost Reduction Act (PWCRA) Rule and may affect *Minnesota Rules*, chapter 7035.

This request for comments (RFC) is the MPCA's legal notice of its intention to change or add to existing rule text. This is the first of several opportunities for public comment and input on this rulemaking. At this stage, we do not have a draft rule yet; we want your feedback to inform us about the ideas we are considering.

**Subject of Rules.** The MPCA is considering new rules to implement the PWCRA (*Minnesota Statutes*, sections 115A.144 to 115A.1463), which places new requirements on producers, registered producer responsibility organizations, markets for covered materials, public and private waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting service providers and facilities. The PWCRA provides a requirement for producers to implement and finance a statewide program for covered materials including certain packaging and paper products, as defined by the law. This will encourage redesign to reduce environmental impacts, human health impacts, and generation of covered materials waste. Waste reduction, reuse, recycle programs, and compost programs are encouraged through this program by providing for the collection, transportation, and processing of used covered materials.

While this is a request for comments, and the elements of this rulemaking may change based on comments received or other information, the MPCA has six main goals for the possible new rule as directed by *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 115A.144 to 115A.1463. The public will have additional opportunities to comment on any proposed rulemaking. At this time, the MPCA anticipates developing new rule language to address the following:

1. Definitions for terms used that are not defined in statute.
2. Exemptions

There are two exemption pathways within the existing statutory language and one criterion to be further defined.

The commissioner has the authority to determine if a material or any portion of material is exempt if it meets *Minnesota Statutes*, section 115.1441, subdivision 16 (11), "are packaging used to contain hazardous or flammable products regulated by the 2012 federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration Hazard Communication Standard, Code of Federal Regulations, title 29, section 1910.1200, that prevent the packaging from being waste reduced or made reusable, recyclable, or compostable, as determined by the commissioner."

The MPCA would appreciate comments on the following question, as well as any other comments relating to a process for establishing exemptions:

**2(a):** Under *Minnesota Statutes*, section 115A.1441, subdivision 16 (11), what criteria should be used to determine that a specific hazardous or flammable products regulated by the 2012 federal OSHA CFR, title 29, section 1910.1200 that prevents a material, any proportion of material, or packaging cannot be waste reduced, made reusable, recyclable, or compostable? What information should be submitted by a producer to demonstrate against those criteria?

The commissioner has the authority to determine a product as exempt under *Minnesota Statutes*, section 115A.1453, subdivision 6. Under this authority the commissioner only has authority to classify packaging as exempt if it is determined "that a specific federal or state health and safety requirement prevents the packaging from being waste reduced or made reusable, recyclable, or compostable."

The MPCA would appreciate comments on the following question, as well as any other comments relating to a process for establishing exemptions:

**2(b):** Under *Minnesota Statutes*, section 115A.1453, subdivision 6., what criteria should be used to determine that a specific federal or state health and safety requirement prevents a material, any proportion of material, or packaging cannot be waste reduced, made reusable, recyclable, or compostable? What information should be submitted by a producer to demonstrate against those criteria?

*Minnesota Statutes*, section 115.1441, subdivision 24 mentions another criterion to be further established for “products that recycling or composting facilities will not accept because of the unsafe or unsanitary nature of the paper product”.

The MPCA would appreciate comments on the following question, as well as any other comments relating to a process for defining “unsafe and unsanitary”:

**2(c):** Should criteria be defined for “unsafe and unsanitary” in relation to *Minnesota Statutes*, section 115.1441, subdivision 24? If so, what should those criteria be? Should this be tied to what is accepted on the covered material lists?

### 3. Collection lists

The MPCA must determine what covered materials should be placed on the lists established in *Minnesota Statutes*, section 115A.1453. The creation of these lists will establish when a covered material is recyclable or compostable.

The MPCA must also establish a process to allow the agency to identify when a covered material can be incorporated or must be removed from the collection lists.

The MPCA would appreciate comments on the following questions, as well as any other comments relating to a process for determining whether a covered material should be included on a collection list or requirements for alternative collection programs:

**3(a):** What should the threshold for “current availability of collection” services be for recycling? For organics recycling? Should they be different or the same?

**3(b):** What is the threshold for access to recycling and composting processing infrastructure? Should it be determined by distance to a percent of the population, total coverage of a percent of the total population, or something else? Should it differ for covered entities in Greater Minnesota versus in the Twin Cities Metro Area?

**3(c):** In evaluating the capacity and technology for sorting covered materials, how much processing capacity should be set as the threshold for a covered material to be included on a collection list? Should it be set as a percentage or another measure?

**3(d):** What is the minimum availability of responsible markets for a covered material to be included on a collection list? Is there a threshold relating to capacity, number, distance, or some combination of thresholds?

**3(e):** What are the recommended thresholds for the presence and amount of a residual, contaminant, and/or toxic substance for a covered material to be excluded from the collection list?

**3(f):** What is the quantity of a covered material estimated to be available and recoverable that should cause a covered material to be included on a collection list?

**3(g):** What are some examples of future conditions of these criteria to be considered?

**3(h):** Are there any other criteria recommended to be considered? Are there criteria mentioned above or in statute that are not recommended to be considered?

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**3(i):** Relating to alternative collection systems, what are the considerations for what meets “convenience” and what would the minimums be? Should it differ for covered entities in Greater Minnesota versus in the Twin Cities Metro Area?

**3(j):** Are there any considerations to how covered materials collected through alternative collection must be accurately measured?

## 4. Statewide requirements and measurement

Statewide requirements are to be set by the commissioner as established in *Minnesota Statutes*, section 115A.1451, subdivision 7.

The commissioner must establish the units by which certain rates are set and may modify how a recycling performance target is met and measured as established in *Minnesota Statutes*, section 115A.1451, subdivision 6.

A service provider is required to meet performance standards, ensure that covered materials are sent to responsible markets, and provide transparency on cost relating to what is reimbursed by a producer responsibility organization by this law as established in *Minnesota Statutes*, section 115A.1449.

The commissioner must also approve when a reusable covered material meets the criteria set in *Minnesota Statutes*, section 115A.1451, subdivision 6. Return rate is also defined in *Minnesota Statutes*, section 115A.1441, subdivision 32.

The MPCA would appreciate comments on the following questions related to requirements for recycling, systems of reuse, and statewide requirements and criteria:

**4(a):** What criteria should be considered to set a return rate?

**4(b):** How might a producer or producer responsibility organization demonstrate a return rate?

**4(c):** Are there any considerations the agency should evaluate when determining statewide requirements?

## 5. Stewardship plan and annual reports

A producer responsibility organization must submit a stewardship plan by October 1, 2028, and every five years thereafter, to the commissioner that describes the proposed operation by the organization of programs to fulfill the requirements of *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 115A.144 to 115A.1463 and that incorporates the findings and results of needs assessments. The stewardship plan is required to meet the criteria established in *Minnesota Statute*, section 115A.1451, subdivision 3.

The commissioner must review and approve, deny, or request additional information for a draft stewardship plan.

The annual reports of registered producer responsibility organizations in *Minnesota Statutes*, section 115A.1456, subdivision 1 contain information used to administer the program and keep the public informed.

**5(a):** Are there any items within the stewardship plan requirements that may need to be further clarified?

**5(b):** Are there any items within the annual reports from registered producer responsibility organizations that may need to be further clarified?

**5(c):** What information should the MPCA request to verify producer responsibility organization costs and reimbursement rates in a stewardship plan and/or annual report as part of a budget and any financial and programmatic auditing?

**5(d):** Does any part of the stewardship plan and plan amendment approval process need to be further

clarified?

## 6. Other topics

Additionally, the MPCA would appreciate any comments related to the PWCRA and areas where there could be clarification provided through the rulemaking. The Agency also requests any information pertaining to the cumulative effect of the possible new 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.

**Parties Affected.** The possible new rules could affect covered entities, producers, registered Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs), responsible markets, service providers, and the public, as defined in *Minnesota Statutes*, section 115A.1441, subdivision 9, 26, 27, 31, and 36.

Producers may be located in Minnesota or anywhere outside the state, as long as any covered materials introduced (sold, offered for sale, distributed, or used to ship within or into the state) by a person. Service providers and responsible markets may also be located in Minnesota or anywhere outside the state, as long as they provide covered services for covered materials generated by covered entities.

An evaluation of disparities in service levels across the state as well as evaluating environmental justice concerns associated with management of packaging and paper waste will be included as part of the Needs Assessment for the PWCRA, as mentioned in *Minnesota Statutes*, section 115A.1450, subdivision 4 (9). In addition to the Needs Assessment, a “workplace conditions and equity study” will be initiated in 2032 to look at working conditions, barriers to ownership of facilities by minorities and women, and review convenience and opportunities within the state through a lens of working towards equity. This study will not be impacted by this rulemaking but demonstrates the focus of equity in the PWCRA.

As required by the PWCRA, the MPCA has an advisory board to comment on the possible new rules. The *packaging extended producer responsibility (EPR) advisory board* (<https://www.pca.state.mn.us/air-water-land-climate/packaging-extended-producer-responsibility-advisory-board>) includes 18 individuals representing a wide range of impacted parties under the PWCRA. Members will review activities conducted by the MPCA and PRO and advise on program implementation.

The MPCA does not anticipate that the possible new rules will require a local government to adopt or amend an ordinance or other regulation under the new rule. Local governments may submit written information to the contrary.

**Statutory Authority.** *Minnesota Statutes*, section 115A.1459 authorizes the Agency to adopt rules that implement the PWCRA: “The commissioner may adopt rules to implement sections 115A.144 to 115A.1463. The 18-month time limit under section 14.125 does not apply to the commissioner’s rulemaking authority under this section.”

**Agency Contact Person.** Submit written comments via the Court of Administrative Hearings (CAH) eComments website at <https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com/discussions> or other methods described in the Public Comment section below. The MPCA contact person for questions, requests to receive a paper copy of the draft rule when it has been prepared, or additional information on this rulemaking project is Rule Coordinator Aubrey Sondrol at 7381 Airport View Dr. SW Rochester, MN 55902; email [aubrey.sondrol@state.mn.us](mailto:aubrey.sondrol@state.mn.us); telephone 507-206-2664. You may also call the MPCA at 651-296-6300 or 1-800-657-3864; use your preferred relay service. Please note that you may not submit rulemaking comments by phone or email.

**Where to Get More Information.** Information about this rulemaking is available on the rulemaking webpage at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/get-engaged/packaging-waste-and-cost-reduction-act>. As stated above, draft rule language is not available at this time. If you are interested in being notified when a draft of the rule is available and of other activities relating to this rulemaking, please register for GovDelivery e-mail updates at [http://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNPCA/subscriber/new?topic\\_id=MNPCA\\_580](http://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNPCA/subscriber/new?topic_id=MNPCA_580) (MPCA GovDelivery: EPR for Packaging and Paper Products).

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**Public Comment.** Interested parties may submit comments or information on these possible rules in writing until 4:30 p.m. on July 24, 2026. 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 the:

1. CAH eComments website at <https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com>;
2. CAH attn: William Moore, 600 North Robert Street, P.O. Box 64620, St. Paul, MN 55164-0620, by US Mail or in person; or
3. CAH fax 651-539-0310.

You can review frequently asked questions about the CAH eComments website at [https://mn.gov/oah/assets/ecomments-faq\\_tcm19-82012.pdf](https://mn.gov/oah/assets/ecomments-faq_tcm19-82012.pdf).

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 Agency 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.

**Rule Drafts.** The MPCA has not yet drafted this new rule. Parties interested in being notified when a draft of the rule text is available or other activities relating to this rulemaking are encouraged to register at [http://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNPCA/subscriber/new?topic\\_id=MNPCA\\_580](http://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNPCA/subscriber/new?topic_id=MNPCA_580) (MPCA GovDelivery: EPR for Packaging and Paper Products).

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Date: April 27, 2026

Katrina Kessler, Commissioner  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

## Public Utilities Commission (PUC)

### Notice of Permit Decision In the Matter of the Application of North Star Energy Storage, LLC for an up to 100-megawatt Battery Energy Storage System Site Permit for the North Star Storage Project in Chisago County, Minnesota; PUC Docket No. IP-7155/ESS-25-123

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that in an order issued on March 12, 2026, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission: (1) found that the environmental assessment and the record created at the public hearing addressed the issues identified in the scoping decision; and (2) granted a site permit to North Star Energy Storage, LLC for the up to 100-megawatt North Star Battery Energy Storage System Project in Chisago County, Minnesota.

The order and permit are available on the Commission's eDocket System at: *North Star BESS Project March 12, 2026 Order*.

Questions about this project may be directed to Scott Ek at [scott.ek@state.mn.us](mailto:scott.ek@state.mn.us) or 651-539-1070.

## Public Utilities Commission (PUC)

### Notice of Permit Decision In the Matter of the Joint Application of Minnesota Power for a Site and Route Permit for the 85-megawatt Boswell Solar Project and Associated 2.45-mile, 230-kilovolt Transmission Line in Itasca County, Minnesota; PUC Docket Nos. E-015/GS-24-425 and E-015/TL-24-426

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in an order issued on January 28, 2026, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission: (1) found that the environmental assessment and the record created at the public hearing addressed the issues identified in the scoping decision; and (2) granted a site permit and a route permit to Minnesota Power for the up to 85-megawatt Boswell Solar Energy Generating System and the associated 2.45-mile 230-kilovolt transmission line, respectively, in Itasca County, Minnesota.

The order and permit are available on the Commission's eDocket System at: *Boswell Solar Project January 28, 2026 Order*.

Questions about this project may be directed to Scott Ek at [scott.ek@state.mn.us](mailto:scott.ek@state.mn.us) or 651-539-1070.

## 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>

## 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*.

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## Department of Public Safety

### Office of Justice Programs

#### Request for Proposals for Crisis Intervention & Behavioral Health Grants (Byrne SCIP)

The Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs (DPS-OJP) is seeking applications for funding under the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (Byrne SCIP) to enhance crisis intervention and behavioral health services in Minnesota. This funding opportunity is designed to support initiatives that improve crisis response systems, address behavioral health workforce shortages, and increase access to crisis intervention services.

To view the RFP go to the OJP website: <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ojp/ojp-grants/funding-opportunities>

All applications must be submitted using the IGX web-based grants management system by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 2026. For more information contact Natty B. Hels at [Natty.B.Hels@state.mn.us](mailto:Natty.B.Hels@state.mn.us).

## Department of Public Safety

### Office of Justice Programs

#### Request for Proposals for Firearms Storage Grants (Byrne SCIP)

The Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs (DPS-OJP) is requesting proposals to fund grants to support the safe and secure storage of firearms owned by persons subject to extreme risk protection orders (ERPO). Approximately \$489,331 in Federal funds are available. Allowable expenses could include, but are not limited to, firearm lockers, safes and boxes, gun racks, electronic keypads for securing gun storage rooms, barcode scanners, and other equipment or administrative expenses directly related to the safe and secure storage of firearms taken from persons under an extreme risk protection order.

To view the RFP go to the OJP website: <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ojp/ojp-grants/funding-opportunities>

All applications must be submitted using the IGX web-based grants management system by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 29, 2026. For more information contact Natty B. Hels at [Natty.B.Hels@state.mn.us](mailto:Natty.B.Hels@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: Minneopa Campground Redevelopment (SDSB Project # 26-05)

The State of Minnesota, acting through Department of Natural Resources 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 #26-05).

A mandatory informational meeting will be held on **June 3, 2026 at 11:00 am CT** at 54497 Gadwall Rd, Mankato, MN 56001. Park at the Minneopa Picnic Area and walk to the Picnic Shelter (See attachment A for map). 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 Brian Ritzinger at [brian.ritzinger@state.mn.us](mailto:brian.ritzinger@state.mn.us). Project questions will be taken by this individual only. Questions regarding this RFP must be received by **June 5, 2026** no later than **12:00 p.m.** Central Time.

Proposals must be delivered to [SDSB.Proposals.ADM@state.mn.us](mailto:SDSB.Proposals.ADM@state.mn.us) not later than **Monday June 15, 2026, by 12:00 noon CT**. Late responses will not be considered.

The Department of Natural Resources 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.

## Department of Administration

### Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities Request for Proposals (RFP) for Customer-Focused Research Studies

**DETAILS:** The Minnesota Department of Administration, Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (GCDD) is requesting proposals for the purpose of completing customer-focused research studies on behalf of the GCDD.

In order to complete customer-focused research studies on behalf of the GCDD, the GCDD is seeking proposals from

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market research firms. Responders should be experienced in conducting quantitative studies including statewide surveys of households, qualitative and quantitative research, focus groups, and in depth personal interviews among professionals and consumers, including people with developmental disabilities and family members.

The selected firm will work together with the GCDD in developing appropriate survey approaches or instruments; assume responsibility for all aspects of the survey process; and prepare a comprehensive report, in presentation format, with supporting documentation.

Work is anticipated to start after January 1, 2027.

**COPY REQUEST:** A copy of the full RFP is posted on the GCDD website: <https://mn.gov/mnddc/council/rfp-grants.html>.

You may also request a copy of the Request for Proposals, by sending a written request by email to:

Paul Nevin  
Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities  
[paul.nevin@state.mn.us](mailto:paul.nevin@state.mn.us)

**PROPOSAL DEADLINE:** Proposals in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received at the address above (via email) not later than 5:00 p.m., Central Time, July 20, 2026. **Late proposals will not be considered.**

## 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](mailto:Sourcing@MinnState.edu).

## Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Notice of Request for Proposals (RFP) to Conduct a Statewide Needs Assessment

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), on behalf of the Minnesota Statewide Independent Living Council (MNSILC) and the Centers for Independent Living (CILs), is requesting proposals for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive statewide needs assessment. The RFP is available at: <https://mn.gov/deed/about/contracts/>

All requirements and information, as well as proposal delivery instructions are contained in the RFP. Inquiries regarding the RFP may be directed by email to Lori Thorpe, Director of Contracts and Partnerships [Lori.Thorpe@state.mn.us](mailto:Lori.Thorpe@state.mn.us). Deadline for inquiries is June 3, 2026, at 4:30 p.m., Central Time (CT). Other department personnel are NOT allowed to discuss the RFP with anyone, including responders.

Proposals must be emailed to: Lori Thorpe, Director of Contracts and Partnerships, DEED-VRS at [Lori.Thorpe@state.mn.us](mailto:Lori.Thorpe@state.mn.us). Proposals must be received by email NO later than **4:30 p.m. Central Time, June 16, 2026**. **Late proposals will not be considered.** Faxed or mailed proposals will not be considered.

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

## Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Request for Proposals for Multifamily Compliance and Asset Management Guide Consulting Services

**PROJECT NAME:** Multifamily Compliance and Asset Management Guide Consulting Services

**DETAILS:** Minnesota Housing Finance Agency is requesting proposals from qualified vendors to develop a combined Compliance and Asset Management Guide for use by owners, borrowers and management agents of the properties financed by Minnesota Housing and monitored by the Compliance and Asset Management departments in the Multifamily (Rental Housing) division. The finished product will contain compliance, monitoring and asset management requirements, procedures and guidance including how to comply with and report on Minnesota Housing's affordable housing programs. This includes the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, tax-exempt bonds, HOME Investment Partnership Act Program and National Housing Trust Funds (NHTF) and capital financing programs under Minnesota statutes, rules and Minnesota Housing board policy, including properties layered with such financing products. The Guide will also include asset management requirements for financial and budget oversight and monitoring operating performance.

Work is anticipated to start after October 1, 2026.

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

John Hawkinson,  
Multifamily Operations  
*John.Hawkinson@state.mn.us*

**PROPOSAL DEADLINE:** Proposals submitted in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received by email no later than 4:00 p.m. Central Time, on June 30, 2026. **Late proposals will not be considered.** Faxed and mailed proposals will **not** be considered.

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

## Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) Engineering Services Division Notices Regarding Professional/Technical (P/T) Contracting

**P/T Contracting Opportunities:** MnDOT is now placing additional public notices for P/T contract opportunities on the MnDOT's Consultant Services website. New public notices may be added to the website on a daily basis and be available for the time period as indicated within the public notice.

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

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

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

If you have any questions regarding this notice, or are having problems viewing the information on the Consultant Services website, please 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/>.

## JE Dunn Construction

### Request for Qualifications: Minnesota State Patrol Headquarters BP1 Steel Supply & Earthwork

**DUE DATE AND TIME: June 12th, 2026, at 3:00 P.M. CENTRAL TIME, USA**

Responses to this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) must be returned to JE Dunn Construction at the following location, or by email. Paper (hard copy) or e-mailed electronic copies will be accepted.

JE Dunn Construction  
Attn: Steven Dueck  
800 Washington Ave N, Suite 600  
Minneapolis, MN 55401  
*[Steven.dueck@jedunn.com](mailto:Steven.dueck@jedunn.com)*

#### Project Description

JE Dunn Construction has been selected as the Construction Manager for New Minnesota St. Patrol Headquarters, located in Roseville, MN.

Work will consist of demolishing the approximately 200,000 SF existing building and constructing a new 110,000 SF St. Patrol Headquarters building. The new building will include approximately 65,000 SF for office and training space and 45,000 SF for an enclosed garage for vehicles and equipment storage.

The intent of this RFQ process is to select subcontractors for the opportunity to be a bidding subcontractor for structural steel supply and earthwork/site utilities on this project.

#### Project Construction Budget

1. Approximate construction budget: \$84,000,000

#### Schedule

1. Projected Construction Schedule:
  - a. Earthwork begins October 2026
  - b. Steel erection beginning in January 2027

The full RFQ can be accessed and downloaded here: *State Patrol Headquarters BP1 – Steel Supply & Earthwork*

# — Non-State Public Bids, Contracts & Grants

## Minnesota Firefighter Initiative (MnFIRE) Request for Proposals/Quotes for Contract Services

**DETAILS:** The Minnesota Firefighter Initiative (MnFIRE) is requesting proposals for contracted services related to the management and administration of firefighter mental health and peer support program. MnFIRE administers and operates the Hometown Heroes Assistance Program (HHAP), established in 2021 through legislative action (Minnesota Statute Section 299A.477). The program provides mental health and wellness resources to Minnesota firefighters across the state.

MnFIRE is seeking proposals for:

- **Mental Health Program and Peer Support Management Services**

Proposals must be submitted in the manner and by the deadlines outlined in the applicable Request for Proposal (RFP) documents.

**COPY REQUEST:** Comprehensive documents for each quote/proposal request may be obtained by emailing a request to [info@mnfireinitiative.com](mailto:info@mnfireinitiative.com)

**PROPOSAL DEADLINE:** All completed proposals must be postmarked or delivered no later than **June 5, 2026**.

This notification does not obligate MnFIRE to award a contract and MnFIRE reserves the right to cancel any or all of the requests for quotes/proposals if it is considered in its best interest.

## Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) Notice of Call for Bids for 2026 21D Bury Private Utilities

<b>Airport Location:</b>	<b>Lake Elmo Airport</b>
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>2026 21D Bury Private Utilities</b>
<b>MAC Contract No.:</b>	<b>111-1-044</b>
<b>Bids Close At:</b>	<b>2:00 PM on June 17, 2026</b>
<b>Bid Opening Conference Call:</b>	<b>3:00 PM on June 17, 2026</b>
<b>Teleconference Dial In #:</b>	<b>1-612-405-6798</b>
<b>Conference ID #:</b>	<b>897 927 742#</b>

**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:** The goal of the MAC for utilization of Small Businesses on this project is 13%.

**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.

**Availability of Construction Documents:** Plans and specifications are on file for inspection at the office of Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc., 3535 Vadnais Center Drive, Saint Paul, MN 55110, 651.290.2000; 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™ 10137318 in the "Search Projects" page. Contact Quest Construction

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Data Network at (952) 233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto: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 May 18, 2026, at MAC's web address of <https://metroairports.bonfirehub.com>.

## Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) Request for Qualifications for Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, and Technology (MEPT) Design Continuing Consultant Services

The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) is requesting Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) from firms interested in providing Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, and Technology (MEPT) Design Continuing Consultant Services for the MAC. The selected firm(s) will work closely with MAC staff and others as determined. Submittals must be received by MAC prior to 4:00 pm on Monday June 29, 2026. Details regarding scope of services and SOQ submittal requirements will become available on June 1, 2026, via the following link: <https://metroairports.bonfirehub.com/>. Direct questions to MAC solicitations portal or Chris Roy Director of Airport Development Project Delivery, Metropolitan Airports Commission, 6040 28<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55450. Phone: 612.409.1180 or email [chris.roy@mspmac.org](mailto:chris.roy@mspmac.org).



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