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EQB Board Meeting - February 20, 2019

The EQB will hold its monthly meeting on February 20, 2019. Details can be found on the [EQB website](#).

Environmental Assessment Worksheet Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental unit has made a decision regarding the need for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet in response to a citizen's petition.

- Todd County, Hollermann Family Dairy Inc. (Denied)
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Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Project Title: Greenwood at Carlos Avery

Comment Deadline: March 13, 2019

Project Description: The proposed Greenwood at Carlos Avery Project would entail the development of approximately 193 acres within the City of Wyoming, MN. The project proposes the development of 300 single-family units, 100 multi-family units, and 50 acres of commercial uses on the former Greenwood Golf Links golf course site. The north western part of the site is bordered by the Carlos Avery State Wildlife Management Area. By State statute, this level of development requires a mandatory Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW). Copies of the Draft EAW have been distributed to agencies listed on the most current Minnesota Environmental Quality Board distribution list. The DRAFT EAW will be distributed to the June 2018 distribution list hosted by the EQB.

The DRAFT EAW may be accessed electronically on the City of Wyoming's website; paper copies are available for review at the City Hall and at the Minneapolis Central Branch of the Hennepin County Public Library (300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis). All comments and questions can be directed to Fred Weck, Zoning Administrator at the City of Wyoming: fweck@wyomingmn.org.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Wyoming

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Project Title: Essentia Health Vision Northland Project

Comment Deadline: March 13, 2019

Project Description: Essentia Health is proposing a redevelopment project for its downtown Duluth campus that will result in a replacement hospital bed tower, new surgical suites, and outpatient space and renovations to the existing facilities. The proposed project includes a 920,000 square foot multi-story tower, which would reduce Essentia Health's overall footprint while providing state-of-the-art medical facilities.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Duluth

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Environmental Impact Statement Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental unit has determined the following project does not require preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the Environmental Assessment Worksheet notice was published in the EQB Monitor.

- City of Golden Valley, DeCola Ponds B&C, 1-29-19 (12-17-18)

Notices

Project Title: Minnesota Department of Agriculture-- Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

Project Description: Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, **MDA notification number 19-NO-01**. Notification is for genetically modified SOYBEANS, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic soybean, referenced as Application Number 19-021-102n. The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-1 locations with 200 acres. Project categories include FR (Fungal Resistance), HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), OO (Other), and PQ (Product Quality).

Project Description: Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, **MDA notification number 19-NO-02**. Notification is for genetically modified SOYBEANS, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic soybean, referenced as Application Number 19-021-101n. The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-1 locations with 200 acres. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Performance), FR (Fungal Resistance), HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), OO (Other), and PQ (Product Quality).

Project Description: Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, **MDA notification number 19-NO-03**. Notification is for genetically modified SOYBEANS, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic soybean, referenced as Application Number 19-021-103n. The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-1 locations with 200 acres. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Performance), FR (Fungal Resistance), HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), OO (Other), and PQ (Product Quality).

Project Description: Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, **MDA notification number 19-NO-04**. Notification is for genetically modified CORN, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic corn, referenced as Application Number 19-026-101n. The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-2 locations with 10 and 25 acres. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Performance), FR (Fungal Resistance), HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), OO (Other), and PQ (Product Quality).

For additional information contact:

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Environmental Review Announcements

New Monitor Submission Form Available

A new *Monitor* Submission Form is now available on our website. This form can be used to submit information for publication in *The Monitor*. The updated form will improve the quality of information collected about the projects and notices being submitted for publication and the EQB's ability to monitor the effectiveness of Minnesota's Environmental Review Program.

The updated form is available on the EQB website at: <https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/eqb-monitor>

Request for Proposals for Enterprise Environmental Review and Technical Services Master Contract

Qualified contractors with expertise in preparing environmental review documents, preparing technical analyses and/or expertise in public engagement practices may be eligible to apply to be listed on an Enterprise Environmental Review Master Contract.

Public and private projects in MN can have impacts on our air, land and water resources. For over four decades, Minnesota Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) has helped minimize damage to Minnesota's

environment by requiring that certain projects go through an environmental review (ER) process before getting governmental permits or approvals. The ER process provides an opportunity for public comment and produces a document that identifies: 1) potential environmental effects of the proposed project and; 2) ways to reduce negative environmental effects.

Environmental review is conducted by a Responsible Government Unit (RGU). Under MEPA, RGUs have authority and responsibility to prepare environmental review documents (Environmental Assessment Worksheets, Environmental Impact Statements and Alternative Urban Areawide Reviews) that provide information concerning environmental effects of a proposed project to project proposers, governmental decision makers and the public and, when applicable, engage stakeholders in the process.

Who will be able to use the contract?

This Program will be available for use by state agencies and other local government entities as well as non-profit organizations eligible under the State's cooperative purchasing venture ("CPV") program. CPVs are established pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 16C.03, subdivision 10 and includes, but is not limited to, counties, cities, school districts, higher education and non-profit organizations.

For more information on becoming a qualified CPV member, follow this link

<http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/cpv2.htm>, or contact the Office of State Procurement Helpline at (651)296-2600. If you are a CPV and have worked with a competent, qualified contractor in the past that you think should be considered, please forward this information and suggest they submit an application.

What services will be offered?

The Minnesota Department of Administration is introducing the Enterprise Environmental Review and Technical Services Master Contract Program (the "Program") to support state agencies and governmental units with the preparation of environmental review and decision documents, and analyses in technical specialties. Once the ER Master Contract process is complete, contractors will remain on the list for two years with the possibility of an additional three year extension, depending utilization. Contractors who apply will be able to select the services they want to offer (i.e. developing complete environmental review documents and/or developing specific types of stand-alone studies like traffic studies, wildlife studies, assessments of archeological and historic resources, etc. and/or assisting with implementation of best practices for communication and public engagement).

Applicants may select one or more of the following Sub-categories included in the RFP:

1. Environmental Review
 - EAW
 - EIS
 - AUAR
2. Public Engagement
 - Communications
 - Editing/Technical Writing
 - Public/Stakeholder Engagement
3. Community Assessment
 - Health Assessment
 - Social Impacts Assessment
 - Economic Impacts Analysis
 - Traffic and Transportation Impact Assessment
 - Greenhouse Gas Assessment
 - Cultural Impacts Assessment
4. Technical Assessment
 - Land Use
 - Geology, Hydrogeology and Soils
 - Ecological
 - Water Resources
 - Air
 - Contamination/ Hazards Materials/ Wastes
 - Cumulative Potential Effects Assessment
 - GIS Data Analysis

How to apply to the RFP

The Request for Proposals will be open from January 2, 2019 through 4:30 PM on March 4, 2019.

In order to submit an application, you need to register. For more information on becoming a registered SWIFT vendor, please go to <https://mn.gov/mmb/accounting/swift/vendor-resources/> or contact the SWIFT Supplier Portal Assistance line at (651)201-8100, Option 1.

If you are already a registered vendor, here is the link to submit an application:

https://supplier.swift.state.mn.us/psp/fmssupap_1/SUPPLIER/ERP/c/PORTAL_COMPONENTS_AU.AUC_LOGIN.GBL

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