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Environmental Assessment/Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Project Title: I-94 Clearwater to Albertville

Comment Deadline: February 20, 2019

Project Description: The Clearwater to Albertville project (State Project 8680-173) includes reconstruction of I-94 eastbound and westbound from Trunk Highway (TH) 24 in Clearwater to western city limits of Albertville. In addition, the project proposes paving a third lane on I-94 eastbound between the western city limits of Albertville and the County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 37 interchange which will be graded as part of a separate project (State Project 8680-172). The total project length is approximately 24.2 miles. This environmental document evaluates the addition of a third lane both eastbound and westbound I-94 between Clearwater and Albertville and the paving along I-94 eastbound in Albertville. Construction between Clearwater and Monticello is anticipated to take place between Fall of 2019 and 2021. The remainder of the project from Monticello to Albertville is unfunded at the current time.

The EA/EAW can be accessed electronically on MnDOT's website at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d3/i94/montitoclearwater/>. It will also be available in hard copy at the following locations: MnDOT - 3725 12th Street North, Saint Cloud, MN 56303 Great River Regional Library, Saint Cloud - 1300 West St. Germain St, Saint Cloud, MN 56301 Great River Regional Library, Monticello - 200 W 6th St, Monticello, MN 55362 Great River Regional Library, St. Michael - 11800 Town Center Dr, St Michael, MN 55376 Great River Regional Library, Clearwater, 740 Clearwater Ctr, Clearwater, MN 55320.

A public hearing on the EA/EAW will be held on January 29, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Monticello Community Center (North Mississippi Room) located at 505 Walnut Street, Monticello, MN 55362. Verbal and written comments will be recorded. Written comments on the EA/EAW will be accepted through February 20, 2019.

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Alternative Urban Areawide Review Update Adoptions

Project Title: Interstate Business Park

Project Description: The City of North Branch adopted the AUAR Update for the Interstate Business Park on January 8, 2019.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of North Branch

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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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