A bill for an act

relating to the state procurement; establishing program to aggregate purchases of green products for state agencies; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16C.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **[16C.36] STATE GREEN PRODUCTS AGGREGATION PROGRAM.**

(a) The commissioner of administration shall establish a green products aggregation program for state agencies. The purpose of the program is to create a clearinghouse to coordinate and arrange sales arrangements and contracts for state agencies and other participating public bodies to aggregate purchases and place collective orders for green products and related green services.

(b) The commissioner shall develop standards and procedures for, and create a directory of, green products and related services with the goal of promoting and enhancing, among state agencies and other participating public bodies, a green economy, as defined in section 116J.437. In developing the standards and directory, the commissioner may consult with the Department of Commerce, Office of Energy Security, Pollution Control Agency, Department of Employment and Economic Development, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Finance, University of Minnesota, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, and public interest groups.

(c) The commissioner shall:

(1) provide procedures for participation in the program;

(2) set minimum standards for products to be considered for purchase through the program, which may include but are not limited to price; quality, maintenance, and installation standards; timely delivery schedules and arrangements; performance

and reliability ratings; energy and environmental considerations; and any other factors considered necessary or desirable for participants and the state;

(3) set eligibility considerations and requirements and other necessary or usual financial or business practices or requirements;

(4) provide a minimal framework for soliciting or contacting manufacturers or sellers on behalf of participants; and

(5) coordinate purchase agreements on behalf of the state and participants.

(d) By February 1, 2010, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall submit a report to the legislative committees having jurisdiction over energy and the environment on the activities and results of the program, including but not limited to the number of participants, the number of purchases made, and any estimated reductions in carbon emissions, energy savings, conservation improvements, water quality improvements, and related energy or environmental enhancements.