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Proposed Rulemaking

STATE PLANNING AGENCY

PROPOSED RULES FOR ADMINISTERING FEDERAL AND STATE OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANTS

Notice of Hearing

In the Matter of the Proposed Adoption of Rules of the State Planning Agency Governing Land and Water Conservation Fund Act and Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources Grants-In-Aid.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing in the above-entitled matter will be held in the State Office Building, Room 57, St. Paul, Minnesota, on August 26, commencing at 9:00 a.m. and continuing until all persons have had an opportunity to be heard.

All interested or affected persons will have an opportunity to participate. Statements may be made orally and written materials may be submitted at the hearing. In addition, written materials may be submitted by mail to Howard Kaibel, Office of Hearing Examiners, 1745 University Ave., St. Paul, MN, 55104, either before the hearing or within 20 days after the close of the hearing.

The proposed rules, if adopted, would set forth criteria, priorities, and procedures for evaluating outdoor recreation proposals of local government units under consideration for Federal LAWCON and State Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources grants-in-

aid. Copies of the proposed rules are now available and one free copy may be obtained by writing to the Office of Local and Urban Affairs, State Planning Agency, 101 Capitol Square Building, 550 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN. Additional copies will be available at the door on the date of the hearing. The agency's authority to promulgate the proposed rules is contained in Minn. Stat. § 4.17 (1965). A "statement of need" explaining why the agency feels the proposed rules are necessary and a "statement of evidence" outlining the testimony they will be introducing will be filed with the Hearing Examiners Office at least 25 days prior to the hearing and will be available there for public inspection.

Please be advised that pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 10A.01 subd. 11 (1974), any individual engaged for pay or other consideration for the purpose of representing persons or associations attempting to influence administrative action, such as the promulgation of these rules, must register with the State Ethics Commission as a lobbyist within five days of the commencement of such activity by the individual.

Peter Vanderpoel, Director

Rules as Proposed

SPA 300 Authority, definitions and general provisions.

A. Authority. The rules contained herein are prescribed by the State Planning Agency, Office of Local and Urban Affairs, pursuant to authority granted in Minn. Stat. § 86.71 (1974) and Minn. Laws 1969, ch. 1139, § 48, subd. 7, paragraph g, as amended and Minn. Extra Session Laws 1971, ch. 3, § 48, subd. 7, paragraph h as amended (et seq.).

B. Purpose of rules. These rules are set forth to provide criteria, priorities, and procedures for evaluating outdoor recreation proposals of local government units

under consideration for LAWCON and LCMR grants-in-aid.

C. Definitions. The following terms as used in these rules have the following meanings:

1. "Ad Hoc Lake Improvement Committee" means the committee composed of representatives of the State Planning Agency, Department of Natural Resources, University of Minnesota, Department of Health, Pollution Control Agency, Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources, and Department of Agriculture, that reviews and evaluates lake improvement applications.

2. "BOR" means the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation of the United States Department of the Interior.

3. "Eligible Applicant" means units that are eligible to apply for an outdoor recreation grant under any of the programs provided for in these rules.

4. "Eligible Costs" means costs that are eligible for a grant from the LCMR grant-in-aid program or reimbursement from a LAWCON grant.

5. "Grant" means a specific sum of money made available by the Federal government or the State of Minnesota to an eligible applicant for the execution of outdoor recreation projects.

6. "LAWCON" means the program established by the Act of Congress entitled "The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965", as amended, (78 Stat. 897) which provides federal grants to the State of Minnesota for the acquisition and development of outdoor recreation projects.

7. "LAC" means the Legislative Advisory Commission established in Minn. Stat. § 3.30 (1974).

8. "LCMR" means the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources established in Minn. Stat. § 86.06 (1974).

9. "LCMR Grants-in-Aid Program" means the LCMR grants-in-aid for local and regional recreation and natural areas as established by Minn. Laws 1965, ch. 810, § 23, as amended and Minn. Extra Session Laws 1971, ch. 3, § 48, subd. 7, paragraph h as amended (et seq.).

10. "Local units of government" means counties, cities, and townships within the State of Minnesota.

11. "Metropolitan Council" means the areawide council created pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 473.123 (1975).

12. "OLUA" means the Office of Local and Urban Affairs established by Minn. Stat. § 4.11, subd. 7 (1974) within the State Planning Agency.

13. "Project" means a planned undertaking for outdoor recreation, proposed by an eligible applicant, having fixed commencement and termination dates and

consisting of either of the following two types alone or together:

a. "Acquisition Project" means the acquisition of real property or an interest and rights thereto for a well-defined outdoor recreation area and/or purpose.

b. "Development Project" means the development of structures, utilities or facilities necessary for the purpose of outdoor recreation on publicly owned or controlled land.

14. "Project Agreement" means the contract executed between the BOR and the State, or the State and the eligible applicant that sets forth the mutual obligations with regard to a portion or all of a specific project.

15. "Public Agency" means a public entity established by state law with the authority to act in the acquisition interests in realty and in the development, maintenance, operation, and planning of outdoor recreation facilities. For the purposes of these regulations, state agencies, and the University of Minnesota shall not be considered as public agencies.

16. "Regional Development Commission" means any regional commission organized under the "Regional Development Act of 1969" Minn. Stat. § 462.381 to § 462.396 (1974).

17. "Regional Needs" means a park or open space project serving a region and consisting of the following:

a. A site that consists of outstanding natural resources or man-made features and that is capable of management to interpret and preserve the resources, and the project has been reviewed by the Metropolitan Council or the appropriate Regional Development Commission and found to be consistent with regional recreational facilities and related plan and priorities.

b. Is of sufficient size to provide a variety of recreational opportunities and attract a substantial number of users from outside the boundaries of the applicant's jurisdiction and has been reviewed by the Metropolitan Council or the appropriate Regional Development Commission and found to be consistent with regional recreational facilities and related plan and priorities.

18. For the purposes of these regulations, certain

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terms or words used herein shall be interpreted as follows: The word "shall" is mandatory, not permissive; the word "may" is permissive.

SPA 301 LAWCON grant program.

A. Application process.

1. Submission of preliminary applications.

a. **Eligibility.** Any local applicant which satisfies the guidelines for eligibility established by BOR, may apply for a LAWCON grant.

b. **Notice.** Annually, OLUA shall send notice of the period of time that preliminary applications for LAWCON grants shall be accepted by OLUA. The notice shall be sent at least 45 days before the period ends. Such notice shall be sent to the following:

(1) Mayors and clerks of all cities in Minnesota;

(2) County board chairmen and auditors of all counties in Minnesota;

(3) Chairpersons of county planning commissions and city planning commission of all cities over 5,000 population according to the last federal decennial census in Minnesota;

(4) Chairmen of regional development commissions;

(5) Chairpersons of each county's Township Association;

(6) Statewide organizations representing Minnesota local governments;

(7) Persons requesting notice; and

(8) Upon request, the Minnesota State Legislature.

c. **Contents of Application.** The contents of the preliminary application shall be consistent with the informational requirement of these rules and shall be prescribed by OLUA.

d. **Submission.** Preliminary applications shall be submitted in a completed form to OLUA and the Metropolitan Council or the appropriate regional development commission for a project review before the closing date for applications.

2. Evaluation of preliminary applications. Pre-

liminary project applications which satisfy the BOR's project eligibility guidelines and priorities for LAWCON grants shall be evaluated and ranked as follows: a) general criteria; b) acquisition priorities; and c) development priorities.

a. **General criteria.** Preliminary applications that meet one or more of the following criteria shall receive priority over similar projects that do not.

(1) Projects with outstanding irreplaceable resources or features that are in danger of commercial (non-recreational) development, subdivision, or other use that may be incompatible with outdoor recreation uses.

(2) Projects that have received a prior LAWCON grant or LCMR grant-in-aid for a preceeding phase of the proposed project.

(3) Projects that meet generally recognized national design standards for recreational facilities.

(4) Projects that reflect quality site planning; recognize and compliment existing land forms; provide for ease of maintenance and operation of the site and do not have major environmental intrusions which are detrimental to the intended use of the property.

(5) Projects that comply with the recreational facility priority needs as designated in the applicant's recreation plan.

b. **Acquisition priorities.** The following criteria shall be used in descending order to evaluate applications for acquisition projects and to determine priorities for projects:

(1) Project sites having outstanding examples of existing or potential natural, scientific, cultural, historical, educational, or recreational values for public enjoyment.

(2) Acquisitions of sites which project or enhance aesthetics or land and water quality of existing park facilities.

(3) Project sites that provide to the general public, a broad range of outdoor recreational opportunities or that are particularly well suited for one or more heavily used and concentrated recreational activities. (e.g. swimming beach)

(4) Project sites providing for needed low intensity use recreation activities, such as trail systems,

wildlife observation, and other activities providing open space enjoyment.

(5) Projects which are equivalent to commercial camping accommodations for recreational users.

c. Development priorities. The following criteria shall be used in descending order to evaluate applications for development projects and to determine priorities for projects:

(1) Projects designed to protect and enhance land and water quality of the site consistent with the estimated number of its potential users, make it accessible or designed to insure safety and health.

(2) Projects that provide to the general public a broad range of outdoor recreation opportunities or that are particularly well suited for one or more heavily used and concentrated recreational activities (e.g. swimming beach).

(3) Projects providing needed facilities associated with low intensity use recreational areas.

(4) Projects which are equivalent to commercial camping accommodations for recreational users.

3. Notice of disposition of preliminary applications. All applicants shall be notified by OLUa of the disposition of their preliminary applications within 120 days of the closing date for the submission of preliminary applications. Grants shall be distributed in order of ranking until LAWCON and LCMR funds are depleted. For those applicants who are recommended for a grant, this notice shall include the submission deadline and a scheduled meeting to explain the content requirements for a final application. For those applicants who are not recommended for a grant, this notice shall indicate the reasons.

4. Final application.

a. Eligibility. When a preliminary application has been given a high priority ranking by general criteria and project priorities (SPA 301 A. 2.), the eligible applicant who is recommended for a grant may submit a final application. OLUa will request a LAWCON grant if the eligible applicant submits a final application in adequate detail before the established deadline.

b. Content. The contents of the final application shall be consistent with the informational requirement of these rules and shall be prescribed by OLUa.

5. BOR approval. If the final application is satisfactory, OLUa shall request BOR approval of a LAWCON grant for the recommended project. OLUa shall notify the applicant of the action taken by BOR.

B. Project agreement. Upon approval by BOR, OLUa shall execute a project agreement with the applicant and the applicant shall comply with the terms of the project agreement.

C. Disbursement of grant. The applicant shall initially pay for the project costs as specified in the project agreement. The applicant shall submit to OLUa a billing request for work completed on the project, but not more than six billings per project. Upon receipt of a billing request, containing the documentation required in the project agreement, OLUa shall request from BOR the Federal share of the eligible costs represented by that billing. Upon receipt of the LAWCON grant for that billing, OLUa shall reimburse the applicant. The final billing shall reflect any cost adjustments due to project changes and shall be subject to a site inspection by State and BOR personnel and verification by federal and state audit.

D. Amendments. A request for an amendment in the project scope, costs or time period may be submitted to OLUa prior to project termination. If the request is eligible for a LAWCON amendment and OLUa considers the amendment request to be reasonable and justified and it does not substantially affect the project eligibility under SPA 301 A. 2, above, it may request BOR to approve the amendment.

SPA 302 LCMR grants-in-aid program.

A. Eligible applicant. Only the following shall be eligible to submit an application for a LCMR grant-in-aid:

1. Local units of government.
2. Public agencies.

B. Grant categories and financial assistance.

1. Regional project. A LCMR grant-in-aid may

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be available when the applicants can document that the project serves a regional need under the following circumstances:

a. Project with approved federal grant: Eligible applicants with an approved federal grant for a park, recreation or open space project within their jurisdiction, may apply for a LCMR grant-in-aid up to 100% of the local share of that acquisition or development project provided that the state share shall not exceed 75% of the total project costs.

b. Project without approved federal grant: Eligible applicants not receiving a federal recreation grant may apply for a LCMR grant-in-aid up to 75% of the total cost of the project application.

2. Other than regional projects. A LCMR grant-in-aid may be available to applicants for other than regional projects under the following circumstances:

a. Project with approved federal grant: Eligible applicants receiving a federal grant for a park, recreation or open space project may apply for a LCMR grant-in-aid up to 50% of the local share of the project.

b. Project without approved federal grant: Eligible applicants not receiving a federal recreation grant may apply for LCMR grant-in-aid up to 50% of the total cost of the project.

C. Evaluation considerations.

1. Criteria. The criteria that shall be used to evaluate an application and to establish priorities for applications for a LCMR grant-in-aid shall be the criteria specified for a LAWCON applicant in SPA 301A.2.a., b., c.

2. Priorities. Projects which have an approved federal recreational grant will generally be given a higher priority.

D. Application procedure.

1. Projects under consideration for a LAWCON grant.

a. A final application that has been submitted for a LAWCON grant may be sufficient to meet the requirements of a LCMR grant-in-aid; additional documentation may not be necessary.

b. Upon BOR approval of a LAWCON application, OLUA shall initiate the application procedure for applicants that have not received LCMR grants-in-aid exceeding the maximum legislative grant allowable for that project.

c. OLUA shall submit the application with its recommendations to the LCMR and the secretary of the LAC.

d. OLUA shall request the LCMR to review each application and make its recommendations to the LAC regarding such expenditures.

e. The secretary of the LAC shall review the application for completeness and present it to the Governor and the LAC for consideration. Applications shall be submitted to the secretary of the LAC and the LCMR within the deadline established by LAC. If an application is not submitted prior to the deadline, it shall be held for the next meeting.

2. Projects that have received a grant from another federal program.

a. Local units of government or public agencies that have received a federal grant (other than a LAWCON grant) for park or open space acquisition or development may apply for a LCMR grant-in-aid by submitting an application to OLUA. OLUA shall prescribe the form and content of the applications.

b. Upon receipt of a satisfactory and complete application, OLUA shall initiate the processing of the application in accordance with the procedure specified in SPA 302D.1.c.,d.,e.

3. Projects without any federal grant. Eligible projects which are given high priority but do not receive federal recreation grant assistance due to lack of federal funding or ineligibility, may be considered for LCMR grant-in-aid. When LCMR grant-in-aid funds are available, OLUA may process those applications of high ranking. The procedure shall be the same as outlined in SPA 302D.1.c.,d.,e.

E. Disbursement of grants procedure.

1. When the governor with the advice of LAC has approved an application for a LCMR grant-in-aid, a project agreement between the applicant and the State of Minnesota shall be executed; and, the applicant may then proceed with the project.

2. The State of Minnesota shall then pay the applicant the amount of the grant after the agreement has been executed. The applicant shall maintain a separate accounting of the project costs. The applicant shall submit documentation as specified by OLUA, unless it has already been submitted under the requirements for a federal grant to verify the costs and comply with the project agreement.

F. Amendments.

1. **Request.** An applicant may request an amendment of a project agreement to change the scope, boundaries, or time period of a project. Applicants shall not request an amendment for cost overruns. Applicants requesting an amendment shall submit documentation as specified by OLU A to explain and justify the project.

2. **OLUA action.** When satisfactory documentation is received and OLU A considers the amendment request to be justifiable, the following procedures shall apply:

a. OLU A may approve requests for changes in the time period of a project and requests for modifications of development items originally approved.

b. OLU A may approve requests for minor changes in the project scope or boundaries which shall not exceed 25% of the total project.

c. If the request is for a major change in project scope or boundaries exceeding 25% of the total project, OLU A shall request LCMR to consider the amendment.

G. Project completion. Upon completion, the project shall be subject to a site inspection by state personnel and verification by a state audit. If the total costs of the project when completed are less than the costs upon which the state grant was based, the applicant shall return that portion of the state grant not utilized for the project, which is consistent with the percentage of the state grant participation in the project.

H. Retention and use of project.

1. Property acquired or developed with a LCMR grant-in-aid shall be retained and used for public outdoor recreation on a non-discriminatory basis during its useful life. Any property so acquired or developed shall not be changed to a non-recreational use or another recreational use without prior approval of OLU A and LCMR. In the event that this occurs, the applicant shall return part or all of the state grant upon request by OLU A.

2. If approval is granted to change the property acquired or developed with LCMR grant-in-aid to a non-recreational use, the applicant shall return that portion of the state grant representing the non-recreational use to the State of Minnesota.

I. Responsibilities of recipient. A recipient of a LCMR grant-in-aid shall comply with all existing or

subsequent state laws and regulations that apply to the project.

SPA 303 LCMR grants-in-aid program for harbors of refuge.

A. Harbors of refuge program. Harbors of refuge grant program is hereby established for the development of harbors suitable for giving safe refuge to shallow draft craft from storms on Lake Superior. This grant program is an extension of the LCMR grants-in-aid program and is established by Minn. Laws 1969, ch. 1139, § 48, subdivision 7, Paragraph g.

B. Eligible applicant. Any local unit of government or public agency which as received a grant from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the acquisition or development of a harbor of refuge may apply for a LCMR grant-in-aid.

C. Eligible projects. An eligible applicant may receive a LCMR grant-in-aid for 50 percent of the eligible local costs provided it does not exceed the maximum legislative grant-in-aid allowable for that project. Grants from this program shall be available for acquisition and development only. Maintenance and operational costs shall be the responsibility of the applicant.

D. Application procedure.

1. Eligible applicants may apply for a LCMR grant-in-aid for harbors of refuge by submitting an application to OLU A. OLU A shall prescribe the form and content of the application.

2. Procedure.

a. Upon receipt of a harbor of refuge application, OLU A shall review the application for eligibility of the project, completeness of the application, and furthermore, evaluate it as to priority.

b. When the application is determined by OLU A to be satisfactory and of high priority, OLU A shall recommend a grant to the LCMR and the LAC in accordance with SPA 302D.1.c.,d.,e.

E. Disbursement of grants. The disbursement of grants for LCMR grants-in-aid to harbors of refuge shall be as specified in SPA 302 E.

F. Amendments. Harbors of refuge projects that have been amended by the Corps of Engineer shall be

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eligible for LCMR grant-in-aid amendments as specified in SPA 302 F.

G. Project completion. Upon completion, the project shall be subject to closing requirements as specified in SPA 302 G.

SPA 304 LCMR grants-in-aid program for lake improvement projects.

A. Lake improvement program. A lake improvement grant program is hereby established for demonstrating or carrying out new techniques to improve the quality of lakes. This grant program is an extension of the LCMR grants-in-aid program and is established by Minn. Laws 1969, ch. 1139, § 48, subd. 7, paragraph g. Pursuant to said statute, the following shall be eligible to apply for such projects:

B. Eligible applicants.

1. Units of local government and public agencies that have the authority to undertake lake improvement projects;

2. Non-profit organizations and associations whose primary objective is the management of natural resources and the improvement of the environment.

C. Eligible projects. Eligible projects for lake improvement grants shall be pilot demonstration projects which are new or unique for that type of lake. Eligible projects and facilities may receive a LCMR grant-in-aid of 50 percent of the eligible costs but not to exceed the maximum legislative grant-in-aid allowable for that project. Grants from this program shall be available for acquisition, construction and testing costs. Maintenance and operational costs shall be the responsibility of the applicant.

D. Application process. Eligible applicants may apply for a LCMR grant-in-aid for lake improvement by submitting a preliminary application to OLUA. OLUA shall prescribe the form and content of the application.

E. Evaluation of applications.

1. Priorities. The criteria that shall be used to evaluate and establish priorities for applications shall be based upon projects that:

a. Perpetuate the beneficial natural characteristics of the shoreline.

b. Consider upstream conditions and sound watershed management practices, as may be established in the comprehensive watershed plan.

c. Are located in areas that have and are enforcing effective zoning ordinances, building codes, health ordinances, and conservation rules that affect the project.

d. Have a majority of shoreline in public ownership. Only lakes that are accessible to the public shall be eligible for a grant.

e. Improve the quality of waterbased recreational activities and fish and game habitat.

f. Have received a federal grant.

2. Procedure. Upon receipt of a preliminary application for a lake improvement grant, OLUA shall follow the following procedure:

a. The application shall be reviewed for eligibility and completeness. If additional information is required, the applicant shall be notified and asked to provide the additional information.

b. A preliminary evaluation and priority ranking of the lake improvement project shall be conducted by OLUA, the Department of Natural Resources and the Pollution Control Agency.

c. Applicants that receive a high priority ranking in the preliminary project evaluation shall then be submitted to the "Ad Hoc Lake Improvement Committee" for review.

d. Applicants that receive a high ranking from the "Ad Hoc Lake Improvement Committee" evaluation shall be eligible to submit a final application.

e. Final applications shall be submitted to OLUA. OLUA shall prescribe the form and content of the application. Final applications that are acceptable shall be recommended to the LCMR and the LAC in accordance with SPA 302D.1.c.,d.,e.

F. Disbursement of grants. The disbursement of grants for LCMR grant-in-aid lake improvement projects shall be as specified in SPA 302 E.

G. Amendments. Lake improvement projects shall be eligible for LCMR grant-in-aid amendments as specified in SPA 302 F.

H. Project completion. Upon completion, the project shall be subject to closing requirements as specified in SPA 302 G.

Official Notices

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL

EQC MONITOR

Announcement of Intent to Act

Proposed High Voltage Transmission Line Route

At the August 4, 1976 meeting of the Minnesota Environmental Quality Council, the Council will act on a proposed high voltage transmission line route (EQC Docket No. MP&L-TR-1). The line is proposed jointly by Northern States Power Company (NSP) and Minnesota Power and Light Company (MP&L) and will extend from the northeastern suburbs of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area as a double circuit 345 kilovolt alternating current line to a new substation to be located in Chisago County. From there, it will run as a single circuit 500 kilovolt alternating current line to approximately seven miles south of Cromwell, Minn., in Carlton County. The Certificate of Need was issued for the project on June 4, 1976 by the Minnesota Energy Agency.

The proposed project is part of a plan to provide for a high capacity interconnection between three major power suppliers in the region: NSP, MP&L, and the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board. The plan calls for a capacity diversity exchange where NSP will export surplus electrical energy to Manitoba Hydro in the winter and Manitoba Hydro will export surplus electrical energy to NSP in the summer. MP&L is the major supplier of electrical energy to the taconite industry in northeastern Minnesota.

The August 4, 1976 Minnesota Environmental Quality Council meeting will be held in the Auditorium (Room 83) of the State Office Building, Wabasha Street at Aurora and Fuller Streets, in St. Paul, Minnesota, commencing at 9:00 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

INSURANCE DIVISION

Revision of Worker's Compensation Insurance Rates

Notice of Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held by the Insurance Division of the Department of Commerce in Room 83 of the State Office Building commencing at 9:30 a.m. on August 26, 1976.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider a proposal for changes in Worker's Compensation insurance rates and any other matters that pertain to Worker's Compensation ratemaking in Minnesota. The proposal has been filed by the Minnesota Compensation Rating Bureau in accordance with Minn. Stat. ch. 79. The entire proposal is on file and available to any interested parties, for examination, during regular office hours in the office of the Insurance Division, 5th Floor, Metro Square Building, St. Paul, Minnesota.

It is proposed that the rate changes be effective October 1, 1976.

Examination of the Minnesota Compensation Rating

Bureau's proposal dated July 9, 1976, indicates a proposed increase of 16.7 percent broken down by industry groups as follows: manufacturing 20.9 percent increase; contracting 21.2 percent increase; and all others 12.4 percent increase.

The Minnesota Compensation Rating Bureau's proposal includes trending. Inasmuch as this is a new factor in the proposal and because it represents a major portion of the proposed change, a separate memorandum was made a part of the filing.

Any interested party desiring to file a proposal relating to Worker's Compensation insurance rates in Minnesota is requested to do so ten (10) days prior to said hearing, two copies of the proposal to be filed with the Insurance Division, 5th Floor, Metro Square Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55101.

A copy of Exhibit A of the proposal by the Minnesota

Compensation Rating Bureau will be made available at no cost upon receipt of a written request. Additional copies will be available at the hearing.

Berton W. Heaton
Commissioner of Insurance
July 12, 1976

STATE ETHICAL PRACTICES BOARD

Seminars on Campaign Financing and Public Financing

The State Ethical Practices Board will hold seminars on Thursday, July 29, 1976, at 1:00-5:00 p.m. and 7:00-10:00 p.m. in Room 83 of the State Office Building, St. Paul, Mn. on the subject of Campaign and Public Financing which will include instruction in general provisions of relevant law, accounting instructions, explanation of forms, definitions of terms, rules and regulations, and ethics in government law.

Candidates, committees, funds, and interested persons or groups are welcome to attend.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY DIVISION

Notice of Issuance of Request for Proposals

Statewide Marijuana Education System

The Chemical Dependency Program Division of the Department of Public Welfare announces the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the development of a statewide marijuana education system in accordance with the 1976 amendments to Minn. Stat. §

152.15 (1974). Interested parties may receive a copy of the RFP by calling (612) 296-3991, or writing the Chemical Dependency Program Division, Department of Public Welfare, Suite 402, Metro Square Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55101. Responses to the RFP will be due August 20, 1976.

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