

**Notice of Contract Opportunity for
MN Board of Water and Soil Resources**

Project Name: Wetland Credit Direct Purchase

Details: The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) is seeking to purchase wetland replacement credits from established wetland banks to offset wetland impacts resulting from qualifying public road improvement projects in Minnesota. BWSR is requesting proposals from wetland bank account holders with the specified types of credits from sites located in the following Bank Service Areas (BSA): 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9. This includes all or portions of the following counties: Aitkin, Anoka, Becker, Beltrami, Benton, Big Stone, Blue Earth, Brown, Carlton, Carver, Cass, Chippewa, Chisago, Clay, Clearwater, Cottonwood, Crow Wing, Dakota, Dodge, Douglas, Faribault, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Grant, Hennepin, Houston, Hubbard, Isanti, Itasca, Jackson, Kanabec, Kandiyohi, Kittson, Lac qui Parle, Le Sueur, Lincoln, Lyon, Mahnomon, Marshall, Martin, McLeod, Meeker, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Mower, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Norman, Olmsted, Otter Tail, Pipestone, Pennington, Polk, Pope, Ramsey, Red Lake, Redwood, Renville, Rice, Roseau, Scott, Sherburne, Sibley, St. Louis, Stearns, Steele, Stevens, Swift, Todd, Traverse, Wabasha, Wadena, Waseca, Washington, Watonwan, Wilkin, Winona, Wright, Yellow Medicine.

Proposals will be accepted for the following Circular 39 wetland credit types that have been approved by a local government unit under the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) and by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under the Federal Clean Water Act: 2, 3, 6, 1, 4, and 7. The wetland credit types are listed in order of preference. BWSR is not seeking to purchase Circular 39 wetland types 5, 8, and credits designated as upland buffer under this request for proposal (RFP).

BWSR will verify that all credits identified in proposals are both state and federally approved and not currently in transfer accounts. Once confirmed, proposals received will be evaluated based on the following criteria: bank service area (geographic location); wetland plant community type; amount of credits offered and price per credit

Copy of Request for Proposal: Additional information submission forms are available by navigating to the Local Government Road Wetland Replacement Program portion of the Wetlands tab on the BWSR website at <https://bwsr.state.mn.us/local-government-road-wetland-replacement-program>. The submission forms can also be obtained by submitting an email request with "RFP DCP Request" in the subject line, to:

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Proposal Deadline: Proposals submitted in response to the RFP in this advertisement must be received by mail or courier no later than 2:30 p.m. Central Time, March 23, 2021. Email and faxed proposals will not be considered. Proposals must be sent in a sealed envelope to:

Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources
ATTN: 2021 DCP RFP

520 Lafayette Rd North
St Paul, MN 55155

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