

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 84-5

PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON THE MINNESOTA CONVENTION CENTER

I, RUDY PERPICH, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, the attraction of national conventions, trade shows, and other similar programs can have a beneficial impact upon Minnesota's economy; and

WHEREAS, the existence of a world class convention center in this state may be an economic development initiative of statewide significance; and

WHEREAS, such a facility does not now exist in Minnesota;

NOW, THEREFORE, I order:

1. The formation of the Governor's Task Force on the Minnesota Convention Center to assess the need for a world class convention center in this state. The Task Force shall consist of nine members appointed by the Governor. The chair shall be named by the Governor.

- 2. If the Council determines that such a convention center is needed and would be an economic benefit to the state, the Council shall solicit proposals from cities in Minnesota that would be willing to serve as the "host city" for a world convention center. The "host city" proposal shall include the location and description of one or more sites and shall indicate the date that the site would be available to begin construction.
- 3. All proposals must include evidence of official action by the city's governing body with regard to the following three items:
 - a. the city's firm commitment to furnish free and unencumbered a site of adequate size for the convention center;
 - b. the city's ability and commitment to support the convention center by assuming operating losses;
 - c. the city's willingness, if any, to assume a portion of the debt service cost;
 - d. the city's proposal for management and operation of the convention center at an appropriate time after completion of construction.
- 4. From the proposals submitted by the cities, the Council shall select a preferred "host city" by September 11, 1984.
- 5. The Council shall select a preferred site within the preferred "host city" by December 18, 1984.
- 6. The Council shall prepare a final report and recommendations to be submitted to the Governor and the Minnesota Legislature no later than February 5, 1985. This report shall include a market analysis and shall describe the type of facilities

needed to be competitive in the relevant market. The report shall estimate the economic and other impacts of the proposal facility and shall include a proposal for the ownership, operations, and promotion of the facility. The report shall include preliminary design and cost estimates and a recommended financing mechanism.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1982, Section 4.035, this Order shall be effective 15 days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1982, Section 4.035, Subdivision 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have set my hand this $\mathcal{I}^{\mathsf{St}}$ March, 1984.

Governor

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