



August 19, 2011

The Honorable Claire Robling
Chair, Senate Finance Committee
226 Capitol
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Mary Liz Holberg
Chair, House Ways and Means Committee
453 State Office Bldg
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable David Senjem
Chair, Senate Capital Investment Committee
121 Capitol
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Larry Howes
Chair, House Capital Investment Committee
491 State Office Bldg
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Members of the Minnesota Legislature:

I am pleased to present preliminary capital budget requests for FY 2012 that were submitted by agencies and political subdivisions.

Please note that these requests are preliminary and have not yet been reviewed by Management & Budget (MMB) or the Governor. To date, these preliminary requests total \$2.256 billion (all sources of financing): \$1.757 billion from agencies and \$499 million from local governments.

In anticipation of the Governor's Strategic Capital Budget being submitted to the Legislature by January 15, 2012, MMB and the Department of Administration will work with agencies and higher education institutions over the next several months to develop additional project information and refine cost estimates. MMB will also provide information to assist local political subdivisions as they further develop and refine their capital project requests.

I am certain you will find this preliminary project information useful as you begin consideration of these important and competing uses for the state's limited financing capacity. If you need additional information or assistance, please feel free to contact Gay Greiter at (651) 201-8049 of my staff.

This information is also available at www.mmb.state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Schowalter".

James Schowalter
Commissioner

Enclosures

cc: Senator Amy Koch
Representative Kurt Zellers
Senator Tom Bakk
Representative Paul Thissen
David Jensen

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