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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections

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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; requiring the state to maintain a Web site with
1.3 a searchable database on state contracts and grants; appropriating money;
1.4 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16C.

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

1.6 Section 1. [16C.046] WEB SITE WITH SEARCHABLE DATABASE ON STATE
1.7 CONTRACTS AND GRANTS.

1.8 (a) The commissioner of administration must maintain a Web site with a searchable
1.9 database providing the public with information on state contracts, including grant
1.10 contracts. The database must include the following information for each state contract:

1.11 (1) the name and address of the entity receiving the contract;

1.12 (2) the name of the agency entering into the contract;

1.13 (3) whether the contract is:

1.14 (i) for goods;

1.15 (ii) for professional or technical services;

1.16 (iii) for services other than professional and technical services; or

1.17 (iv) a grant;

1.18 (4) a brief statement of the purpose of the contract or grant;

1.19 (5) the amount of the contract or grant and the fund from which this amount will be
1.20 paid; and

1.21 (6) the dollar value of state contracts, other than grants, the entity has received in
1.22 each of the last ten fiscal years and the dollar value of state grants the entity has received
1.23 in each of the last ten fiscal years.

2.1 (b) Required information on a new contract or grant must be entered into the
2.2 database within 30 days of the time the contract is entered into.

2.3 (c) For purposes of this section, a "grant" is a contract between a state agency and
2.4 a recipient, the primary purpose of which is to transfer cash or a thing of value to the
2.5 recipient to support a public purpose. Grant does not include payments to units of local
2.6 government, payments to state employees, or payments made under laws providing for
2.7 assistance to individuals.

2.8 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.9 \$..... is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of administration
2.10 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for purposes of section 1.

2.11 Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE; TRANSITION.**

2.12 Section 1 is effective January 1, 2008. The requirement for the database to show the
2.13 value of state contracts and grants received by each entity for the last ten fiscal years must
2.14 be phased in as follows:

2.15 (1) by January 1, 2008, the database must include information for fiscal years 2006,
2.16 2007, and 2008; and

2.17 (2) by July 1, 2008, the database must include information for fiscal years 2000
2.18 through 2009.