

**Minutes  
Of the  
January 9, 2006  
Legislative Review Committee meeting**

Subject: MS 471.345 and Today's meeting with Representative Peterson

Steve Louie substituting for Jill Alverson, myself substituting for Jay McCleary, and Curt Yoakum from AMC met this morning with Representative Neil Peterson and asked if he would author the bill. Rep. Peterson represents Hennepin County and lives in Bloomington.

He had some questions as we explained the concept behind when to use an RFP, how they are used, the evaluation of responses, and how best value is part of that process. We emphasized the desire to have the text mirror what the State has. We mentioned the RFP will be used for those projects when the need can be defined with responses offering how they would best meet that need. That the decision will not be based on only the lowest price. We mentioned the need for evaluation criteria, that prices would always be a factor but other factors would be added and we mentioned a few of those.

The term negotiation did not come up which might have been an oversight on our part. This should be emphasized when the opportunity comes up when talking to legislators in the future.

The clarification text regarding non competitive bidding required little explanation other than to mention we are attempting to clarify what is in law now and again being consistent in language with the State. We also mentioned for vendors it is confusing to have two sets of rules. That we are attempting to become more uniform with the State statutes.

Curt mentioned the support from the State Dept. of Administration, Minnesota Business Counsel and several others I don't remember. He, nor do we, have any idea who may object to the changes we are asking for. A non controversial bill we hope. Curt did a great job.

Representative Peterson was very willing to support our bill in the House.

Curt is still trying to reschedule a meeting that was to be held last week but canceled by Senator Dibble. Hopefully that will take place very soon.

Our bill will become part of the legislative process with filings done by the Representative and Curt Yoakum.

We are still on course at this point...