

BACKGROUND

Minnesota State is the third largest system of state colleges and universities in the United States and the largest in the state with 26 colleges, seven universities, and 54 campuses. We serve 300,000 students each year.

Minnesota State and its individual colleges and universities procure or contract a wide range of goods and services across various categories. These categories include office supplies and equipment, professional services, infrastructure and construction, as well as academic-related supplies and services.

GETTING TO KNOW MINNESOTA STATE

Suppliers are welcome to reach out to individual colleges and universities directly to introduce themselves. However, solicitation of business on Minnesota State premises is not permitted, unless requested. Suppliers will be contacted based on the current project needs of the institution.

- To view an interactive map of all 54 Minnesota State campuses, visit [MinnState.edu/campusprograms](https://www.mnstate.edu/campusprograms).
- General supplier information and bid opportunities can be found: [MinnState.edu/Vendors](https://www.mnstate.edu/Vendors).
- Minnesota State does not have preferred suppliers but use competitively bid umbrella and enterprise contracts.

Minnesota State values your interest in providing goods and services to its community. As the institution executes bidding strategies, it is important to remain mindful of its values, which extend beyond simply finding the best price for a particular good or service. The goal is to cultivate relationships with key suppliers that share the values of price, quality, compliance, service, delivery, local relationships, and targeted group businesses (minority, women, disabled, veteran, and disadvantaged businesses) of Minnesota State.

We extend our sincere appreciation for your interest in establishing a business relationship with Minnesota State!

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equal opportunity employer and educator.*

SUPPLIER RESOURCES



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STATE OF MINNESOTA NEW SUPPLIER INFORMATION

Suppliers interested in working with Minnesota State must:

- Register with the State of Minnesota at mn.gov/mmb/accounting/swift/vendor-resources/.
- After registering with the state, create an account in the Minnesota State supplier portal at MinnState.edu/Vendors.
- Registration does not guarantee Minnesota State will select your company for business.

CURRENT MINNESOTA STATE SUPPLIERS

Visit MinnState.edu/Vendors for supplier resources, including:

- Current Minnesota State bid opportunities.
- Minnesota State bidding policies.
- Company registration.

MINNESOTA STATE SUPPLIER PORTAL

Within the Minnesota State Supplier Portal you will be able to:

- Download bid (RFx) related materials.
- View current, closed, and awarded bid opportunities.
- View and submit questions related to current opportunities.
- Bid on sourcing events.
- Sign up to receive notifications for new contracts (opt-in required by completing company registration and commodity code).
- Get discovered for current and future opportunities.



MINNESOTA STATE PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES

Formal Solicitations

Current opportunities are available at MinnState.edu/Vendors.

Minnesota State Umbrella, Enterprise, and Cooperative Master Contract Programs

These contracts are competitively bid, with terms and conditions varying with each contract.

- Minnesota State umbrella contracts (allows two or more institutions to purchase off the contract).
- Minnesota State enterprise contracts (a contract that supports the entire Minnesota State system).
- Cooperative Master Contracts (contracts from other governmental entities that supports the entire Minnesota State system).

Construction Bid Opportunities

Construction bid opportunities (including designers and construction managers) can be found at MinnState.edu/Vendors.

Minnesota State facilities department maintains a Professional/ Technical Roster of professional firms qualified to practice in one or more of the 35 specialized services (including architecture, engineering, owner's representatives, environmental consultants, geoscientist, land surveyors, landscape architects, and real estate firms). Suppliers can apply to the consultant Roster by responding to a semi-annual request for supplier qualification.

Technology Bid Opportunities

The State of Minnesota Department of Administration and the Office of MN.IT services have partnered to bring fast and easy ways to help state agencies, other government, and local units of government to contract for professional IT-related services. For more information, visit: mn.gov/mnit/government/buyit/.

SUPPLIER DIVERSITY COMMITMENT

Minnesota State is committed to enhancing and optimizing business and contracting opportunities that promote economic growth and prosperity in the communities we serve. We are committed to developing mutually beneficial relationships with historically underutilized minority-owned, women-owned, and disability-owned businesses.

The goal is to ensure that diverse suppliers that meet our procurement and contractual standards have opportunities to provide goods and services across the colleges, universities, and system office.

Currently, Minnesota State recognizes certifications from the following certifying agencies:

- State of Minnesota - Department of Administration
- Central (CERT) Certification Program
- North Central Minority Supplier Development Council
- Women's Business Enterprise National Council

**Become a supplier by using the QR code
found in this brochure OR
visit MinnState.edu/Vendors**



Links to supplier information available at MinnState.edu/Vendors