

Minnesota exports hit \$5 billion

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Minnesota exports reached \$5 billion in the first quarter, a 2 percent increase from the same quarter a year ago, according to a report from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

Exports of manufactured, agricultural, and mining products grew by more than 20 percent in five of the state's top 10 national markets, while eight of the state's top 10 product categories saw

sales increases. Manufactured exports were up 4.4 percent from a year ago, compared to a 1 percent growth rate nationally.

North America was the state's top export region with sales of \$1.7 billion, followed by Asia at \$1.6 billion, and the European Union at \$1.1 billion.



"Minnesota exporters saw strong gains in our traditional markets during the first quarter," DEED Commissioner Katie Clark Sieben said in a release. "But they also made headway into newer markets for Minnesota products, with exports growing 11 percent in the Middle East and 16 percent in the Australia-Pacific region."

Canada was the state's top national market with sales of \$1.2 billion. Other top markets were China, with

\$523 million, Mexico, with \$433 million, Japan, with \$319 million, Belgium, with \$250 million, Germany, with \$215 million, Korea, with \$163 million, Australia, with \$139 million, United Kingdom, with \$136 million, and the Philippines, with \$132 million.

An increase of 49 percent in exports to Mexico was driven by increased sales of machinery, vehicles, and electrical equipment, according to a release. Canadian exports fell 12 percent

because of decreased sales of mineral fuels/oils, machinery, beverages, ores/slugs/ash, and vehicles.

Machinery led all product categories with sales of \$932 million. Other top exports were optical medical instruments, with \$855 million, electrical machinery, with \$641 million, vehicles, with \$447 million, plastics, with \$277 million, food by-products, with \$147 million, aircraft, spacecraft, with \$112 million, meat, with \$102 million, iron and steel, with

\$78 million, and paper, with \$68 million.

A 29 percent increase in meat exports was driven by a \$10 million increase in sales to both Japan and Mexico, primarily for pork products, according to a release. Plastics exports increased 15 percent behind a 49 percent increase in sales to both Canada and Mexico. Plastic sheets, plates and other flat materials, and miscellaneous plastics were the main products in that segment.

Bremer Bank holds annual hunger campaign

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For the next 10 days, Bremer Bank is helping people double their money, as part of an annual hunger campaign.

Bremer Bank's ninth annual Meals for Many campaign is matching donations on a two-for-one basis until June 28. For every dollar donated until June 28, Bremer

Bank will donate \$2, up to \$35,000. The bank will also donate a dollar for every completion of an online hunger quiz, which can be found at www.facebook.com/bremer-campaign.

Donations can be made online at www.bremer.com/mealsformany or in person at any Bremer Bank location. One hundred percent of the donations collected

during the campaign are distributed to Second Harvest Heartland and other local Feeding America food banks in Bremer communities in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and North Dakota.

"Please share the information about the campaign and quiz with your friends, family and co-workers and help us reach our goal of ending hunger in our communities,"

Mike Turenne, president and chief executive officer, Bremer Bank International Falls, said in a release.

Second Harvest Heartland is one of the nation's largest food banks, and in 2013, donated more than 65 million meals to nearly 1,000 food shelves, pantries, and other partner programs in 59 counties in Minnesota and western Wisconsin.

Thrivent Financial named to national list

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Thrivent Financial has been named to Fortune magazine's Fortune 500 list for the 20th year in a row.

The nationwide financial services organization with headquarters in Minneapolis and Appleton, Wis., occupies the 335th spot on the list. The list is a compilation

of the 500 largest U.S. companies based on revenue, and is based on Thrivent's 2013 revenue of \$8.1 billion. Thrivent was also named the sixth-largest mutual life/health insurance organization in the U.S.

"Being named to the Fortune 500 list is one way we demonstrate our ongoing strength and stability as an

organization," Benjamin Weerts, lead financial consultant, said in a release. "It is continued affirmation of our commitment to success and the value we are able to provide our members."

Weerts is also a member of the International Falls Chamber of Commerce, and has clients in International Falls and Littlefork. Thrivent

is planning on opening an office in International Falls within the next year, according to Sara Bolen, licensed office professional.

The membership organization offers its nearly 2.4 million member-owners a broad range of products, services, and guidance from financial representatives nationwide.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Koochiching County
SP 036-707-001 (CSAH 107), Minn. Proj. No. HPPH H141(001), Aggregate Base, Bit'm. Surface, Curb & Gutter, Storm Sewer
BIDS CLOSE **Wednesday July 9, 2014 at 2:00 pm, local time**

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS: Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Koochiching County, Int'l. Falls, Minnesota until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday July 9, 2014 at the office of the County Auditor/Treasurer in the Koochiching County Courthouse 715 4th Street Int'l. Falls, Minnesota 56649 at which time they will be opened and read publicly for the following:

Project Designation: SP 036-707-001 (CSAH 107), Minn. Proj. No. HPPH H141(001), Aggregate Base, Bit'm. Surface, Curb & Gutter, Storm Sewer

Project Location: On CSAH 107 between T.H. 71 and CSAH 2 in Int'l. Falls, Total Length – 1.05 Miles

Major Project Quantities include:
-- 25,038 CY of Common Excavation (P)
-- 5,189 Linear Feet of Storm Sewer
-- 6,600 Tons of Bituminous
-- 24,778 SY of Geotextile Fabric
-- 18,464 Tons of Aggregate Base Class 5 (Mod.)

Project Completion: 75 Working Days

Proposals, Plans and Specifications are available at:
Koochiching County Highway Department
715 4th Street
Int'l. Falls, MN 56449

Cost for Plans: Cost of one set of plans and proposals is \$75 (Minnesota State Sales Tax Included). There is no cost for electronic plans and specs, they are at <https://egram.co.koochiching.mn.us> or phone (218) 283-1186 or email to joe.sutherland@co.koochiching.mn.us.

Bidder's Bond: Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or bidder's bond made payable to the Treasurer of Koochiching County in an amount not less than 5% of the total bid.

Bid shall be plainly marked on the exterior of the containing envelope: **"CSAH 107, Letting Date, July 9th , 2014".**

Minimum wage rates to be paid by the Contractors have been predetermined and are subject to the Work Hours Act of 1962, P.L. 87-581 and implementing regulations.

READ CAREFULLY THE WAGE SCALES AND DIVISION A OF THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS AS THEY AFFECT THIS/THESE PROJECT/PROJECTS

The Minnesota Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders: in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Act), as amended and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Subtitle A Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation, it will affirmatively assure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded maximum opportunity to participate and/or to submit bids in response to this invitation, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, disability, age, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award;

in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, and Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 230 Subpart A-Equal Employment Opportunity on Federal and Federal-Aid Construction Contracts (including supportive services), it will affirmatively assure increased participation of minority groups and disadvantaged persons and women in all phases of the highway construction industry, and that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement equal employment opportunity will be provided to all persons without regard to their race, color, disability, age, religion, sex or national origin;

in accordance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.08 Unfair discriminatory Practices, it will affirmatively assure that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement equal employment opportunity will be offered to all persons without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, membership or activity in a local commission, disability, sexual orientation, or age;

in accordance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.36 Certificates of Compliance for Public Contracts, and 363A.37 Rules for Certificates of Compliance, it will assure that appropriate parties to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement possess valid Certificates of Compliance.

If you are not a current holder of a compliance certificate issued by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights and intend to bid on any job in this advertisement you must contact the Department of Human Rights immediately for assistance in obtaining a certificate.

The following notice from the Minnesota Department of Human Rights applies to all contractors:

"It is hereby agreed between the parties that Minnesota Statute, section 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 are incorporated into any contract between these parties based on this specification or any modification of it. A copy of Minnesota Statute 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 is available upon request from the contracting agency."

"It is hereby agreed between the parties that this agency will require affirmative action requirements be met by contractors in relation to Minnesota Statute 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules 5000.3600. Failure by a contractor to implement an affirmative action plan or make a good faith effort shall result in revocation of its certificate or revocation of the contract (Minnesota Statute 363A.36, Subd. 2 and 9)."

A minimum goal of **2.7 % Good Faith Effort** to be subcontracted to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises.

The Koochiching County Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein, and to award the contract in the best interests of Koochiching County.

Dated at International Falls, Minnesota**June 11th, 2014.**

Joe Sutherland, Koochiching County Highway Engineer
Phone: 218-283-1186
Email: joe.sutherland@co.koochiching.mn.us

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Terminal Rehabilitation and Expansion
Falls International Airport
SEH No. INTER 125927

Notice is hereby given that sealed Bids will be received by the International Falls – Koochiching County Airport Commission until 2:00pm, Wednesday July 9, 2014, at the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor of the City Municipal Building, 600 Fourth Street, International Falls, MN 56649, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud, for the furnishing of all labor and material for the construction of the Terminal Rehabilitation and Expansion project. Major components the Work include a phased removal of the existing terminal building and construction of a new 27,190 SF terminal building with a passenger loading bridge. The terminal building consists of the following:

Level 1:	23,350 SF
Electrical Vault:	580 SF
Mezzanine:	3,260 SF
Total:	27,190 SF

Bids shall be on the form provided for that purpose and according to the Bidding Requirements prepared by Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH®) dated June 20, 2014.

The Bidding Documents may be seen at the Issuing Office of SEH located at: 3535 Vadnais Center Drive, Saint Paul, MN 55110-5196.

Digital image copies of the Bidding Documents are available at <http://www.sehinc.com> for a fee of \$30. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the BIDDING DOCUMENTS link and by entering eBidDocTM Number 3375140 on the SEARCH PROJECTS page. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at 952.233.1632 or info@questcdn.com.

Paper copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from Docunet Corp. located at 2435 Xenium Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55441 (763.475.9600) for a fee of \$350.

A pre-Bid conference will be held at 1:00pm on Monday June 30, 2014 in the County Board Room at the Koochiching County Courthouse, 715 Fourth Street, International Falls, MN 56649. Representatives of Owner and Engineer will be present to discuss the Project. Bidders are encouraged to attend and participate in the conference.

Bid security in the amount of 5 percent of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Bids shall be directed to the Secretary, securely sealed and endorsed upon the outside wrapper, "BID FOR TERMINAL REHABILITATION AND EXPANSION, FALLS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT."

The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract in the best interests of the Commission.

Robert W. Anderson, Chairman
International Falls-Koochiching County Airport Commission
International Falls, Minnesota

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Bids will be received for the remodeling of the WOODLAND PARK APARTMENTS COMMUNITY ROOM 2014. The project is located at 1200 Riverside Drive, International Falls, MN 56649. The contract will be with OWNER. The Owner's representative will be Kim Nuthak. PLANS WILL BE AVAILABLE BEGINNING FRIDAY JUNE 20, 2014 from the office of the Architect.

Bids will be **RECEIVED UNTIL 2:00 P.M. (Local time) Thursday, July 10, 2014** at the Office of the Owner. Faxed or emailed bids will be allowed and preferred. **The BID OPENING WILL TAKE PLACE Publicly. BIDS WILL BE AWARDED WITHIN 14 DAYS.** Written proposals will be received, in duplicate, on Contractor's standard proposal forms.

Bids shall be accompanied by a bidder's bond, certified check, or cashier's check in a sum equal to five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid, conditioned that if the contractor's bid be accepted and the contract awarded to him, within ten days after notice of award will execute and effect a contract in accordance with the terms of his bond. Bidding Documents may be examined at the following locations until bid opening time: OWNER's Office and at Lucachick Architecture, Inc., 481 Mag Seven Court, Suite #9, Bemidji, Minnesota 56601-0219, Phone: (218) 759-2305, Fax: (218) 759-0407.

Plans may be obtained by bidders only for their personal use from the office of the Architect/Engineer upon receipt of a refundable deposit check of \$25.00 per set. Requests for plans by mail must be accompanied by a \$10 non-refundable deposit to cover expenses. Make all deposit & expense checks payable to: THE OWNER.

Plans and specifications shall be returned to the Architect ***IN COMPLETE SETS*** within ten (10) days after contract award **FOR RETURN OF DEPOSIT.** Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be issued. All bids shall be in accordance with Bidding Documents prepared by Lucachick Architecture Inc., 481 Mag Seven Court, Suite #9, Bemidji, Minnesota 56601 and the consultants listed. Bidders must carry Minnesota Worker's Compensation insurance and conform to all governing laws of the State of Minnesota. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids or parts thereof, to waive any informalities in bidding, and **to award the contract to other than the lowest bidder if, in the discretion of the OWNER, their interest will be best served thereby. THE OWNER REQUIRES THAT ALL BIDS BE FIRM FOR FORTY - FIVE (45) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF BID OPENING. ANY BID WITHDRAWN IN THAT TIME PERIOD WILL SACRIFICE THE BID SECURITY.**

FOR THE OWNER: Woodland Park Apartments
End of Invitation to Bid