

# **INVENTORY OF STATE-OWNED LAND**

## **Introduction**

Per Minnesota Laws 2002, Chapter 393, Section 36, the Commissioner of Administration is required to provide an inventory of all state-owned lands, including land with improvements, and determine the total number of acres owned by the State as of December 31, 2002. The initial report is due on March 1, 2003.

The inventory is required to identify for each parcel its location, size, and whether it is currently being used for a public purpose, anticipated to be used for a public purpose in the future, or not currently being used or anticipated to be used for a public purpose. According to the statute, land to be inventoried did not include: land held in trust by the state for political subdivisions of the state; permanent school trust fund lands; university trust fund lands; mineral interests; or trunk highway right-of-way.

## **Process**

The Department of Administration developed a form for gathering the required information from state agencies. All applicable agencies were sent the form, a memo of explanation, and a copy of the legislation. The form and information were also available for agencies on the Department of Administration's website. A copy of the form is included in Exhibit A. Agencies were given three (3) months to complete their particular inventories, and follow-up calls were made to those who initially did not respond.

The Department of Administration provided a uniform format for all agencies to follow when submitting their inventories, but several agencies either had their own format that was too large to change, or chose to respond in an alternative manner. In the absence of funding to consolidate the inventory, the information at this time exists in several formats.

## **Response**

Land inventories were received from all agencies except the following:

- Metropolitan Airports Commission
- Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Area Commission

