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The Honorable Richard Cohen
Chair, Senate Finance Committee
121 State Capitol
St. Paul, MN  55155

The Honorable Lyndon Carlson
Chair, House Ways and Means Committee
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The Honorable LeRoy Stumpf
Chair, Senate Capital Investment Committee
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The Honorable Alice Hausman
Chair, House Capital Investment Committee
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Dear Members of the Minnesota Legislature:

I am pleased to present the preliminary capital budget requests submitted by agencies and political subdivisions for consideration during the 2014 Legislative Session.

Please note that these requests are preliminary and have not yet been reviewed by Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) or the Governor. To date, these preliminary requests total $2.8 billion (all sources of financing): $2.1 billion from state agencies and $682 million from local governments.

In anticipation of the Governor’s Strategic Capital Budget being submitted to the Legislature by January 15, 2014, MMB and the Department of Administration will work with agencies and higher education institutions over the next several months to develop additional project information and refine cost estimates. MMB will also provide information and assistance to political subdivisions as they further develop and refine their capital project requests.

I am certain you will find this preliminary project information useful as you begin considering these important and competing uses for the state’s financing capacity. If you need additional information or assistance, please feel free to contact Koryn Zewers of my staff at (651) 201-8043. This information is also available at www.mmb.state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

James Schowalter, Commissioner

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    Representative Paul Thissen
    Senator David Hann
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    Eric Naumann
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