

(\$ in thousands)

Project Title	Priority Ranking	Funding Source	Project Requests for State Funds		
			2016	2018	2020
New State Emergency Operations Center	1	GO	\$ 33,302	\$ 0	\$ 0
Oil Train Derailment - Joint Emergency Response Training Center (JERTC)	2	GO	\$ 3,521	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>Total Project Requests</b>			<b>\$ 36,823</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>General Obligation Bonds (GO) Total</b>			<b>\$ 36,823</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

## New State Emergency Operations Center

**AT A GLANCE**

<b>2016 Request Amount:</b>	\$33,302
<b>Priority Ranking:</b>	1
<b>Project Summary:</b>	Construction of new State Emergency Operations Center

**Project Description**

This request is for \$33,302,000 for design, site development, construction, and equipping of a new SEOC and HSEM office adjacent to the Minnesota National Guard's Arden Hills Army Training Site. The 52,200 square foot facility will serve as the location to coordinate the support of state agencies and local government during disasters and emergencies. The facility will also serve as a critical continuity of government (COG) facility for government leaders during a crisis at the capitol complex. It will also be used to conduct training and exercises for the integrated response of local, state, and federal government to simulated disasters. Additionally, the facility will house approximately 99 HSEM staff on a daily basis and have a surge capacity of up to 200 state and federal personnel during emergency/disaster response. A pre-design study has been completed.

Other considerations: In recent years, Minnesota has sustained a large number of disasters. Almost every county in the state has been included in a disaster declaration within the last 10 years. Agriculture constitutes a large component of Minnesota's economy and the state has a large animal population susceptible to natural and artificial introduction of pathogens. Minnesota is also home to various critical infrastructure and key resources that are important to the US economy. Within the last year, the Department has been instrumental in coordinating the state response to avian flu and preparation for Ebola. Finally, the current request does not include funds for land acquisition because of a partnership with the federal government to donate the land for the purpose of an SEOC at the Arden Hills site.

**Project Rationale****At A Glance: Agency Long-Range Strategic Goals**

In times of disaster, people in Minnesota depend on the State of Minnesota to respond. It is the mission of the Department of Public Safety to protect citizens and communities. It is the mission of the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) to effectively prepare for disasters; coordinate statewide response; provide assistance; and enhance recovery of impacted communities. Not only do communities throughout Minnesota depend on the Department to be prepared to respond, so do other state agencies. The Governor has issued several executive orders directing the Department to facilitate the State's Continuity of Government and Continuity of Operation plans.

A state emergency operations center (SEOC) is a one-of-a-kind, critical, "no fail" facility that must be available when Minnesota needs it in a crisis. It is the central place where coordination of information and resources to support incident management activities takes place. The requirements of SEOCs have evolved and the existing facility located in downtown Saint Paul is not adequate in the areas of

security or redundancy of power, communications, and network services. These vulnerabilities increase the risk of not being able to respond to support local communities, provide state agency coordination, or meet our lead obligations related to continuity of government and continuity of operations.

## **Other Considerations**

In recent years, Minnesota has sustained a large number of natural and technological emergencies and disasters. Virtually every county in the state has been included in a disaster declaration within the last ten years. Agriculture constitutes a large component of Minnesota's economy and the state has a large animal population susceptible to natural and artificial introduction of pathogens. Minnesota also is home to various critical infrastructure and key resources that are important to the economy of the United States. These factors are considered vitally important when evaluating the state's homeland security risks.

The project will also be used to conduct training and exercises for an integrated response of local, state, and federal officials to simulated disasters. Additionally, the facility will house approximately 99 staff members on a daily basis and have the surge capacity to accommodate up to 200 state and federal personnel during a response. A pre-design study has been completed.

## **Impact on Agency Operating Budgets**

The current biannual lease costs for HSEM at the Town Square location is approximately \$1,000,000. Using industry standard cost factors the new standalone facility is projected to cost approximately \$800,000 for operation, maintenance and repair, plus \$250,000 for building custodial services. At \$1,050,000 per biennium the new facility would cost about the same as HSEM's existing leased space, but would be more than twice as large, with greatly enhanced capabilities.

## **Description of Previous Appropriations**

\$2,250,000 was appropriated to the Department of Administration in the 2010 bonding bill. Approximately \$250,000 was spent on initial studies and pre-design. A balance of just over \$2,000,000 expired on December 31, 2014.

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**Oil Train Derailment - Joint Emergency Response Training Center (JERTC)****AT A GLANCE****2016 Request Amount:** \$3,521**Priority Ranking:** 2**Project Summary:** Construct a joint regional training facility for oil train derailment and pipeline safety training at the Camp Ripley..**Project Description**

The impact of an oil train or pipeline incident has the potential to be catastrophic. The construction of a \$3,521,000 joint regional training facility for oil train derailment and pipeline safety training at the Camp Ripley Joint Emergency Response Training Center meets the Governors requirements for response training. The centrally located Camp Ripley Training Center has established infrastructure and utilization by inter-agencies to provide cost effective preparation for domestic response incidents.

Seven trains transport 23 million gallons of crude oil through Minnesota daily and are expected to increase yearly over the next decade. Over 1.15 million gallons of crude oil was released from rail cars in 2013. Governor Dayton has stated that Oil and ethanol transport by rail has a significant impact on over 3.5 million Minnesotans that reside near "high-hazard flammable train" routes. Over 65,000 miles of gas and liquid pipelines are managed by 86 pipeline companies within the state. Rail and pipeline incidents are low probability but an incident has the great potential of loss of life, property and damage to the environment.

**Project Rationale**

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) is required to work with emergency response agencies having jurisdiction along the train and pipeline routes in understanding dangers of oil and other hazardous substances.

The Minnesota National Guard (MNNG) through the DMA has a state mission to provide forces and capabilities to the Governor in response to catastrophic Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) events or consequence management missions. Camp Ripley is a centrally located training center that supports all weather training with classrooms, live fire ranges, obstacle and leadership reaction courses, land navigation courses, and other training venues. Camp Ripley has life support activities to include; lodging, meals, laundry facilities, work out rooms, internet, and social activities. Additionally, Camp Ripley hosts an Emergency Vehicle Operators Course (EVOC) an Emergency Management Training Center (EMTC) and an Education Center. No other collective training facility exists within 400 miles of Camp Ripley with similar capabilities.

**Other Considerations**

Discussions with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway have resulted in an interest to collaborate with Camp Ripley in development of an oil train derailment training venue. The DPS, Minnesota Task

Force One and the National Joint Powers Alliance have all expressed support for such a venue at Camp Ripley. Over 17,000 inter-agency personnel conduct training at Camp Ripley annually, utilizing multiple ranges, facilities, and simulations to maximize training time and funds. The availability of oil train derailment and pipeline safety training venues will allow DMA and other public safety agencies the opportunity to validate emergency response plans in preparation for Domestic Operations.

### **Impact on Agency Operating Budgets**

The estimated operational budget for the JERTC would total \$250,00.00 for the biennium to be paid from the Rail and Pipeline Safety Account established under MS 299A.55 subd 2.

### **Description of Previous Appropriations**

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