

September 29, 2023

Rep. Melissa Hortman, Speaker  
Minnesota House of Representatives

Sen. Kari Dziedzic, Majority Leader  
Minnesota Senate

Lisa Demuth, Minority Leader  
Minnesota House of Representatives

Mark T. Johnson, Minority Leader  
Minnesota Senate

**Subject: Governor's Residence**

Dear Legislative Leaders,

We are seeking your feedback on the future of the state building at 1006 Summit Avenue, the Governor's Residence.

On March 12, 2020, the Department of Administration (Admin) notified House and Senate committee chairs with oversight over capital investment and finance that a predesign had been conducted to document asset preservation needs at the Governor's Residence. In a follow-up communication on December 19, 2022, Admin indicated construction work was anticipated to begin in June 2023 with an estimated cost of \$7.1M to be funded by the Facilities Repair and Replacement account.

In accordance with M.S. 16C.34, Subd. 3(e), the trade work is being competitively bid by the Construction Manager in four bid packages (BP):

- BP 1 – Masonry Restoration
- BP 2 – Early Procurement (mechanical and electrical equipment with long lead times)
- BP 3 – Interior work scopes (HVAC, plumbing, automation, electrical, windows, etc.)
- BP 4 – Civil and Exterior

The masonry repair work is in progress and on track to be substantially completed prior to winter. The mechanical and electrical equipment with long lead times has also been ordered. However, there was a variance between the cost estimate at design development and the bids received for BP 3. This is primarily due to the need for more extensive replacement of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing system components than outlined in the predesign, along with additional security upgrades. This work to meet current code and life-safety requirements is necessary to complete if the facility is going to remain in use.

Based on the bids received for BP 3, the project budget has been updated to \$12.8M. Admin has sufficient funds available in the Facilities Repair and Replacement account to complete this work without impacting planned repairs in other facilities under Admin's custodial control. Admin reviewed the changes to the project scope and budget with the Governor's Residence Council at its September 20 meeting. Attached for reference is a letter of support provided by the Council to move forward with the project.

In order to meet the deadline for maintaining the current bids, we need to hear from you with questions or concerns by end of the day on Monday, October 2, 2023. Please reach out to Julie Bayerl ([julie.bayerl@state.mn.us](mailto:julie.bayerl@state.mn.us)) or Wayne Waslaski ([wayne.waslaski@state.mn.us](mailto:wayne.waslaski@state.mn.us)) if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stacie Christensen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Stacie Christensen  
Temporary Commissioner