Dear Project Managers,

In a follow-up to the email sent to you last week regarding how contracts for existing Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) appropriations extending beyond June 30, 2011 might be impacted if a state government shutdown were to occur, Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) recently posted information addressing this issue: https://www.berea.dymn.com/ag-pub-grants (see question #2).

Based on the information provided it appears that, in most cases (see below), what we presented as scenario #2 in the previous email is the situation you should anticipate. If there is a government shutdown your project’s contract will remain in effect and you will be able to proceed with work, but reimbursements for expenses incurred may be delayed until sometime after the shutdown has ended and normal government operations have resumed.

The exceptions to the above situation are for projects where 1) state employees are needed to support the implementation of the work or 2) continuation is dependent on FY2012 funding or state match. There are only a few projects for which exception #1 might apply – if your project is one of those (or if you are unsure if your project is one of those), we encourage you to contact LCCMR staff as soon as possible to discuss your situation and options. As ENRTF appropriations are distinct, one-time only appropriations, there is no project for which exception #2 would apply.

As indicated in the earlier email, if state budget negotiations do come to a timely resolution before July 1, then the above scenario would not occur.

If you have any questions or concerns, please also feel free to contact LCCMR staff directly by phone.

Best,

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