Project Title	Priority Ranking	Funding Source	Project Requests for State Funds		
			2018	2020	2022
New State Emergency Operations Center	1	GO	$ 33,580	$ 0	$ 0
Total Project Requests			$ 33,580	$ 0	$ 0
General Obligation Bonds (GO) Total			$ 33,580	$ 0	$ 0

New State Emergency Operations Center

AT A GLANCE

2018 Request Amount: $33,580

Priority Ranking: 1

Project Summary: Construction of new State Emergency Operations Center

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Project Description

This request is for $33,580,000 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.

Project Rationale

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.

Project Timeline

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.

Impact on Agency Operating Budgets

This funding request does not affect our annual operating budget.

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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