



June 17, 2011

To: Stakeholders, Customers and Other Users of Department of Labor and Industry Services

Re: Potential Disruption in State Operations

We are writing because you or your organization is regulated in some manner by the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry ("DLI") or you are a user of one or more of the services offered by DLI.

As you may know, the Minnesota State Legislature adjourned May 23, 2011 without reaching an agreement with the executive branch to appropriate money to fund the operations of state government for the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2011.

DLI operates on a biennial budget. Funds are appropriated by the Minnesota Legislature every two years, with each fiscal year beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30 of the following calendar year. Our current biennial budget is due to end after June 30, 2011. In the absence of legislation specifically appropriating funds for the continuing operations of DLI for the next biennium, we will have no or very limited authority to continue agency operations. In this event, only those limited services that are deemed to be "critical" by a court will continue.

Because we do not know whether the biennial budget process will conclude in time to avoid a disruption to our operations nor do we know which, if any, services provided by DLI will continue in such an event, we must advise you that in the absence of legislatively authorized appropriations as of July 1, 2011, we anticipate that virtually all of DLI's operations will cease. These include, but are not limited to, the issuance of licenses, permits, and building plan approvals; vocational rehabilitation services; workers' compensation dispute resolution and mediation services; OSHA consultations; the administration of exams required for licensure; the approval of apprenticeship agreements; and electrical and other inspection services not related to incidents of imminent danger or catastrophic situations.

For questions about a potential disruption of DLI services, please e-mail us at dli.communications@state.mn.us prior to July 1, 2011; emails received on or after July 1 will not be responded to until DLI resumes operations. We also suggest that you monitor state web sites, bulletins and media outlets for updates and further information regarding any disruption in state government services.

Sincerely,

Jessica Looman
Assistant Commissioner