



Community Planning and Economic Development Department

# News Release

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## **City Seeks Proposals for Purchase and Redevelopment of Two Sites, Including Historic Grain Belt Office Building**

*Calling for housing and mixed-use redevelopment proposals*

May 3, 2011 (MINNEAPOLIS) - The City of Minneapolis is seeking redevelopment proposals for a site located at Marshall St. and 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE. The site, adjacent to the fully-restored Historic Grain Belt Brewhouse, consists of a vacant property at 1219 Marshall St. and the historic Grain Belt Office Building at 1215 Marshall St.

The City will sell these two properties “as-is” and expects proposals to support multi-family housing development and the renovation of the existing office building to accommodate neighborhood-oriented, pedestrian-scale mixed-use commercial/retail/office uses. The site has strong transportation connections to surrounding communities and is located near the Minneapolis Central Business District. Developers may submit proposals for one property or a unified redevelopment proposal for both.

Proposals are due Monday, August 1, by 4:00 p.m. to City of Minneapolis – Community Planning and Economic Development, 105 Fifth Avenue South, Suite 200, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401. For more

information, contact Jerry LePage, (612) 673-5240, or by email, [jerry.lepage@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:jerry.lepage@ci.minneapolis.mn.us). Details can be found at [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/RFP\\_Grain\\_Belt.asp](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/RFP_Grain_Belt.asp). Proposals will be reviewed by City staff and the neighborhood, then presented to the City Council for consideration in the fall.

### **More on the Historic Grain Belt Site**

For nearly a century the brewery was a thriving center, but after its closure in the 1970s the property deteriorated. In 1989, the City of Minneapolis stepped in to save this iconic property from near-certain demolition. Purchasing the complex, the City worked with local developers and the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office to secure capital, rehabilitate, and reuse portions of the brewery complex, which now includes architectural offices, Park Board facilities, and a public library branch. See [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/hpc/landmarks/Marshall\\_St\\_NE\\_1215\\_Grain\\_Belt\\_Brewery.asp](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/hpc/landmarks/Marshall_St_NE_1215_Grain_Belt_Brewery.asp) for information about the complex's history.

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