

When I visit my Departments and Agencies, it's kind of like having kids – you can't say one is better than the other, or one is more important.

You don't want to get the other ones mad at you.

But Minnesota Planning is truly something special.

Let me ask you this: How do I define my mission as Governor?

I do it with my "Big Plan."

For good ideas to become reality – you need a plan.

Otherwise it's only good intentions.

Minnesota Planning looks at the state as a whole – across different departments, across state and local governments, turning raw data into practical knowledge.

Minnesota Planning specializes in putting it all together – so that we see the connections on topics that might not *seem* related, but really are.

Look at the topics this department deals with – criminal justice, environmental quality, land management, education, demographics, telecommunications, agriculture, smart growth – you name it, it's in there.

Don't let the ship of state proceed without a map – In order to reach our goal of a better Minnesota, we need the overview and practical knowledge of Minnesota Planning.

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