## **Consolidating Arenas: Regional Cost Efficiencies**

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- With a population of 3.3 million people, the Minneapolis-Saint Paul region is the smallest market to host NHL and NBA teams in competing arenas, placing our region at a competitive disadvantage.
- Separate arenas cost Minnesota taxpayers millions of dollars for upkeep, management, maintenance and financing.
- Consolidating both the NHL and NBA presence into one first-class arena will give our region a competitive advantage and create significant cost efficiencies.
- For too long Minneapolis Saint Paul have been competitors rather than allies. The statewide solution creates regional balance and ensures regional economic development.

				NBA Teams	
NHL Teams	MSA Rank	Pop. Millions	City	Same Building	Competing Building
Rangers	1	19.1	New York/New Jersey	Knicks	
Devils	1	19.1	New Jersey		Nets
Islanders	1	19.1	Long Island (NY)		
Kings	2	12.9	LA	Clippers, Lakers	
Ducks	2	12.9	Anaheim		
Black Hawks	3	9.6	Chicago	Bulls	
Stars	4	6.4	Dallas	Mavericks	
Flyers	5	6	Philadelphia	Sixers	
Panthers	7	5.5	Florida (Miami)		Heat
Capitals	8	5.5	Washington, DC	Wizzards	
Thrashers	9	5.5	Atlanta	Hawks	
Maple Leafs	C1	5.1	Toronto	Raptors	
Bruins	10	4.6	Boston	Celtics	
Red Wings	11	4.4	Detroit		Pistons
Coyotes	12	4.4	Phoenix		Suns
Canadiens	C2	3.6	Montreal		
Wild	16	3.3	Minnesota		Wolves
Blues	18	2.8	St Louis		
Lightning	19	2.7	Tampa Bay		
Avalanche	21	2.6	Colorado	Nuggets	