Contract No. G-047-091 "Energy of North Dakota Program"

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SponsorCost ShareNorth Dakota Petroleum Foundation\$114,000 (In-kind)North Dakota Petroleum Foundation\$490,000 (Cash)North Dakota Industrial Commission/OGRC Funding\$490,000 (Cash)Total Project Cost\$1,094,000

Project Schedule – 21 months Project Deliverables:

Contract Date – March 29, 2019 Status Report: October 31, 2019 ✓ Start Date – January 18, 2019 Status Report: April 30, 2020 Status Report: October 31, 2020

Final Report: October 31, 2020

OBJECTIVE/STATEMENT OF WORK:

The Energy of North Dakota program will continue to pursue its mission through public outreach, education and informational opportunities. This includes the continuation of many of its award-winning outreach programs. We will also continue developing online materials and messages that are smartly scalable, relatable to a millennial audience, and able to be deployed via multiple channels. The North Dakota Petroleum Foundation operates the Energy of North Dakota program and each of its initiatives with the support and oversight of North Dakota Petroleum Council staff. Each of these initiatives include: Bakken Rocks CookFest, Public Education Sessions, Safety and Environment – including Pick Up the Patch and Vision Zero, Teacher Seminar, Energy Career Awareness Partnership, Promotion and Public Perception, and Emerging Issues.

STATUS

Contract has been executed.

May 2019

Status report received. The report states in part:

ND Energy Education

- Schools visited include Williston, Watford City, Dickinson, Minot Bismarck Cavalier Wahpeton, Glen Ullin, Hebron, Devils Lake, Bottineau and Jamestown.
- NextGen ND project is a partnership with ND Petroleum Foundation, Lignite Energy Council (LEC), and ND Farm Bureau. A 15 student statewide advisory council sought input from the next generation of industry leaders and peers about their vision of ND's future. The student panel presented at the LEC's annual meeting in March.
- A middle school skills fair was designed and implemented. The event featured 20 class sessions that engaged 425 students in current energy workforce skilled areas.

Community Outreach

• Bakken CookFest: Planning and marketing work is being done for the events which are scheduled for July 16th in Bowman and July 18 in Van Hook.

- Townhalls/Public Education Sessions: Planning is underway for educations to take place at CookFest events and the NDPC's annual meeting in September.
- Blood drive was held February 2019.
- Pick Up the Patch events have started and will be held in Crosby, Belfield, Dickinson, Minot, New Town, Stanley, Tioga, Watford City, Williston, Trenton, and on US Hwy 85.

Promotion & Marketing

- Television and digital ads for the "We Want" campaign will run from February through May and pick back up in September.
- Social and Online Media: Facebook had 7,800 followers with 6,429 engagements in the first quarter of 2019. Twitter had more than 47,836 total impressions for the reporting period.
- Monthly Newsletter: Sent to 4,400 subscribers with an average open rate of 24%.

More details are available in the full report.

October 2019

Status report received. The report states in part:

ND Energy Education

- Participated in two hands-on energy classes at Market Place days in Jamestown and Cavalier.
- Held an event for the Dickinson middle schools.
- Conducted 5 energy classes daily for every 8th grade student in the Fargo Public Schools resulting in 4500 contact hours.
- Held an energy activity day for Sheyenne Middle School in West Fargo with about 100 students.

Teacher Education Seminar

- Seminar took place June 17-20, 2019 in Bismarck with 50 teachers attending the 4-day seminar.
- NextGen ND project held a two-day tour in July and 3 discussion meetings were held in August, September, and October.

Community Outreach

- Bakken Rocks CookFests were held in Bowman on July 16 and in Van Hook on July 18.
- 3 public education sessions were held in conjunction with the CookFests and Bakken 2.0 with attendance of 330.
- Planning is underway for the annual holiday "Fueling Fun Toy Drive." This drive runs from mid-November through early December.

Promotion & Marketing

- "We Want" television and digital ads started back up in September.
- Facebook has grown to over 7,900 followers with 6,422 engagements in the third quarter of 2019.
- Twitter had more than 30,000 total impressions.

More details are available in the full report.

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