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Program**

**Applicant: North Dakota Petroleum
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ABSTRACT

Objective:

The North Dakota Petroleum Foundation (Foundation) is applying for the OGRC grant to administer and continue the Energy of North Dakota (EOND) education and outreach program. The mission of the Energy of North Dakota program is to educate the public about the oil and gas industry in North Dakota and provide outreach in communities around the state to build relationships and develop understanding between the industry and the citizens of North Dakota. The North Dakota Petroleum Council (NDPC) is the current recipient of OGRC grant funding for the program, which will end in December.

The Energy of North Dakota program has been focused on sharing information about the oil and gas industry in North Dakota, including its place as one of the largest contributors to the statewide economy. We also aim to educate the public about the innovations and technologies that are being developed and deployed here in the state and the continued focus on ensuring operations are always striving to be cleaner and safer for North Dakotans and their environment.

The Energy of North Dakota Program has made great progress and we are looking forward to continuing our efforts building this program and furthering our reach in North Dakota communities.

Expected Results:

The mission of the Oil and Gas Research Council (OGRC) is to promote the growth of the oil and gas industry through research and education. The Energy of North Dakota program outlined in this grant request is an effective way for the OGRC to accomplish this mission. We have been building on these education and outreach initiatives for some time and the feedback received is always positive. These programs become more critical each year as the oil and gas industry strives to provide the information North Dakotans want and need and maintain healthy partnerships with the people and businesses of North Dakota.

Duration:

The funding request for this program is for January 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020.

Total Project Cost:

The total budget for the Energy of North Dakota program during that timeframe is \$1,094,000, of which \$490,000 is requested from the Oil and Gas Research Council (OGRC). The OGRC has been a critical partner in our past efforts, and through continued support, we look forward to taking this program to the next level.

Participants:

To enhance the ability of the Foundation to deliver these projects to the public in a meaningful way, we have several partners, all of which bring unique professional experience to the table. Partners include: NDPC members, Western Dakota Energy Association (WDEA), Department of Mineral Resources (DMR), North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT), North Dakota Highway Patrol (NDHP), UND's Energy and Environmental

Research Center (EERC), the North Dakota Pipeline Authority (NDPA), North Dakota State Land Department (NDSL), North Dakota Safety Council, and civic and community groups, among others. Thanks to their help and insight, our education and outreach programs have been a tremendous success and were nationally recognized by the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission in October 2009 with its Energy Education Stewardship Award, as well as in 2013 with the Environmental Partnership Award for the Pick Up the Patch program.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Objectives:

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 is further explained in this section.

1) Outreach

Although individual outreach events typically reach a smaller number of people, the impact is significant, especially as events and projects gain recognition and popularity. We conduct a Public Perception Survey every other year to measure the success of our efforts and stay abreast of issues and sentiments. Since January 2016, the statewide perception of the oil and gas industry in North Dakota increased from 71% positive to 74% positive. We will continue our outreach efforts to help this positive perception continue to increase. Creating opportunities where North Dakotans can interact with the industry or see development first-hand is an important way to share information and create levels of trust among stakeholders. The Energy of North Dakota program is working to create these opportunities through several initiatives:

Bakken Rocks CookFest – The Bakken Rocks CookFest, held twice annually in two western North Dakota communities, has long been one of our most popular and successful events. The CookFests include a competitive BBQ event and entertainment for the community. Each event is free and open to the public and features a public information session that includes both general information about oil and gas development, as well as an opportunity to discuss issues or concerns that may be specific to each community. Agencies and several companies also have information booths set up to provide information on regulations, rights of way and easements, royalties, environmental issues and more. About 1,200 to 1,500 people attend each of these events each year. Four Cookfest events will be held during this grant period, two of which are scheduled in Van Hook, ND and Bowman, ND in July 2019, and two will be scheduled in July 2020. These events are important tools for providing education opportunities in the western portion of the state where oil and gas is a significant part of the community. They also provide an enjoyable atmosphere where industry, residents, and other stakeholders can interact and learn more from one another.

Public Education Sessions – Educating the public about development activity and infrastructure needs, along with regulations and processes involved with the oil and natural gas industry is a tremendous part of building goodwill within the state. Public Information Sessions, also known as town halls, provide an excellent and intimate

opportunity for industry to provide information about operations and efforts to address impacts while giving individuals opportunities to ask questions of industry and regulatory authorities. These meetings are often well attended and appreciated, per surveys conducted following the event.

Over the course of the 21 months outlined in this grant, the Energy of North Dakota program will plan to host or participate in at least six public education sessions throughout North Dakota, including one in each of the CookFest locations (two in 2019, two in 2020), a public education session to be held during Energy Day at the capitol during the 2019 legislative session, and one in conjunction with the NDPC Annual Meeting to be held in Watford City in September 2019. Professionals presenting at these events will include employees from the NDPC, DMR, NDPA, EERC and industry representatives including geologists, operators, and/or other industry professionals. More sessions can be added if there is an additional audience or need identified.

Safety and Environment – Safety and protection of the environment continue to be top concerns for North Dakotans. Energy of North Dakota will continue to work toward resolving those issues through action and education. Among the programs covered under this line item are Pick Up the Patch and a partnership with Vision Zero, though funds may be available for other issues as they arise, such as education regarding safety around production sites or messaging on environmental efforts.

Pick Up the Patch – In November of 2013, the Pick Up the Patch Program was awarded the Environmental Partnership Award by the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC). The award recognized the program’s success in bringing industry and non-industry stakeholders together to improve the environment, and it continues to be a popular volunteer effort among NDPC member companies and communities alike.

Since being started in April of 2012, industry volunteers have given thousands of hours to help collect more than 3,000 bags of trash along hundreds of miles of streets, highways and roadways. NDPC members continue to promote a no litter culture by encouraging companies to include trash disposal in employee training, providing trash bags in company vehicles, and organizing regular clean-up efforts.

Grant dollars go toward helping support these community clean-ups by providing materials, such as gloves, trash bags, and neon t-shirts to help identify crews for safety purposes, in cases where these supplies are not provided by the industry or the community. They also help with advertising and promotion of these events to help not only with clean-ups, but to instill a no-litter culture. Programs such as this are an important part of companies’ social responsibility platforms, but they are also important to residents. Eighty-four percent of North Dakotans want to know more about how oil and natural gas companies give back to communities, and this grant greatly helps in providing the avenues to share that information.

Vision Zero – For many years, traffic congestion and safety were top concerns among North Dakotans statewide. While that concern was somewhat abated with many highway expansions and improvements, oil and gas development activity is expected to increase, likely resulting in an increase in commercial vehicles on the roads. To help promote safe driving tips for driving in and around traffic, the Foundation partners with the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT), North Dakota Highway Patrol (NDHP), and North Dakota Motor Carriers Association (NDMCA). This partnership will resume earlier efforts to inform motorists of the “No Zone” when passing or sharing the road with commercial vehicles, discourage distracted driving and aggressive passing, especially on heavily traveled roadways, and reiterate seat belt usage. We will provide support to NDDOT in promoting these safety messages.

2) Education

Among the major challenges faced by the energy industry during the early years of Bakken shale development was the availability of a skilled workforce. Although the market downturn reduced the immediate need for workers, this challenge remains relevant today and into the future. With demand for oil expected to increase by 48 percent by 2040 and the industry nearing the “big crew change” as baby boomers reach retirement age, the need for skilled workers will only increase, especially as domestic oil and natural gas development activity increases.

According to the National Academy of Sciences, one of the recommendations to help meet the workforce demand is to improve K-12 STEM education and increase the number of people pursuing STEM education. To help the industry achieve these goals, the NDPC has developed programs aimed at providing teachers the information and tools they need to better inform students about the industry, as well as piquing interest in STEM and careers in the petroleum industry among students. The Foundation will take over and continue administering these programs.

Teacher Seminar – Although oil and gas development has grown to be a major part of the fabric of North Dakota, many educators – even those in western North Dakota – largely lack information about the industry. The objective of the Teacher Education Seminar is to provide both teachers and guidance counselors basic information about oil and gas development and offer them a first-hand tour of drilling and production sites, a refinery, reclaimed locations and more as time or availability of sites permit. The Seminar is a four-day program open to primary and secondary educators. Participants receive complimentary course materials, lodging at BSC, and most meals in conjunction with the seminar. They are also able to earn two course credits from MSU, NDSU, or UND.

Educational sessions focus on a broad spectrum of topics, including history, geology, physics and engineering, as well as the industry’s regulatory and social impacts, including employment needs, policy decisions and impacts of oil taxes on state tax revenues and the state's budget surplus. Participants also try hands-on activities and receive various lesson plans and resources they can take back into the classroom. This program has been a success and many teachers leave with a better understanding of the industry and feel better equipped to provide students the information they need about the industry and careers in oil and gas.

Energy Career Awareness Partnership (ECAP), North Dakota Energy Education – The Energy of North Dakota program also includes initiatives to reach out directly to students through its Energy Career Awareness Partnership and the North Dakota Energy Education program. Started in 2002, this program has been popular among educators and students across the state. Partnering with Bismarck Public Schools, the Lignite Energy Council, and Career and Technical Education, these programs have reached more than 80,000 North Dakota students, teachers, and parents through workshops in individual classrooms, job fairs and more. In fact, many teachers who attend the Teacher Education Seminar will request visits from instructors of the ND Energy Education program.

ND Energy Education activities during the fall months of the academic year tend to center on regional career fairs and work with school counselors to prepare juniors and seniors for post-secondary training. Career fair access is made available to most schools throughout North Dakota, and ND Energy Education can distribute materials about careers, post-secondary training, safety programs, and general energy information. Career fair exposure is

not as focused as direct classroom contact but can introduce North Dakota's energy industry to far more students than would be available via single classrooms.

Although many students may not be thinking about post-secondary education and their career futures until junior or senior years, many may start thinking about their electives by eighth grade or even earlier. For this reason, it is important to reach students at an early age to pique interest in STEM education or the skilled trades, which are often overlooked but in great demand. Fourth grade curriculum focuses on North Dakota studies, and we will continue working with partners, including the Great Plains Energy Corridor, to create energy-focused lessons.

During the Williston Basin Petroleum Conference, which occurs in even numbered years in Bismarck, we host an educational session for elementary students, teachers and parents that includes instruction on the Bakken geology, oil and gas production, products made from crude oil, and jobs and skillsets needed in the oil and gas industry. Students can also tour the expo and see first-hand many pieces of equipment used in the fields. We plan to host this session again during the next WBPC in 2020.

3) Promotion and Public Perception

Another challenge in attracting students to the workforce is the stigma that has often been unfairly attached to the oil and gas industry. Risks associated with oil and gas, such as spills or safety, are greatly publicized, while the technologies, science and processes used to address those challenges are not. Furthermore, the benefits and necessity of oil and gas and its value-added products are largely underplayed or ignored. For this reason, it continues to be necessary to invest time and resources into promoting the many positive aspects of our industry through mass media.

Advertising, Branding, and Promotion – Early promotional efforts focused largely on providing information about the economic and job benefits of the oil and gas industry. As the industry has grown, however, we have broadened our mission. In early 2017, we launched an aggressive campaign that is airing statewide. The messages were developed using both focus group and survey research. That research revealed that North Dakotans want continued oil and gas development that is in balance with our traditions, landscape and way of life.

Through a series of messages titled “We Want”, the benefits from our state’s oil and natural gas are comprehensively illustrated. From economic impacts, such as better jobs and careers, to meeting the demands of a technology-driven 21st century, this campaign is smartly scalable. It is especially relatable to a millennial audience, while reminding everyone that “none of it happens without oil and natural gas.” We are working on repurposing and updating our existing material to continue the “We Want” campaign. We will also expand the message into some new topics.

Recently conducted tracking research indicates that favorability toward North Dakota’s oil and natural gas production is at or near all-time highs among residents. Yet views about “expanding production” are muted. And although nine in ten residents agree “production can be done in an environmentally responsible manner,” environmental consequences (or fears thereof) top the list of concerns. Given current elevated levels of approval, an opening exists to gain ground on understanding about the industry’s environmental stewardships and protections. Thanks to an array of new technologies, North Dakota produces far more oil and natural gas with far less environmental impact. As much or more than any state, North Dakotans treasure (depend on) the land for both commerce and recreation. The next “We Want” messaging will evolve to spotlight the technical, as well as human, aspects of our industry’s environmental protections. Potential topics may include: multi-well drilling

operations and long laterals; reclamation and restoring the land; pipeline efficiencies, monitoring and safety; layers of casing used to protect groundwater; spill prevention / protection.

Messages are deployed via a multi-channel approach using television, digital, radio, and social media. Materials, information, and the TV ads are all available at www.EnergyOfNorthDakota.com and on the Energy of North Dakota Facebook, YouTube and Twitter channels. Digital, radio and television advertising for the first two quarters of this grant period will include both 30- and 60-second ads. TV advertising is planned for late winter and the spring and fall of each year while social media will continue year-round. Geo-targeting will help better ensure that online ads are reaching key, target audiences throughout the campaign.

News and Publications – The North Dakota Petroleum Foundation has a duty to make relevant and timely information available to key stakeholders, including landowners, the public, residents and the media. Energy of North Dakota will continue the distribution of its monthly online newsletter, which is a valuable and cost-effective medium for building relationships and maintaining regular contact with stakeholders. Content of the newsletter is aimed at increasing awareness and understanding of the industry, its activities, and its latest developments, including work in the community, progress on addressing challenges, and more. Efforts will also be made to develop timely articles, videos, infographics and other media as necessary to address issues or share news about the latest developments or events related to industry.

Website & Social Media – The Energy of North Dakota website embraces the “We Want” message with a landing site, www.EnergyofNorthDakota.com/WeWant, highlighting North Dakotans’ priorities: a strong economy, innovation, sustainable development, opportunity for future generations, and an excellent quality of life. Each section offers easily digestible information tailored to North Dakota. The full website contains more detailed information about oil and gas production, impacts and solutions, and resources for stakeholders, such as the Royalty Owner Information Center (ROIC) and the Surface Owner Information Center (SOIC).

Social media continues to be a powerful and cost-effective tool in engaging and building relationships with key target audiences. Energy of North Dakota will continue the use of these platforms to educate and convey the industry’s positive economic, fiscal, and educational impacts on the state, nation, and daily lives by creating factual and emotional connections. Focusing on Facebook and Twitter, content will be generated to be shared across both platforms. Depending on the best use of the content, adjustments may be made to accommodate platform strengths. In some instances, more news-like content may be exclusively posted on Twitter, whereas video- and image-heavy content may appear more frequently on Facebook.

4) Emerging Issues

Although the “shale revolution” has been underway for nearly a decade, it is still relatively new and presents new challenges every day, from social issues like housing and infrastructure to technical topics like flaring and remediation. The Foundation must be ready to respond to these issues by conducting research or creating informational materials to help educate the public and stakeholders about such topics to help prevent misperceptions and myths from arising. Keeping North Dakotans up-to-date on emerging issues is important so that matters can be resolved by creating solutions based on a deep understanding of the issue at hand.

Methodology:

Continue existing outreach and education programs and look for ways to expand the audience and reach of the messages and events. Study survey results from previous events and implement suggested improvements.

Update advertising content and reassess media buys based on survey results to ensure we are reaching target audience with fresh, relevant messages.

Anticipated Results:

Every year our outreach programs reach more people and we raise awareness about our industry as well as serve the communities where we operate. More teachers and students are served each year through our education programs. Our information sessions are held in different locations and we expand on best practices to encourage more people to attend each year. We also expect our positive perception rating to continue to improve with our advertising campaign.

Facilities:

NDPC office in Bismarck

Resources:

NDPC Staff as an in-kind contribution to the Foundation, industry members, expertise from partners.

Techniques to Be Used, Their Availability and Capability:

Communications and event planning. NDPC staff, as an in-kind contribution to the Foundation, plan and execute the various outreach events.

Environmental and Economic Impacts while Project is Underway:

The Pick up the Patch program has a direct environmental impact where communities and industry employees come together to pick up trash. Also, an educated and informed public that has access to industry professionals can help address key issues and concerns and address new challenges immediately.

Ultimate Technological and Economic Impacts:

No technological impacts expected. Potential positive economic impacts could be felt with stronger public support and understanding of the oil and gas industry. A more educated public could also benefit from knowledge of the jobs and opportunities available in the industry.

Why the Project is Needed:

The Energy of North Dakota program is needed to help educate and engage the public, so they gain an understanding of the oil and gas industry in North Dakota and how it directly impacts the state and their communities. We will continue to pursue this goal through public outreach, education and informational opportunities. This includes the continuation of many of our 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 Energy of North Dakota program has been focused on sharing information about the oil and gas industry in North Dakota, including its place as one of the largest contributors to the statewide economy. As well as the innovations and technologies that are being developed and deployed here in the state, and the continued focus on ensuring operations are always striving to be cleaner and safer for North Dakotans and their environment.

STANDARDS OF SUCCESS

Measuring the success of some components of the program can be difficult, though not impossible. The Foundation will conduct public opinion surveys every other year to gauge the impact of our messaging and outreach efforts, as well as perceptions of the petroleum industry in North Dakota. Six surveys have been conducted since 2010 to measure the overall opinion of oil and gas development in the state, the positives and negatives of development as viewed by respondents, the areas of greatest concern, and other issues. These surveys have established that North Dakotans continue to overwhelmingly favor oil development in the state, though many expressed concerns about the impact on housing and infrastructure, among other issues. These surveys will help inform us of new issues or hot topics, as well as serve as a tool to measure any changes in attitudes toward the petroleum industry and the success of our education and outreach programs. They are useful for identifying new or emerging issues or concerns such as crime, pipeline safety, or even trash in the community.

Monitoring the success and/or reach of media campaigns – particularly online – has become increasingly more efficient with the development of apps and analytics software. Based on the overarching goals of the campaign and its message and creative assets, a digital campaign strategy is currently being used. This strategy defines the digital goals, key performance indicators, metrics and direction of the digital media tactics. Website analytics, digital campaign metrics and multivariate testing results are used to measure each Key Performance Indicator and digital campaign effectiveness. Using a Google-Certified partner, digital analytics are primarily measured through Google tools such as Google Analytics, GoogleAdwords, Video Ads, Google Analytics IQ and E-Commerce Analytics.

Measuring the success of our larger outreach events can be accomplished through feedback surveys and crossover engagement on our social media sites. Surveys, for example, are an effective way of measuring the success of the Teacher Education Seminar, while posts, tags, likes, and shared photos, among others, help provide insight on the popularity of events such as the Bakken Rocks CookFest.

BACKGROUND/QUALIFICATIONS

The North Dakota Petroleum Foundation is a 501(c)(3) that was created to house NDPC's extensive list of educational and outreach programs. The Foundation was formally incorporated on May 9, 2018 and is now set up to administer NDPC's education and outreach programs. The Foundation plans to build on the success of the Energy of North Dakota Program and finding support from the OGRC is valuable and critical to their success and continuation.

The North Dakota Petroleum Council is a nonprofit trade association that has represented the industry in North Dakota since 1952. The NDPC has been working to educate the public about the oil and gas industry for decades. The council has continually worked to enhance our education programs and communication with the public on issues that impact the communities where daily oil and gas operations are occurring. The NDPC is the previous recipient of OGRC grant funding for the Energy of North Dakota Program. NDPC will be supporting the Foundation with staff resources and other financial support as an in-kind contribution to this project.

MANAGEMENT

The North Dakota Petroleum Foundation, under direction of Ron Ness, will oversee the projects and events that are part of the Energy of North Dakota program. Kristen Hamman, communications director, implements the Energy of North Dakota program functions, and the Board of Directors will approve the budget and monitor implementation.

The Foundation, as well as other stakeholders and partners, including DMR, NDDOT, NDPA, EERC, and NDHP will continue to play a vital role in providing direction and expertise on Energy of North Dakota outreach efforts. The guidance and expertise of committee members is very valuable and ensures that issues are viewed from a variety of approaches. We will evaluate our events based on attendance and feedback and continue to use surveys to improve the reach and quality of our outreach programs.

TIMETABLE

The Energy of North Dakota “We Want” advertising program is running now. We are currently working with our consultants to determine the best mix of media to reach our target audiences (TV, social, radio, sponsorships). We also plan to repurpose existing content and messages to be disseminated from January 2019 – June 2019. We plan to develop and produce new messages, focusing on environmental stewardship and protections, to be ready for dissemination late summer/early fall of 2019. In January 2020 we plan to repurpose existing content and messages to be used through the fall of 2020. An annual media calendar is attached to illustrate proposed ad buys.

Most of the outreach events take place during the spring, summer, and fall. Two Cookfests will be held in July 2019 and two in July 2020. There will be public information sessions at each of these Cookfests as well. We will also hold public information sessions in the spring of 2019 and September 2019. Teachers Seminars will take place in June 2019 and June 2020. ND Energy Education programs will take place during the fall months, with a kid’s education program also happening at the Williston Basin Petroleum Conference in May 2020. The Foundation will meet several times a year to plan these events and discuss additional means of education and outreach on behalf of the industry based on topics of importance.

We propose submitting interim reports in June 2019, December 2019, and June 2020.

BUDGET

Project Associated Expense	NDIC's Share	Applicant's Share (Cash)	Applicant's Share (In-Kind)	Other Project Sponsor's Share
Outreach	\$ 27,000	\$ 27,000	\$ 46,000	
CookFest	\$ 21,000	\$ 21,000	\$ 30,000	
Safety & Environment	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,000	
Education Sessions	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 15,000	
Education	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 30,000	
ND Energy Education	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 0	
Teacher Seminar	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 30,000	
Promotion, Marketing & Measurement	\$ 395,000	\$ 395,000	\$ 35,000	
Advertising	\$ 385,000	\$ 385,000	\$ 15,000	
Publications & Documents	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 20,000	
Emerging Issues	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
TOTAL	\$ 490,000	\$ 490,000	\$ 114,000	

For CookFest, the proposed budget covers the cost of tent, table and chair rentals. The budget also includes funding for advertising, entertainment, facility rental for the Information Sessions held at CookFest, and other operating expenditures.

For Safety and Environment, the proposed budget covers materials for cleanups such as gloves and trash bags, as well as promoting the events.

For Education Sessions, the proposed budget includes facility rentals and refreshments when applicable.

For ND Energy Education, the proposed budget includes contractor fees, mileage, materials and other expenses to continue the program.

For Teacher Seminar, the proposed budget covers the cost of facility rental, buses, food and lodging for teachers, materials for hands-on activities and lesson plans.

For Promotion and Marketing, the proposed budget includes the cost of production, design, writing and media placement. This includes the We Want campaign and the Energy of North Dakota website and social media.

For Emerging Issues, the budget includes funding for updating messaging or generating information materials as issues arise. These funds could also help cover the costs of additional public information sessions if needed.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

*Any information in the application that is entitled to confidentiality and which the applicant wants to be kept confidential should, if possible, be placed in an appendix to allow for administrative ease in protecting the information from public disclosure while allowing public access to the rest of the application. Such information must be clearly labeled as confidential and the applicant must explain why the information is entitled to confidentiality as described in North Dakota Century Code 54-17.6. Oil and gas well data that is a result of financial support of the Council shall be governed by North Dakota Century Code 38-08-04(6). **If there is no confidential information please note that below.***

The Foundation does not request any of the information related to this application be confidential.

PATENTS/RIGHTS TO TECHNICAL DATA

*Any patents or rights that the applicant wishes to reserve must be identified in the application. **If this does not apply to your proposal, please note that below.***

The Foundation does not request to reserve any patent rights to technical data.

STATUS OF ONGOING PROJECTS (IF ANY)

The North Dakota Petroleum Foundation was recently awarded funding for their “History of the North Dakota Oil and Natural Gas Industry” project. This project is just beginning and will last 36 months.

The North Dakota Petroleum Council has received funding from the Commission for the Energy of North Dakota (EOND) Program, the current grant will end December 31, 2018. The North Dakota Petroleum Foundation is now taking over that program and applying for funding to continue the program.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Use this checklist as a tool to ensure that you have all of the components of the application package. Please note, this checklist is for your use only and does not need to be included in the package.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Application
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transmittal Letter
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Letters of Support (If Applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Appendices (If Applicable)

When the package is completed, send an electronic version to Ms. Karlene Fine at kfine@nd.gov, and 2 hard copies by mail to:

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<http://www.nd.gov/ndic/ogrp/info/ogrcsubgrant-app.pdf>

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