

Proposed Amendment to Section 2 of the Oil and Gas Research Program Policies

OGRC – 2.01 Eligible applicants. Any person, corporation, partnership, cooperative, or association, or consortium of such parties, **one of which is an entity doing business in North Dakota**, may apply for funds under this Program. With regard to site-specific feasibility studies, only owners of facilities, sponsors of projects or operators having effective control of a facility or project may apply. Applicants who do not own or control or have the clear and firm commitment of ownership or control are ineligible for feasibility study assistance. Any interested person in doubt as to eligibility should contact the Commission.

OGRC – 2.02 Eligible and ineligible projects. Any project proposing education, research, development, or marketing of oil and gas natural resources or research related to issues affecting exploration, production, transportation, processing or refining is eligible for a contract under this Program. The following are examples, in no particular order, of eligible projects.

- Generate information and knowledge that will have the highest probability of bringing new oil and gas companies and industry investment to North Dakota.
- Have the highest potential for creating new oil and gas jobs, wealth, and tax revenues for North Dakota.
- Most effectively educate the general public about the benefits and opportunities provided by the North Dakota oil and gas industry.
- Positively effect ultimate recovery from North Dakota's existing oil and gas pools.
- Preserve existing jobs and production levels.
- Identify oil and gas exploration and production technologies presently not used in North Dakota.
- Identify oil and gas potential in non-producing counties.
- Maximize the market potential for oil, natural gas, and the associated byproducts produced therewith
- Improve the overall suitability of the oil and gas energy industry in North Dakota through the development of new environmental practices that will help to reduce the footprint of oil and gas activities
- Develop baseline information that will lead to other projects, processes, ideas, and activities.

The following activities or uses are ineligible for funding under this Program:

- a. Business startup capital.
- b. Business working capital.
- c. Business advertising or promotional expenses pertaining to a specific company