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OIL AND GAS RESEARCH COUNCIL

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OIL AND GAS RESEARCH PROGRAM FUNDING AVAILABLE

BISMARCK – The North Dakota State Industrial Commission is seeking applications for oil and gas research projects.

"The projects must meet the mission of the Oil and Gas Research Program which promotes the growth of the petroleum and natural gas industries through research and education," said Gov. John Hoeven. "By working with the private sector, the state of North Dakota hopes to see this vital industry continue to grow and expand."

"Anyone interested in submitting an application can go to the Industrial Commission's website <u>http://www.state.nd.us./ndic/ogrp-infopage.htm</u> and find the Oil and Gas Research Program goals and policies, said Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem. "The website also includes a document that outlines the application format and process."

"Grant applications should be submitted to the Industrial Commission office by June 1, 2005," said Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson. "The program has more than \$1.3 million available for awards over the next two years."

Information on qualifying projects is available on the Industrial Commission website or from the Industrial Commission at 600 East Boulevard, 14th Floor, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505 or <u>kfine@state.nd.us</u>.

The Industrial Commission, consisting of Gov. John Hoeven, chairman; Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem and Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson, oversees the Oil and Gas Research Program. The Commission receives recommendations from the Oil and Gas Research Council regarding all applications.

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