

**Contract No. G-013-025**  
**“North Dakota Petroleum Council’s Teacher Education Program”**  
Submitted by **North Dakota Petroleum Council**  
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**PARTICIPANTS**

<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Cost Share</b>
North Dakota Petroleum Council	\$ 13,025
North Dakota Landmans’ Association & API Chapters	\$ 4,875
North Dakota Industrial Commission	<u>\$ 17,900</u>
Total Project Cost	\$ 35,800*

\*In-kind services are also provided by the North Dakota Petroleum Council staff, Petroleum Council membership, Department of Mineral Resources, Energy Career Awareness Partnership and Forest Service staff support.

Project Schedule – 24 months  
Contract Date – July 19, 2007  
Start Date – June 1, 2007  
Completion Date – June 1, 2009

Project Deliverables:  
Status Report: August 1, 2007 ✓  
Status Report: August 1, 2008 ✓  
Final Report: June 1, 2009 ✓

**OBJECTIVE/STATEMENT OF WORK:**

The objective of the North Dakota Petroleum Council Teacher Education Seminar is to educate teachers about the economic benefits and career opportunities provided by the North Dakota oil and gas industry enabling them to educate their students about the industry. This project is a continuance of the Oil and Gas Research Program’s participation in an important and successful outreach program. In addition this funding includes the costs of a newsletter titled *Oil and Gas Tidbits*.

**STATUS**

All status reports have been received along with the final report. This project funded the North Dakota Petroleum Council Teacher Education Seminars for the years 2007 (a three-day seminar in Bismarck) and 2008 (a four-day seminar in Bismarck). These were the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Teacher Education Seminars. Since inception of the seminars 633 teachers have participated. It is believed that the information gained by these teachers could have exposed tens to thousands of students and their parents about the oil and gas industry.

This project also funded the production and distribution of the newsletter titled *Oil and Gas Tidbits*. *Tidbits* was distributed in July 2007 (Workforce Needs Study), March 2008 (focus on distribution of oil tax revenues), August 2008 (focus on education efforts of the industry to educate the public—Town Hall meetings and Energy Career Awareness), December 2008 (economic growth of the oil and gas industry from 2005-2007 and economic impact study), June, 2009 (focus on developing technology in North Dakota’s oil industry), August 2009 (focused on the Oil Can! Bakken Rocks Cookfest) and October 2009 (focused on the Royalty Owner Information Center). The October 2009 *Tidbits* was distributed to over 1,400 individuals by direct mail, another 700 via e-mail and 500 copies were printed for distribution at presentations. (Note there was an October 2007 *Tidbits* issued regarding the Economic Impact of the Petroleum Industry in North Dakota but it was not funded under this project.)