

Grant Round Application for G-022-C

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS G—022-C

“Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory E-Reference”

Submitted by: Interstate Oil & Gas Compact Commission
Request for \$125,000; Total Project Costs \$599,771

Description of the Project:

The IOGCC proposes to develop an interactive web-based reference tool that will list existing state regulations that apply to the process of hydraulic fracturing by state and topic. The primary objectives include; To demonstrate the regulatory systems and processes that prevent damage to resources, the environment, and public health and safety from hydraulic fracturing; To provide easy access to individual states' regulations relating to hydraulic fracturing; To provide information in an easy-to-access format for comparison to other states and improvement of individual state programs.

Technical Reviewers' Comments

Reviewer 22C-01

The benefit to North Dakota will be having its regulatory data clearly presented to the public, which will further the goal of promoting public awareness of the industry. However, the benefits are not particular to North Dakota and will be enjoyed by all oil and gas producing states.

Recommendation: Funding to be considered

Reviewer 22C-02

This is an important undertaking of the IOGCC. It is important that ND establish itself in a leadership role by supporting this proposal. The ability of ND's producers to hydraulically fracture the Bakken, Three Forks, and other formations is absolutely critical to their economic development. The ability of the State of ND to effectively regulate these activities is also critical to the economic, safe, and environmentally responsible development of the States' valuable resources.

Recommendation: To Fund

Director's Recommendations:

Recommendation: To fund up to \$125,000 with the following contingencies:

- 1) The applicant provides verification of receipt of the match funding; and**
- 2) The applicant provides a memorandum regarding the ability of the applicant to continue to update the database over the next several years.**