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North Dakota Petroleum Council Good Neighbor Initiative and Outreach Program

Submitted by North Dakota Petroleum Council
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Request for \$50,000;
Total Project Costs \$133,000.

Project duration through June 2010.
No confidentiality requested.

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- The North Dakota Petroleum Council is proposing a citizens outreach educational program to engage in an open dialog about the positive and negative impacts of oil and gas activity in the State.
- Through dialogue with ND citizens and the oil industry a “Good Neighbor Policy” will be defined, outlined and initiated.
- This proposal grew from comments and feedback initiated during the recent Town Hall Meetings, a ND Petroleum Council and NDOGRC outreach program.

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- As stated in the proposal it is anticipated that “the program will need to be flexible, adapting as new issues, ideas, and concerns occur. Specific outcomes have not been outlined due to the fact that feedback and communication from neighbors, policy makers, general public, and industry will play such an integral part in shaping this program.”
- The choice of outreach participants will be critical for the program to be successful. Although not necessary , based on past performance, the OGRC may want to suggest some individuals to be considered as advisors for the program.

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- Two technical reviewers.
- 208.5/250 rating.
- Both recommend that the project be funded.
- One OGRC advisor has reviewed this proposal and also recommends funding.