

**LRC-VIII-33
SYNOPS 1992 CONFERENCE**

CONTRACTOR: Lignite Energy Council

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PARTICIPANTS

<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Budget Cost Share</u>	<u>Actual Cost Share</u>
Lignite Energy Council	\$17,500	\$17,500
Conference Fees	67,500	30,286
U.S. DOE/EERC JSR	35,000	35,000
Energy & Environmental Research Center (EERC)	16,000	33,320
BNI Coal, Ltd.	0	200
ND Industrial Commission	<u>17,500</u>	<u>17,500</u>
 Total	 \$153,500	 \$133,806

Project Schedule – 9 Months

Contract Date – 1/8/92
Conference Date – 8/31/92 to 9/3/92
Completion Date – 9/15/92

Project Deliverables

Status Report – 2/28/92 ✓
Status Report – 6/30/92 ✓
Final Report – 9/15/92 ✓
Delivered – 12/23/92 ✓

OBJECTIVE / STATEMENT OF WORK

Objectives for the SynOps '92 conference were to bring an international focus on coal's future, to encourage North Dakota leaders to focus on common problems and opportunities for the lignite industry, promote opportunities for technology development in coal country and to familiarize international developers with state capabilities. This was the third SynOps conference. The primary goal of this conference was to focus on problems and opportunities for North Dakota lignite.

STATUS

SynOps is unique among coal conferences. It has been well attended by government officials (James G. Randolph, Assistant Secretary of Energy and Fossil Energy) and elected officials (U.S. Senators Kent Conrad and Conrad Burns and Governor George Sinner). A total of 84 individuals registered for SynOps '92. Of the registered participants, 47 were from the region (ND, MT, and SD), 37 were from other states, and six were from outside the U.S. There were 27 attendees who were not affiliated with the EERC or the lignite industry. The cost-to-contact each of the non-affiliated attendees was \$4,996. SynOps is being re-evaluated because of the declining attendance and the high non-affiliated cost-to-contact.