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Lance D. Gaebe, Commissioner

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From: Gerry Fisher, Administrator of the Energy Infrastructure and Impact Office

Re: 2015 Fire Protection Districts Grant Round

On behalf of the North Dakota Board of University and School Lands (Land Board), the Energy Infrastructure and Impact Office is accepting grant applications from eligible counties, cities, and fire districts for needs resulting from impacts from oil and gas development activities. The Legislature allocated \$3 million of the Energy Impact Funds to Fire Protection Districts providing services in oil producing counties for the 2015-2017 biennium.

Requests for funding to improve readiness, quality, and responsiveness of oil and gas development impacted fire response teams will be considered. Applications may be for projects to improve coverage; response; equipment; facilities; safety; staffing; training; leadership development; and planning efforts to formalize regional mutual aid or joint powers agreements.

An advisory committee of local fire district officials will assist in reviewing the applications and will make recommendations to the Land Board, which will make grants. Criteria used in evaluating requests will include: safety improvement; financial need; result of energy activity; project readiness; and contribution to long term viability.

The application forms and lists of required documentation are available on the energy impact office web page: www.nd.gov/energyimpact. This Internet site contains both a PDF and MS Word application form that can be completed on-screen. Please seek the assistance of a library, school or extension office if you do not have computer and Internet access to retrieve this information.

Completed applications and supporting materials should be mailed or faxed to this office or e-mailed to energyimpact@nd.gov. Grant applications must be postmarked August 28, 2015. Applications submitted by e-mail will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. Central Time on August 28, 2015. Award notification is expected for late October 2015.

Funds will not be disbursed to successful grant recipients until: projects or acquisitions are substantially complete and the supporting documentation is submitted along with a request for distribution of funds and as funds are available in the oil and gas impact grant fund, which collects a portion of oil production taxes each month.

Please see the grant schedule posted on our website at www.nd.gov/energyimpact for additional information.