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Clean Sustainable Energy Authority
North Dakota Industrial Commission

Application

Project Title: Northern Plains Nitrogen

Applicant: Northern Plains Nitrogen, Inc.

Date of Application: October 15, 2025

Amount of Request

Grant: \$20,000,000

Loan:

Total Amount of Proposed Project:

\$2,200,000,000

Duration of Project: Three years construction,
indefinite operation thereafter

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ABSTRACT

Objective:

Northern Plains Nitrogen, Inc. (“NPN” or the “Company”) was formed in June 2025 by NPN, LLP to develop, construct, commission and operate a world scale nitrogen-based fertilizer plant. Located just west of Grand Forks, North Dakota, the NPN plant will serve all farmers in the Upper Midwest and the entire Northern Plains of the USA and portions of Canada. The project originated in 2012 when local farm associations, cooperatives and individual farmers, frustrated by supply delays during the crucial planting season, formed parent company NPN, LLP to develop a reliable, stable nitrogen-based fertilizer source.

Expected Results:

The plant will produce up to 1.1 million short tons of granulated urea per year as well as 65,000 short tons of anhydrous ammonia per year. The plant can also produce up to 100,000 short tons of urea liquor for Diesel Exhaust Fluid (“DEF”). Any DEF produced reduces the granular urea produced in matching tons. DEF urea can be upgraded to commercial grade DEF onsite, meaning 32.5% urea plus water (300,000 STPY of DEF) or to a more affordable transport ton of 50% urea plus water (200,000 STPY of DEF) depending on customer and markets.

The project is expected to generate an unlevered IRR of 14.6%, and based on a 60% debt/equity ratio, a levered IRR of 18.0%

Duration:

NPN expects to complete the next steps of Front End Engineering Design (“FEED”) with the current equity raise. Following closely behind the updated FEED study, the project would update the air environmental permit to reflect the reduction in impacts from the previous air permit, then commence the project equity and debt raise, a much larger transaction that will lead to construction of the fertilizer plant. In conjunction with the project financing, the project would be prepared to bring the project to Final Investment Decision (“FID”) by the fourth quarter of 2026. The next step would be the beginning of Detail Engineering and commitment to the long lead-time major equipment items required for construction to commence. Construction is expected to begin in 2027 after sufficient detail engineering is completed, allowing for civil works (grading, roads, drains, piling, etc). Construction would continue through 2029 with commissioning to begin in the first half of 2030. First natural gas feed will be required perhaps as early as late 2029, but definitely within the first half of 2030, to commence insulation and equipment dry-out, as well as for steam generation with an auxiliary boiler to clean high-pressure steam piping systems that feed the steam turbines.

Total Project Cost:

Estimated project cost is \$2.2 billion USD.

Participants and stakeholders (not ranked in any order):

Direct participants in the Project include:

- Members (Investors) in Northern Plains Nitrogen LLP, which include roughly 175 farmer and cooperative investors largely domiciled within the State of North Dakota
- Private sector equity investors in Northern Plains Nitrogen, Inc., currently a direct and wholly-owned subsidiary of Northern Plains Nitrogen LLP.

- Technology companies (KBR, Stamicarbon, others to be determined) for ammonia, urea, granulation and process software.
- The City of Grand Forks, ND, pursuant to a Development Agreement currently under negotiation.
- Offtake partners for granulated urea, diesel exhaust fluid (DEF), and ammonia, pursuant to agreements currently in negotiation
- Nodak Electric Cooperative
- Natural gas procurement is currently in negotiation, for ultimate delivery via the Viking pipeline network. NPN is seeking local (Bakken) natural gas, and will prioritize an in-state source of natural gas if and when available.

Additional stakeholders and beneficiaries of the Northern Plains Nitrogen Project

- The farmers of North Dakota.
- Major Farming Cooperatives.
- Various Agricultural Growing Associations (Corn Growers, Wheat, Soybean, etc.)
- Trucking companies in the Region.
- Local construction companies in the Region.
- Local engineering design firms in the Region.
- One or more of the Top 10 Engineering Design Firms in the USA.
- Major equipment suppliers from around the world.
- Commodity items supplied from local and international suppliers (pipe, valves, motor control centers, electrical cables & conduit, fabricated steel, piles, fencing, concrete).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Objectives:

NPN, LLP (parent company of Northern Plains Nitrogen, Inc.) was formed in 2012 by over 175 partners composed mainly of cooperatives and independent farmers located throughout the Northern Plains region with their main objective to establish a reliable, local source of nitrogen fertilizer to overcome past and existing problems with supply of this vital agricultural nutrient, and to improve the region's productivity with an emphasis on food (and national) security. Over the last 13 years, NPN, LLP has invested approximately \$27 million USD on engineering studies, environmental permitting, land purchases, market analyses, and other front end project development activities. In June 2025, NPN, LLP formed NPN, Inc. (the Company) to manage the development, construction, commission and operate the Northern Plains Nitrogen fertilizer plant.

As of June 2025, NPN, LLP owns the project site, holds essentially all currently obtainable environmental permits (the air permit requires an update and renewal process), and has completed an initial FEL3-quality Front-End Engineering Design (FEED) study which includes a Class 3 detailed estimate. Discussions are under way with several potential suppliers to secure a reliable source of low-cost natural gas. This also includes discussions with natural gas pipeline operators who are positioned to affordably deliver the natural gas feedstock to the site from regional sources, potentially including the Bakken. Offtake dialogues are in place with several reputable bankable customers representing more than 100% of planned facility output.

The plant is expected to produce 1 million tons of granulated urea; 100,000 tons of diesel exhaust fluid (100% urea basis, or 300,000 STPY on standard DEF formulas); and 65,000 tons of anhydrous ammonia (82-0-0).

Methodology:

The ammonia plant will be utilizing technology known as a *KBR Purifier*. Since 1943, KBR (NYSE: KBR, market cap \$6.3B) has licensed, engineered and constructed more than 250 ammonia plants worldwide, capturing approximately 50% of the market share of licensed capacity. KBR Purifier™ is the most recent iteration of their ammonia process technology, has a safe proven reliable process with the best efficiency available in the ammonia technology field worldwide.

Urea will be produced using Stamicarbon technology. Similarly, Stamicarbon holds a dominant share of global urea capacity. There are approximately 260 urea plants worldwide using the Stamicarbon process, representing more than half of all installed capacity worldwide. Stamicarbon is a unit of NextChem, which is majority-owned by Maire S.p.a. (MIL: MAIRE, market cap \$4.2B).

The management of NPN believes that there is no technology risk inherent in its project development plans, and all aspects of engineering and construction will benefit from the risk mitigation through the “reps and warranties” of its construction and engineering contractors.

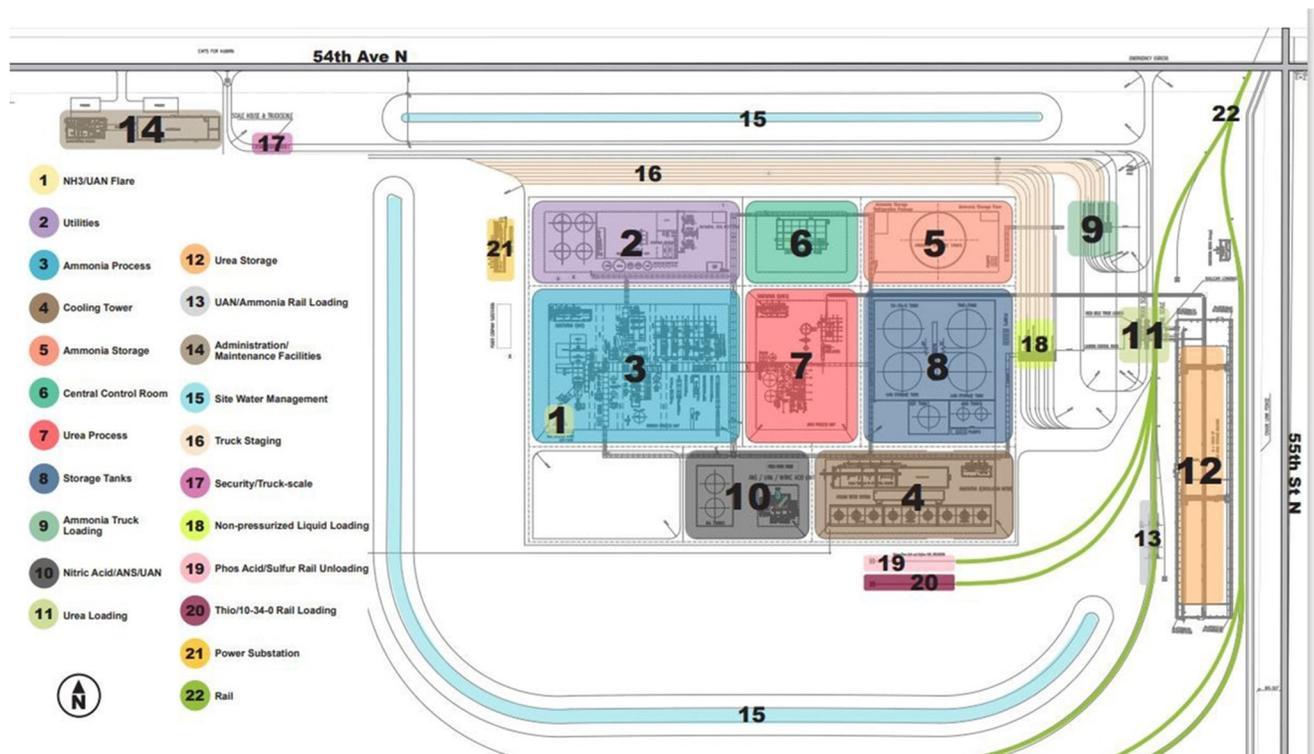
Anticipated Results:

The following sets forth key operating and financial metrics associated with the NPN fertilizer project:

- NPV of \$597 million USD is significantly positive (basis offtake at 90% of market, 10yr contract, and gran urea priced at \$472/ST EXW which is approximately \$90/ST below 2025 delivered costs as experienced by NPN partners)
- Unlevered IRR is projected at 14.6%
- The projected levered IRR of 18.0% is based on a ratio of 60% debt / 40% equity
- Baseline (2026) natural gas price delivered to site of \$3.50 / MMBtu was used for financial modeling and is above the current estimated delivered price of Western Canadian gas (\$2.16 / MMBtu) or North Dakota Bakken natural gas.

Facilities:

The initial plant design (below) was based on the initial FEED study undertaken in 2014. This layout includes areas for future products and expansion. It also includes both truck and rail loading systems, storage for both anhydrous ammonia and granular urea.



Resources:

Natural gas from ND Bakken or Western Canadian sources.

Electrical power from local utility company, Nodak, using RECs credits.

Labor and construction materials for the plant will be sourced from local or regional entities as much as possible. This would include concrete, piles, fencing, buildings, rail, roads, site clearing and drainage, security, housing, transportation/hauling, plant operations & maintenance (excludes large rotating equipment and catalyst work), food, company administration (HR, Procurement, Legal, etc.). Water from City of Grand Forks wastewater treatment plant, in accordance with a Development Agreement under negotiation with the City.

Out-of-state resources will include technology providers. It is also anticipated that the project will require out-of-state detail engineering designers for some key process areas of the plant. Labor will need to be supplemented for construction via building trades or open shop as determined by availability of contractors for each trade in the region (concrete including finishers, carpenters, scaffolding builders, ironworkers, electricians, instrument techs, pipefitters, millwrights, insulators, painters, etc.).

Techniques to Be Used, Their Availability and Capability:

- Project main technologies for ammonia, urea, and urea granulation – provided by an Engineering/Procurement company – expected to be KBR (Houston-based) and Stamicarbon (Netherlands).
- Detail engineering designs provided by our main EPCM company with components assigned locally.

- Supply of Major Capital Equipment (Pressure Vessels, Heat Exchangers, Pumps, Compressors, Reformer, ammonia storage tank, cooling tower, water treating units, Motor Control Centers, Switchgear, Main Electrical Transformers, Digital Control Centers) – from outside the region (Requires international procurement activities).
- Site clearing and grading – available locally
- Site roads, fencing, drain systems, painting, insulation, and concrete placement (rebar and finishing) – available locally and regionally.
- Site piling – available regionally.
- Labor for piping, structural steel, instrumentation, electrical (high voltage and low voltage), millwrights (rotating equipment), operating engineers (crane operators), vessel interiors – some regionally available, supplemented from outside the region. Materials for same – sources locally and supplemented from outside the region.
- Millwrights for Major Rotating Equipment (Synthesis Gas and Air Compression) – specialty from outside the region (traditionally provided by the Original Equipment Manufacturer, OEM).
- Catalyst placement – specialty from outside the region (traditionally provided by catalyst suppliers).
- Heavy Haul for large and/or extra heavy equipment – specialty from outside the region
- Heavy Lift contractors – specialty requiring support from outside the region
- Rail, buildings (excluding process and compressor building) systems – available regionally

Environmental and Economic Impacts while Project is Underway:

Site development will expose open ground subject to potential runoff and high turbidity in regional drains and waterways, thus will require close adherence to standard “best practice” construction techniques to avoid soil erosion.

Plain debris and wastes from construction will need to be properly land-filled or otherwise disposed of properly.

Construction roads for ingress and egress will require dust control during dry weather periods and water management to prevent soil erosion during wet periods.

Due to high labor headcount on site during construction, it is anticipated to transport some labor by bus from staging/parking areas and/or living areas.

Housing will be required. Intentions are to allow the city of Grand Forks to receive the maximum benefit for the influx of labor (housing and meals) and create a managed camp to meet the needs for the balance of the labor.

It is anticipated based on historically similar projects in similar regions of North America that the total labor force estimated to be approximately 3000 individuals will impact another 4x in terms of people. In similar fashion the economic impact during construction will make a 7x impact dollar-for-dollar. Based on the current total costs of the project at \$2.2Bn USD, it is anticipated that regionally the project will have direct spending of between \$200mm and \$400mm USD depending on availability of housing, food services, building materials, supplies, and construction labor.

Carbon savings related to transportation avoidance >20,000 TPY avoided CO2 emissions

Ultimate Technological and Economic Impacts:

Technologies proposed to be implemented for the Northern Plains Nitrogen project are not new, and are proven in multiple locations worldwide. To remove risks to the plant, investors, the environment and people, NPN has selected the most reliable, safe, efficient, and proven technologies in both ammonia (KBR Purifier) and granular urea (Stamicarbon) production.

The plant will be controlled by the most modern and available distributive control system (computer) and will have back up (redundant) shutdown programs via Programmable Logic Controllers and software. The plant will also monitor all effluents for environmental compliance and reporting, including water in and out (amounts and quality), air out (amounts and quality), and solid waste management.

The project has provided for, and intends to store, up to 30,000 short tons of anhydrous ammonia on site in an ultra-secure storage facility, specifically it will use API 620, Appendix R design with a DOUBLE WALL, using Sketch 5.7 of API for general configuration and which will also be placed inside an earth berm for additional security.

During construction, the project will use secondary safety auditing techniques to ensure compliance with such safety rules as Fall Protection, Confined Space Entry, High Voltage (Arc Flash Protection), hot work permits once natural gas has been introduced. Extensive operator training with SIMULATORS. The entire work force and administration staff will be required to comply with a Drug and Alcohol policy which will require pre-screening and random testing.

At no point will the project produce or own ammonium nitrate, a hazardous fertilizer chemical that is not generally in high demand by farmers in the region.

Using project-provided housing, we will seek to maximize the use of local labor and contractors the project, which will have a positive financial impact on the region in particular, the City of Grand Forks, and the State of North Dakota.

Regionally, the site production and location should reduce overall traffic on rail and/or truck for movement of granular urea into the region. This has both a safety and environmental benefit to the area.

Why the Project is Needed:

Currently, granular urea, used by Northern Plains region farmers as the preferred nitrogen fertilizer, is produced in, or sourced from, three areas within the USA: NOLA/Gulf Coast, the southern Great Plains, portions of the corn belt, and a small plant operated by DGC in North Dakota. As the USA is deficient in their overall nitrogen production to meet Agriculture and Industrial consumers, suppliers (producers and traders) also import into the USA several million tons annually from Canada, and occasionally in recent years, from Trinidad, the Middle East and Mexico. As the Northern Plains are the farthest buyer from production sources or import points, the entire region becomes the least served, and highest priced, due to transportation and supply chain logistics. This is further complicated with global disruptions in production and supply such as that which exists in Central Eastern Europe and the Middle East. To obtain these fertilizer resources, the northern plains farmers are burdened not only with logistics issues

but with struggles to guarantee physical delivery of fertilizer products. In fact, some farmers have prepaid for their fertilizer only to find out that due to any number of logistics issues, product would not be delivered. This project's mission and purpose is to ensure the farmers in the northern plains receive at least one million tons or approximately one-third of their needs met, for this essential nitrogen nutrient. As mentioned, this is a critical element of national security as it relates to food and nutrition nationwide.

STANDARDS OF SUCCESS

The standards by which the success of the project is to be measured. This may include:

- *Emissions reduction – see calculation for carbon emissions avoidance.*
- *Reduced environmental impacts.*
- *Increased energy sustainability.*
- *Value to North Dakota.*
- *Explanation of how the public and private sector will make use of the project's results, and when and in what way.*
- *The potential commercialization of the project's results.*
- *How the project will enhance the research, development and technologies that reduce environmental impacts and increase sustainability of energy production and delivery of North Dakota's energy resources.*
- *How it will preserve existing jobs and create new ones.*
- *How it will otherwise satisfy the purposes established in the mission of the Program.*

The Northern Plains Nitrogen project will create approximately 3,000 construction jobs in the region of Grand Forks for as long as three years. In addition, as part of this the project will employ local labor, designers, housing, food services & suppliers, gas and fuels, commercial drivers, legal, and construction contractors. The regional number used is a significant part of both the onsite headcount and offsite impact, and the final number will be determined through personnel and contractor qualifications and selection process. While likely an understated figure, it could be assumed that at least 10-15% of the total labor needs will be sourced locally.

The plant site will create a total of 118 new permanent jobs: 25 high income administrative roles, 85 in operations, and 8 as daily contractors. There will be no reduction of local jobs because of this project.

Value to North Dakota comes from several aspects. First, there will be a direct positive impact on the city of Grand Forks and the broader region in terms of employment and spending on materials and supplies. There will a positive tax impact due to the addition of the project to the property tax base, as well as multiplier effect benefits to the local economy. The value to the state by the use of stranded natural gas will be substantial, impacting both its royalty revenue from oil income as well, as the associated production of natural gas. This project would also support the construction of a major pipeline from the Bakken to eastern North Dakota, which can supply cities in the east such as Fargo and Grand Forks but can also feed into other natural gas pipeline systems east of the Red River in Minnesota.

Local production of granular urea means that farmers can source fertilizer from a nearby facility instead of transporting it from Oklahoma, NOLA/Gulf Coast, or Alberta, reducing the environmental footprint and

improving safety on regional highways by decreasing the distance traveled by large tractor-trailers and rail.

The project's mission to provide a RELIABLE supply of nitrogen nutrients to the regional farming community is an enormous improvement over the current situation, in which local farmers are sometimes unable to gain timely access to fertilizer during the crucial planting season, with a predictable effect on crop yields. The NPN project will enhance fertilizer availability, and contribute significantly to farmer economics as well as food production volumes.

CO2 Emissions Benefit for the State of North Dakota

The Northern Plains Nitrogen project will improve the carbon footprint of the North Dakota fertilizer sector by sharply reducing the extent to which distribution of urea relies on transportation by truck, rail, and occasionally maritime vessels over long distances. For purposes of this emissions benefit calculation, we have assumed the following:

- Rail imports considered, assuming only a one-way loaded trip from Belle Plain SK and Carseland Alberta to Grand Forks ND.
- Assumed 50% of 1,100,000 tons/year from each location.
- Assumed 65,000 tons/year of ammonia from Medicine Hat Alberta. CF Industries currently ships 65,000 tons/year into the two tanks adjacent to the NPN site.
- The NPN plant will be as efficient as any urea plant in the world based on KBR Purifier ammonia production and the Stamicarbon Ultra Low Energy urea plant design.
- Stamicarbon made the statement today that NPN plant will be the most efficient urea plant in the USA.
- **Total CO₂ emission reduction with NPN plant is 20,387.50 tons/year**

BACKGROUND/QUALIFICATIONS

*Please provide a summary of prior work related to the project conducted by the applicant and other participants as well as by other organizations. **This should also include summary of the experience and qualifications pertinent to the project of the applicant, key personnel, and other participants in the project.***

Key personnel have significant experience in the construction and management of nitrogen-based fertilizer plants and farming, including:

Clark Bailey, CEO

- Head of Division responsible for capital projects, operations and oversight of 7,500-person of a mining business for phosphate and potassium nutrients as well as iron and zirconium. Four mines with projects valued in excess of \$12Bn USD.
- Designed, built, commissioned and operated numerous nitrogen and phosphate plants, natural gas separation plants, mines, and other process plants. Managed six potash mine expansions and new facilities in Canada valued at approximately \$10Bn USD.
- Work experience: EuroChem, Potash Corp., Fish Engineering & Construction Inc.
- BS Mechanical Engineering, U. Texas

Larry Mackie, COO:

- Over fifty years' experience in nitrogen plant development, construction, maintenance, and management
- Expertise in nitrogen process efficiency and product quality
- Work experience: J R Simplot, Mackie International
- BS Mechanical Engineering, U. Manitoba

Darin Anderson, President

- President, owner and general manager overseeing budgeting, marketing, production, and human resources at 4,500-acre farm
- 25 years of experience in farming and agriculture
- Work experience: D & J Anderson Farms
- BS Agricultural Economics, North Dakota State U.

Ken Charpentier, VP Site Management

- Founded, led and successfully exited a pipeline and facilities construction company that grew to over \$250 million in annual revenue and over 1,000 employees
- Over four decades of experience in construction services and management
- Detroit Lakes Vocational Tech School, welding degree

Larry Parnell, VP Natural Gas Supply

- Extensive oil & gas industry experience, including reserves development, drilling and completion, asset acquisition and offtake and delivery
- Work experience: Amerada Hess, ARCO, BP
- BS Petroleum Engineer, Texas A&M

MANAGEMENT

*A description of **how** the applicant will manage and oversee the project to ensure it is being carried out on schedule and in a manner that best ensures its objectives will be met, **and a description of the evaluation points to be used** during the course of the project.*

NPN management plans to oversee this project with its own individually selected highly qualified and experienced Project Management Staff which will work with the selected world class EPCM contractor and their team. NPN's team will be composed of a Project Manager and a Technical Manager who will be required to work directly with the EPCM's home office, where key decisions will be made, details in design are being worked out. The Project Manager will be supported by a construction team as described further below and a technical team composed of a Senior Process Engineer and a Senior Mechanical Engineer, plus experienced engineers either directly hired or brought on board by contract for electrical high voltage and low voltage systems and instrumentation, including the plant's various control systems.

The NPN team will further be composed of a Construction Manager who will work with the NPN Project Team and the EPCM contractor to determine scope breaks, timing or sequences, possible contractors for the various assignment, grading of contractor's bids, involvement with contractor terms & conditions as well as scope

Other members of the site team will include Materials Control, Inspection & Testing (both of received materials and for onsite work), Safety & Safety Training, Schedule Management, Contract Controls. Contract or “Project Controls” has the responsibility to track, audit, and confirm progress then measure and gauge quantities (yards, feet, tons, and hours) against a baseline to determine actual progress vs ‘claimed’ progress and update the schedule to be kept in a software system such as Primavera P3 or equivalent. Agreed progress by contract and by contractor will be reported to the Project’s Comptroller and signed off by the Project Manager for monthly progress payments. Ultimate progress will be tracked against an original baseline with actual progress as determined by quantities (yards of concrete, number of piles, tons of steel, feet of pipe, etc.) and/or accomplishments (used for such as testing systems) including during design phases against drawings or packages by discipline.

TIMETABLE

Please provide a project schedule setting forth the starting and completion dates, dates for completing major project tasks/activities, and proposed dates upon which the interim reports will be submitted.

The expected timetable is as follows:

3rd Quarter 2025

- Select engineering firm to complete front-end engineering design (FEED) study

2nd Half 2025

- Series A financing
- Non-binding fertilizer offtake MOUs
- Non-binding natural gas supply MOUs

4th Quarter 2025

- Initiate development agreement process with the City of Grand Forks
- Onboard full management team

2nd Quarter 2026

- Produce FEL3-quality FEED study
- Engage EnSafe (environmental company) to update air permit based on updated FEED study

3rd Quarter 2026

- Commence project finance raise for NPN project special purpose vehicle (SPV)

4th Quarter 2026

- Final investment decision (FID)
- Project SPV capitalized
- Development fee paid to Series A investors
- Selection of EPCM contractor
- Negotiate contract

2027

- Detailed engineering in process
- Construction begins
- Long-lead time equipment ordered

2028 -2029

- Construction continues

2030

- Testing and commissioning
- Project startup
- First commercial shipments

BUDGET

Please use the table below to provide an **itemized list** of the project's capital costs; direct operating costs, including salaries; and indirect costs; and an explanation of which of these costs will be supported by the financial assistance and in what amount. The budget should identify all other committed and prospective funding sources and the amount of funding from each source. **Please feel free to add columns and rows as needed.** Higher priority will be given to projects with a high degree of matching private industry investment.

Project Associated Expense	NDIC Grant	NDIC Loan	Applicant's Share (Cash)	Other Project Sponsor's Share	Total
Feed Study Update				\$19,000,000	\$19,000,000
Other direct development costs				\$5,700,000	\$5,700,000
Salaries, benefits and subcontractors				\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000
Legal				\$951,000	\$951,000
Other admin costs				\$1,378,000	\$1,378,000
Development Fee			\$12,000,000		\$12,000,000
Preferred Return				\$2,371,000	\$2,371,000
Start-up Project Costs	\$5,000,000				\$5,000,000
Long Lead Time Parts	\$15,000,000				\$15,000,000
Total	\$20,000,000		\$12,000,000	\$33,000,000	\$65,000,000

Please use the space below to justify project expenses and discuss whether the project's objectives will be unattainable or delayed if less funding is available than requested.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

A person or entity may file a request with the Commission to have material(s) designated as confidential. By law, the request is confidential. The request for confidentiality should be strictly limited to information that meets the criteria to be identified as trade secrets or commercial, financial, or proprietary information. The Commission shall examine the request and determine whether the information meets the criteria. Until such time as the Commission meets and reviews the request for confidentiality, the portions of the application for which confidentiality is being requested shall be held, on a provisional basis, as confidential.

If the confidentiality request is denied, the Commission shall notify the requester, and the requester may ask for the return of the information and the request within 10 days of the notice. If no return is sought, the information and request are public record.

Note: Information wished to be considered as confidential should be placed in separate appendices along with the confidentiality request. The appendices must be clearly labeled as confidential. If you plan to request confidentiality for **reports** if the proposal is successful, a request must still be provided. To request confidentiality, please use the template available at <http://www.nd.gov/ndic/CSEA-app-doc-infopage.htm>.

PATENTS/RIGHTS TO TECHNICAL DATA

Any patents or rights that the applicant wishes to reserve must be identified in the application. If this does not apply to your proposal, please note that below.

For the NPN project proposed in Grand Forks, North Dakota, currently there are no NPN patents that will apply to the project. However, there are technologies owned by others for several of the key processes and for some of the major components. Furthermore, NPN has in place Non-Disclosure Agreements with KBR for their Purifier Technology and with Stamicarbon for their Urea process and Granulation Unit. Other processes that may be chosen may also apply by the FID stage which could include catalyst, reforming section, CO₂ removal, distributive control systems, catalyst, molecular sieve and/or absorption units, cold box, cooling tower fill, flare tip, construction techniques for items such as installation of roof for the atmospheric cold ammonia storage tank, certain control valves and measurement instruments/analyzers, and two key rotating equipment pieces (synthesis gas compressor and axial flow air compressor plus their respective steam turbine drivers).

STATE PROGRAMS AND INCENTIVES

Any programs or incentives from the State that the applicant has participated in within the last five years should be listed below, along with the timeframe and value.

No participation in any previous program with the State of North Dakota.