



INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF NORTH DAKOTA

OIL AND GAS RESEARCH COUNCIL

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Request for Proposal (RFP)

Authorized by: North Dakota Industrial Commission, Oil and Gas Research Program (OGRP)
Date: May 22, 2025
Re: The Enhanced Oil Recovery Grant Program authorized in 2025 by Senate Bill No. 2014

Purpose: In response to Section 12 of Senate Bill 2014 passed by the 69th Legislative Assembly, the North Dakota Industrial Commission (NDIC) is directed to use appropriated funding available to the oil and gas research fund to create an enhanced oil recovery grant program, to include the development of guidelines, eligibility criteria, requirements for matching funds, and reporting requirements.

To be eligible for funding under the new grant program, projects must demonstrate how the project will lead to commercially viable improved oil recovery approaches that can be deployed throughout the Bakken play, as well as the state's wide variety of conventional reservoirs.

Funding Available:

- Senate Bill 2014 appropriated \$25,000,000 for the new grant program
- Additional funding for projects that improve oil recovery may be available under regular oil and gas research program funding
- For the 25-27 biennium, the program has a Phase I target of funding 6-8 projects

Timeline:

1. Planned Grant Round Deadlines for 2025-2027 biennium:

- Grant Round 1 Deadline: August 15, 2025
- Grant Round 2 Deadline: January 15, 2026
- Grant Round 3 Deadline: June 15, 2026

2. Qualifying projects must be completed by June 30, 2027.

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Key Project Evaluation Criteria:

- Utilization of new technologies that mobilize additional oil from the target formations and increase the incremental oil recovery of the field or unit.
- Use of CO₂, hydrocarbon gases, natural gas liquids, surfactants, or other innovative combinations of injectives.
- Sites that represent diverse types of reservoirs, including different geological settings and well designs.
- Historical accounts of the evolution of conventional and non-conventional of applied research projects and technologies utilized within the Williston Basin and other basins.
- Industry oil operator led or in cooperation with a service company in the Williston Basin
- Commercially viable EOR pilot deployment in North Dakota.
- Commitment to demonstrating a minimum of one-to-one cost-share to the NDIC-OGRP funding. (Cost share in the form of in-kind contribution is allowable).

Industry Support:

- Letters of support for the proposed project may be included.

Grant Proposal Submission Requirements:

1. Response deadline pursuant to specified grant round timeline.
2. Submission Format: Digital PDF
3. In accordance with existing policies for the OGRP grant application process, and policies specific to the new enhanced oil recovery grant program for projects that advance improved oil recovery within the Williston Basin.
4. Confidential Information: Respondents may include material deemed confidential in a separate, clearly labeled appendix. Such materials should be referenced in the main (public) response with sufficient context for evaluation. Confidentiality governed by NDCC 44-04-18.4
5. Submission of Proposals to: Brent Brannan (brentbrannan@auroraenergyllc.com), Jordan Kannianen (jokannianen@nd.gov)

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