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**TO:** South Dakota Railroad Board  
**FROM:** Jack Dokken, Office of Air, Rail & Transit  
**DATE:** November 19, 2025  
**SUBJECT:** Request for the Sale of Property in Mitchell

LifeQuest is requesting approval from the South Dakota Railroad Board to purchase a small parcel of state-owned property located in Mitchell, South Dakota (shaded in green on the map below). LifeQuest intends to use the property to expand its residential services for individuals with developmental disabilities. The parcel is located at the corner of North Gamble Street and East 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Mitchell.

In 1980, the South Dakota Railroad Authority purchased an abandoned rail line in Mitchell from the Chicago and Northwestern Transportation Company, which included this parcel. In 1984, the Authority deeded the abandoned rail line to the Division of Railroads. During the mid-1980s, the Division began selling many of the properties associated with this corridor, but for unknown reasons, this small parcel was never sold. LifeQuest currently owns the adjoining parcels to the east, north, and west of this property, making the requested parcel a logical addition to its existing holdings.

As part of the purchase process, LifeQuest will be required to provide both a certified property survey and an independent appraisal of the parcel to determine fair market value prior to final approval and sale. Approval of this request will allow LifeQuest to expand its services while divesting the state of an unused remnant property.

