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TO: South Dakota Railroad Board  
FROM: Jack Dokken, Office of Air, Rail and Transit  
DATE: May 21, 2025  
SUBJECT: Weed Spraying on the Mitchell-Rapid City (MRC) Rail Line

In May 2021, the State of South Dakota sold the MRC rail line to Ringneck & Western Railroad. However, the Department of Transportation (SDDOT) remains the sponsor for the railbanked section of the MRC and is responsible for maintenance including weed control in this area.

In previous years, the Railroad Board has approved for the SDDOT to enter into a joint powers agreement annually with Pennington County Weed Board for control of noxious weeds on the MRC rail line. The areas to be treated are the railroad right of way between Maple Street Yard in Rapid City and Interior, South Dakota.

Attached for your consideration, please find Pennington County Weed Board cost proposal in the amount of \$7,100 to spray noxious weeds from Maple Street Yard in Rapid City to Interior, South Dakota.

**BID PROPOSAL- Year: 2024**

CODE	PROJECT			MAINT UNIT	CONTROL REFERENCE	AFE	FUNCTION	BEGIN MRM	END MRM
	PRE	ROUTE	AGR						
		000I		452		I7J1	2305		
		000N		452		I7J2	2305		
		000P		452		I7J3	2305		
		000N		491		I7J4	2305		
		000P		491		I7J5	2305		

COUNTY: Pennington BUDGET SOURCE: 111324 – Contract Maintenance

FEDERAL TAX ID NUMBER: 46-6000381

FINALS ENGINEER REVIEW REQUIRED: ☐ YES ☒ NO

REGION MATERIALS CERTIFICATION REQUIRED: ☐ YES ☒ NO

CERTIFIED INSPECTORS/TESTERS REQUIRED: ☐ YES ☒ NO

TO BE INSTALLED ON CM&P: ☒ YES ☐ NO

TYPE OF WORK: Control Growth of Declared Weeds in The S.D. Department of Transportation Railroad  
Right-of-Way In Pennington County.

PURPOSE OF WORK: Spraying Of Declared Weeds in Right-of-Way.

LOCATION OF WORK: South Dakota Railroad Right-of-Way from LaCrosse St in Rapid City to Interior

**ESTIMATE OF QUANTITIES AND COST:**

BID ITEM NUMBER	ITEM	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
910E1060	Labor	95	hour	30	2850
910E1000	Equipment – Truck Sprayer	20	hour	50	1000
910E1050	Equipment – ATV Sprayer	75	hour	40	3000
910E0190	Spreader 90 Surfactant	150	ounce	.17	25.50
910E0098	TeraVue	30	ounce	7.22	216.60
				TOTAL	7092.10

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