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TO: South Dakota Railroad Board  
FROM: Jack Dokken, Office of Air, Rail and Transit  
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SUBJECT: Consideration of Engineering Services to Complete Grant Intake Form

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) requests to contract with Civil Design Inc (CDI) to complete two South Dakota Rail Investment Guide Intake Forms for submittal to the South Dakota Railroad Board (Board) for consideration of Special Transportation Circumstance (STC) federal grant applications. The two projects are as follow:

- A) rehabilitate 20.9 miles of rail between Napa Junction, South Dakota (MP 0.0) to Tyndall, South Dakota (MP 20.9) on the Napa Junction-Platte rail line, and;
- B) rehabilitate approximately 11.37 miles of rail between Napa Junction (MP 0.0) and 426<sup>th</sup> Avenue, which is located 1 mile west of Tabor, South Dakota (MP 11.37).

These projects would be presented to the Board for consideration during the STC pre-application stage. If one of the intake forms is approved for a grant application, CDI will be given notice to proceed to complete an STC federal grant application.

The purpose of the work would be to upgrade the railroad line from excepted track to Class II status, so the improved railroad line would be able to handle 286,000 lb. freight cars. The total cost to complete the two intake forms and one grant application is \$35,615.44.

**Application Timeline:**

While the exact due date for the STC grant application is not yet known, we anticipate receiving the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) sometime within the next 3 months. Typically, the Federal Rail Administration provides a 90-day window from the date of the NOFO for submitting applications.