

Agenda Item #

March 4, 2021

Bob Missel Dodge County Chairman 435 N Park Fremont, NE 68025

Mr. Missel:

Thank you for your Economic Opportunity Program grant funding application. We are pleased to inform you that the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT), in partnership with the Department of Economic Development (NDED), is able to reimburse \$350,000.00 of the cost of a transportation project involving the paving of N Yager RD, subject to the terms explained below. It is anticipated that this improvement will lead to the construction of a protein cold storage facility, currently named Project Protein, and that new jobs and private investment will be added to Nebraska's economy as a result of this grant.

NDOT will plan to reimburse up to 75% of the transportation cost (up to a maximum of \$350,000.00) to Dodge County, contingent upon the completion and signature of the required agreements. For your reference, participation in the Economic Opportunity Program requires the execution of two agreements: one between NDOT and Dodge County, and another between Dodge County and Project Protein.

We will provide you with the proposed agreement between NDOT and Dodge County for your consideration and signature in the coming weeks. We will also provide you with a template agreement for you to use as you seek an agreement with the business. We recommend you consult with your own legal counsel as necessary to protect your interests as you consider and execute each of these agreements.

Thank you for your interest in the Economic Opportunity Program, and we are excited for this opportunity to grow Nebraska's economy.

Sincerely,

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