



Northeast Council Of Governments (605)-626-2595

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DOT GIS ROAD PROJECT

NECOG has finished collecting over 350 responses from towns, townships, and counties in our region on changes to their local road system. Information provided will allow staff during the next two months to make updates to the existing road layers and to forward that information on to the DOT. We would like to thank everyone who assisted in reviewing their local maps and returning them to our office.

October 15). If you have projects that may qualify for this program or you would like more information please contact our office. Additional information is also available through the South Dakota DOT website at: <http://www.sddot.com/business/local/economic/Default.aspx>

COMMUNITY ACCESS/INDUSTRIAL PARK/AGRI-BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM

Community Access Grants are State funds for all Counties and Towns less than 5,000 in population and are for the construction or reconstruction of major streets in town such as Main Street and roads that lead to elevators, schools, hospitals, and farm-to-market roads. This program provides for 60% of the construction costs of the project, not including engineering or utility work. Grant size is limited to \$200,000 and applications are due July 15.

The Industrial Park and Agri-Business Grant Programs provide funds to assist communities and counties who have a new industry or agri-business and need new or expanded access to the facilities.

Only applications for new projects will be considered. These two programs accept applications 3 times each year (April, July and

NECOG COUNCIL MEETING

The next NECOG meeting will be held on June 25th at 7:00 pm at the NECOG office.

DOT will be the guest speaker at this meeting. They will furnish a tentative STIP to be reviewed and discussed prior to the official public meetings listed in the previous section. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and state your concerns about particular projects.

OFFICIAL DOT STIP MEETINGS

The official DOT Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) meetings will be held in Aberdeen on July 22 at the Ramada Convention Center and in Pierre on July 24 at the Ramkota Hotel. Other locations include:

Rapid City Ramada Hotel July 29, 2014
Sioux Falls Ramkota Hotel July 23, 2014
Webinar - July 30, 2014

All of the meetings are held at 7:00 pm, except the Webinar which is scheduled for 1:30pm. The STIP document lists the projects that South Dakota Department of Transportation has scheduled in the Federal Fiscal Years 2015 through 2018.

DOT staff will also be presenting a preliminary review of the "Tentative" STIP information at NECOG's June meeting. That meeting has been scheduled for June 25, 2014 at 7:00pm at the NECOG offices. Anyone is welcome to attend, but we ask that you RSVP in advance if you plan on attending.

NECOG/GOED SURVEY

In the fall of 2012, NECOG and the South Dakota Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) partnered together to conduct a regional survey dealing with economic and community development issues across the region.

In conjunction with the GOED we will be once again asking the communities, counties and economic development corporations within the region to share their unique insight by participating in a community and economic development survey. The central focus of this survey is to follow up on the original and to gauge where we are and where we need to go to promote and retain jobs while enhancing/maintaining our quality of life.

The survey is anticipated to be available in about a month and further information will be sent at that time. The data generated from the survey will be available to everyone for review and will be posted on the NECOG website.

SAVE THE DATE SD PLANNERS CONFERENCE

The 2014 SD Planners Association (SDPA) Conference will be held this year at the Watertown Event Center/Best Western Ramkota Hotel in Watertown on October 22nd and 23rd. Registration for the event will be open soon. For more information regarding this year's conference contact the NECOG office or visit SDPA's webpage at www.sdplanners.com. The complete agenda and registration will be posted at that site when it has been finalized.

MEET THE NEW RLF MANAGER

Alison Kiesz is the new RLF Manager. Alison started in April and comes to NECOG from the South Dakota Department of Agriculture. She was a business representative at SDDA and worked with startup and expanding agricultural business in northeast South Dakota.

Alison grew up on a family farm and custom harvesting operation near Brandt, SD. She received a B.S. degree in Agronomy and Ag Journalism from South Dakota State University and currently lives near Aberdeen with her husband and two sons, Wyatt and Cody.

If you have any questions on NECOG Development Corporations Business Loan Fund or want to talk about financing for a business start up or expansion give Alison a call or email her at alison@necog.org.

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