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Selection Criteria Announced for Economic Opportunity Program

January 11, 2017 (Lincoln, Neb.) — The Nebraska Department of Roads and the Nebraska Department of Economic Development have announced the selection criteria for the Economic Opportunity Program (EOP), created as a result of the 2016 Transportation Innovation Act.

The EOP was developed to attract and sustain economic growth across the state through local grants for strategic transportation improvements. The focus will be on funding projects that better connect businesses to Nebraska's statewide, multi-modal transportation network.

The selection criteria for the EOP stipulate that projects must show a clear need for transportation improvements that will enhance economic prosperity within the State of Nebraska. Also, projects must either lead to immediate creation or retention of permanent, high quality private sector jobs, or to new private capital investment in Nebraska. A complete listing of selection criteria may be found at <http://roads.nebraska.gov/projects/grow-ne/eco-opp/>.

Potential applicants are asked to submit letters of interest. Following acceptance of the letter of interest, applicants will be asked to submit a full application. The timing of the transfer of funds will depend on the progress of the transportation project and the project meeting prescribed milestones.

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