

Solar energy conversion facility coming to Richland County

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Reporter

A 300-megawatt solar energy conversion facility may be coming to Richland County.

The proposed project would be located on approximately 3,464 acres north of Galchutt, N.D., and is estimated to cost \$375 million, coming from private investment.

Once the project is completed, it is expected to generate enough energy to power up to approximately 59,000 homes annually.

Flickertail Solar Project, LLC (a wholly owned subsidiary of Savion, LLC) is requesting a siting permit for its construction and is asking for the site to be designated as it is with the condition that there will not be any components of the solar facility within 500 feet of a residence within that boundary.

The project was started in 2018 in Colfax township but was moved from the area after concerns were raised about the lack of ordinance.

A public hearing was held on Monday, March 24, at the Wahpeton Law Enforcement Center.

Senior Development Director Nick Schuler felt the public hearing was a positive step for the project.

"The public hearing on March 24, 2025, was a positive milestone for the project. The team is excited to be working in partnership with the officials and residents of Richland County and Abercrombie Township, and we thank them for their time and consideration of this renewable energy generation facility," he said. "The support from landowners and other local stakeholders has been greatly appreciated. We

will continue to engage with the community on any questions or feedback."

Schuler estimates the project will start in 2026 and be fully operational by the end of 2028.

"Once all required permits are obtained, the project will move into the construction phase, which is estimated to begin as early as Q1 2026. The project is anticipated to be operational by the end of 2028," Schuler said.

Once the project is started, it is estimated to bring hundreds of temporary jobs to Richland County.

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1-15-25 Wilkin FP Public Hearing
WILKIN COUNTY
EGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Wilkin County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on April 15th, 2025, at 10:00AM at the Wilkin County Courthouse to consider the ordinance on cannabis public use. Any and all persons(s) desiring to be heard shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the above stated time and place. If a person wishes to present comments in person during the public hearing it is recommended to sign up prior to the start of the hearing and a five-minute time limit will be enforced.
Public comments will be received at the hearing or may be submitted via email to mattis@wilkincounty.gov or by mail to 300 5th Street South, Breckenridge, MN 56520.
If you have any questions regarding the above public hearing, please contact Elizabeth Mattis, Wilkin County Public Health Educator at 300 5th St South Breckenridge, MN 56520
Date: April 2, 2025
VDN001037

PUBLIC NOTICE

The North Dakota Interagency Coordinating Council will hold its quarterly meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2025, 9a.m. - 12p.m. Central Time.
Agenda topics include but are not limited to: Family Story, Priority Setting Activity, Standard Operating Procedures, Legislative Update, and ICC Committee Reports. You can join by phone (701) 328-0950, Conference ID: 805 552 426# or join virtually via Microsoft Teams. See details about joining by computer or mobile device in the public notice posted online at <https://www.hhs.nd.gov/events/north-dakota-interagency-coordinating-council-meeting> Individuals who need special accommodations should contact Colette Perkins at (800) 755-8529 or ND Relay TTY (800) 366-6888.
Date: April 2, 2025
WDN001073

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearing
Notice is hereby given that the Wilkin County Planning Commission & Board of Adjustment will conduct a public hearing at the Wilkin County Recycling Building Meeting Room in the City of Breckenridge, Minnesota, at 8:30 am, on April 14, 2025, to hear a variance request from Nathan and Taylor Blaufuss (applicant) for a building setback of 164 feet from the centerline of 360th Street. Location of the property is 2295 360th Street (Parcel 20-018-0310), Section 18, Township 132, Range 46, Sunnyside Township, Wilkin County.

PUBLIC NOTICE

LAND FOR RENT 2025, 2026 & 2027
Sealed bids for the rental of land located in portions of the SW1/4 of Redpath Section 15, Traverse County, will be received by the Bois de Sioux Watershed District at the District office located at 704 Highway 75 South, Wheaton, Minnesota 56296, until 3:00 PM, Wednesday, April 16, 2025. Land details, bid form, and lease agreement are all available at www.bdswd.com.
Date: March 26, April 2, 9, 2025
WDN001052

Breanna Koval
Wilkin County Environmental Office
505 8th Street South
Breckenridge, Minnesota 56520
Date: April 2, 9, 2025
WDN001072

PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Harry Stern Field
Wahpeton, North Dakota
AIP/BIL 3-38-0017-029/30-2025

Project Name: BWP Taxiway Edge Lighting
Bid Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 10:00 am Central Time

Electronic bids, subject to the conditions contained herein, for improvements to Harry Stern Field, Wahpeton, North Dakota, AIP/BIL 3-38-0017-029/30-2025 will be received online by the Wahpeton Airport Authority via www.hubexo.com (formerly www.questcdn.com) e-bid process until 10:00 am central time on April 24, 2025, 10:04:20, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

Project work consists of but is not limited to the following:
BWP Taxiway Edge Lighting will consist of mobilization, demolition, trenching, taxiway edge lights, airfield signs, conduit, conductor, airfield electrical vault, and misc. electrical equipment, grading, seeding, and mulching.

Construction for this project shall be completed by September 26, 2025, for all bid schedules.

Contract Documents The complete set of Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents can be obtained for a non-refundable fee of \$200.00 at the office of Mead & Hunt, Inc. located at 2505 N. University Drive, Suite 100, Fargo, ND 58102 or may be downloaded for a fee of \$25 at www.hubexo.com #9616561. Those wishing to download the bidding documents electronically, do so at their own risk for completeness of the bidding documents.

Bidding Each bid must be accompanied by a separate envelope containing the contractor's license and bid security (the e-bid process will be set up to meet this requirement). The bid security must be in a sum equal to five percent of the full amount of the bid and must be in the form of a bidder's bond. A bidder's bond must be executed by the bidder as principal and by a surety, conditioned that if the principal's bid is accepted and the contract awarded to the principal, the principal, within ten days after notice of the award, shall execute a contract in accordance with the terms of the bid and the bid bond and any condition of the governing body. If a successful bidder does not execute a contract within the ten days allowed, the bidder's bond must be forfeited to the governing body and the project awarded to the next lowest responsible bidder. The airport reserves the right to reject any and all bids and rebid the project. No bid will be read or considered if the bid does not fully comply with the bidding requirements. Deficient bids will be resealed and returned to the bidder.

Federal Requirements for Federally Funded Projects This Project is being partially funded under the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) AIP & BIL programs. Contractors must comply with specific federally required provisions as listed herein and contained in the contract documents. The following federal provisions are incorporated in this solicitation by reference:
1. Affirmative Action (41 CFR Part 60-4; Executive Order 11246)
2. Buy American Preference (49 USC § 50101; Executive Order 14005; Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Pub. L. No. 117-58); Build America; Buy America (BABA))
3. Civil Rights - Title VI Assurance (49 USC § 47123; FAA Order 1400.11)
4. Davis-Bacon Act (2 CFR Part 200, Appendix II (D)); 29 CFR Part 5; 49 USC § 47112 (b); 40 USC § 3141-3144, 3146, and 3147)
5. Debarment and Suspension (2 CFR Part 180 (Subpart B); 2 CFR Part 200, Appendix II(H); 2 CFR Part 1200; DOT Order 4200.5; Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)
6. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (49 CFR Part 26)
7. Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (29 USC § 201, et seq; 2 CFR § 200.430)
8. Foreign Trade Restriction (49 CFR Part 30; 49 USC § 50104)
9. Lobbying and Influencing Federal Employees (49 CFR Part 20, Appendix A; 31 USC § 1352 - Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment; 2 CFR part 200-Appendix II(I))
10. Procurement of Recovered Materials (2 CFR § 200.323; 2 CFR Part 200, Appendix II (J)); 40 CFR Part 247; 42 USC § 6901, et seq (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA))
11. Government-wide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace (49 CFR Part 32; Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988(41 USC § 8101-8106, as amended)

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise. Bid Information Submitted as a matter of responsiveness:
The Owner's award of this contract is conditioned upon Bidder or Offeror satisfying the good faith effort requirements of 49 CFR § 26.53.
As a condition of responsiveness, the Bidder or Offeror must submit the following information with its proposal on the forms provided herein:
1) The names and addresses of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms that will participate in the contract;
2) A description of the work that each DBE firm will perform;
3) The dollar amount of the participation of

each DBE firm listed under (1);
4) Written statement from Bidder or Offeror that attests their commitment to use the DBE firm(s) listed under (1) to meet the Owner's project goal
5) Written confirmation from each listed DBE firm that it is participating in the contract in the kind and amount of work provided in the prime contractor's commitment; and
6) If Bidder or Offeror cannot meet the advertised project DBE goal, evidence of good faith efforts undertaken by the Bidder or Offeror as described in appendix A to 49 CFR part 26. The documentation of good faith efforts must include copies of each DBE and non-DBE subcontractor quote submitted to the bidder when a non-DBE subcontractor was selected over a DBE for work on the contract.

Bid Information submitted as a matter of responsibility:
The Owner's award of this contract is conditioned upon Bidder or Offeror satisfying the good faith effort requirements of 49 CFR § 26.53.
As a condition of responsibility, every Bidder or Offeror must submit the following information on the forms provided herein within five days after bid opening:
1) The names and addresses of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms that will participate in the contract;
2) A description of the work that each DBE firm will perform;
3) The dollar amount of the participation of each DBE firm listed under (1);
4) Written statement from Bidder or Offeror that attests their commitment to use the DBE firm(s) listed under (1) to meet the Owner's project goal;

5) Written confirmation from each listed DBE firm that it is participating in the contract in the kind and amount of work provided in the prime contractor's commitment; and
6) If Bidder or Offeror cannot meet the advertised project DBE goal, evidence of good faith efforts undertaken by the Bidder or Offeror as described in appendix A to 49 CFR part 26. The documentation of good faith efforts must include copies of each DBE and non-DBE subcontractor quote submitted to the bidder when a non-DBE subcontractor was selected over a DBE for work on the contract.

Federal Fair Labor Standards Act All contracts and subcontracts that result from this solicitation incorporate by reference the provisions of 29 CFR part 201, et seq, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), with the same force and effect as if given in full text. The FLSA sets minimum wage, overtime pay, recordkeeping, and child labor standards for full and part-time workers.
The Contractor has full responsibility to monitor compliance to the referenced statute or regulation. The Contractor must address any claims or disputes that arise from this requirement directly with the U.S. Department of Labor - Wage and Hour Division.

Trade Restriction Certification By submission of an offer, the Offeror certifies that with respect to this solicitation and any resultant contract, the Offeror -
1) is not owned or controlled by one or more citizens of a foreign country included in the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms as published by the Office of the United States Trade Representative (U.S.T.R.);
2) has not knowingly entered into any contract or subcontract for this project with a person that is a citizen or national of a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms as published by the USTR; and
3) has not entered into any subcontract for any product to be used on the Federal project that is produced in a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms published by the USTR.

This certification concerns a matter within the jurisdiction of an agency of the United States of America and the making of a false, fictitious, or fraudulent certification may render the maker subject to prosecution under Title 18 USC § 1001.

The Offeror/Contractor must provide immediate written notice to the Owner if the Offeror/Contractor learns that its certification or that of a subcontractor was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. The Contractor must require subcontractors provide immediate written notice to the Contractor if at any time it learns that its certification was erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

Unless the restrictions of this clause are waived by the Secretary of Transportation in accordance with 49 CFR § 30.17, no contract shall be awarded to an Offeror or subcontractor:
1) who is owned or controlled by one or more citizens or nationals of a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms published by the U.S.T.R. or
2) whose subcontractors are owned or controlled by one or more citizens or nationals of a foreign country on such U.S.T.R. list; or
3) who incorporates in the public works project any product of a foreign country on such U.S.T.R. list.

Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by this

provision. The knowledge and information of a contractor is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

The Offeror agrees that, if awarded a contract resulting from this solicitation, it will incorporate this provision for certification without modification in all lower tier subcontracts. The Contractor may rely on the certification of a prospective subcontractor that it is not a firm from a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms as published by USTR, unless the Offeror has knowledge that the certification is erroneous.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making an award. If it is later determined that the Contractor or subcontractor knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) may direct through the Owner cancellation of the contract or subcontract for default at no cost to the Owner or the FAA.

Civil Rights - Title VI Assurances The Wahpeton Airport Authority, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC, §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that for any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, businesses will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and no businesses will be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin (including limited English proficiency), creed, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), age, or disability in consideration for an award.

Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity

1. The Offeror's or Bidder's attention is called to the "Equal Opportunity Clause" and the "Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications" set forth herein.
2. The goals and timetables for minority and female participation, expressed in percentage terms for the contractor's aggregate workforce in each trade on all construction work in the covered area, are as follows:

Timetables
Goals for minority participation for each trade: 0.75%
Goals for female participation in each trade: 6.9%

These goals are applicable to all of the contractor's construction work (whether or not it is Federal or federally assisted) performed in the covered area. If the contractor performs construction work in a geographical area located outside of the covered area, it shall apply the goals established for such geographical area where the work is actually performed. With regard to this second area, the contractor also is subject to the goals for both its federally involved and non-federally involved construction.

The Contractor's compliance with the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4 shall be based on its implementation of the Equal Opportunity Clause, specific affirmative action obligations required by the specifications set forth in 41 CFR 60-4.3(a), and its efforts to meet the goals. The hours of minority and female employment and training must be substantially uniform throughout the length of the contract, and in each trade, and the contractor shall make a good faith effort to employ minorities and women evenly on each of its projects. The transfer of minority or female employees or tradesmen from one project to another or from project to project for the sole purpose of meeting the Contractor's goals shall be a violation of the contract, the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4. Compliance with the goals will be measured against the total work hours performed.

3. The Contractor shall provide written notification to the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) within 10 working days of award of any construction subcontract in excess of \$10,000 at any tier for construction work under the contract resulting from this solicitation. The notification shall list the name, address, and telephone number of the subcontractor; employer identification number of the subcontractor; estimated dollar amount of the subcontract; estimated starting and completion dates of the subcontract; and the geographical area in which the subcontract is to be performed.
4. As used in this notice and in the contract resulting from this solicitation, the "covered area" is Richland County, Wahpeton, North Dakota.

Federal Funding The award of the contract is subject to approval of the Federal Aviation Administration and availability of federal funding. See instruction to bidders for additional information.

Any questions regarding bids are to be directed to Mead & Hunt, Inc., 2505 N University Drive, Suite 100, Fargo, ND 58102. Phone: 701-566-6450

Date: April 2, 9, 16, 2025
VDN001076

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Duerr Township, Richland County, North Dakota

E ½ SW ¼ of Section 11, Township 129 North, Range 51, Richland County, North Dakota, consisting of approximately 58.14 tillable acres.

BID PROCEDURE: Written bids will be received at the office of Smith & Stregle Ltd., 321 Dakota Avenue, P.O. Box 38, Wahpeton, North Dakota 58074-0038, until Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Bids should be for the total dollar amount and not per acre. The highest bidders will be notified and invited to participate in an oral bidding to be held on Friday, April 25, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., at the office of Smith & Stregle Ltd., 321 Dakota Avenue, Wahpeton, North Dakota 58075.

TERMS OF SALE AND CLOSING: Terms of the sale are cash. A 10% earnest money check will be required of the successful bidder on the date of the sale, with the balance due in full in 40 days. Seller will furnish a continued abstract of title evidencing marketable title for each tract. Seller will convey title by Warranty Deed at closing. Seller reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

POSSESSION: Note that there is an active lease on this land until December 31, 2025.

For more details and a bid form, contact the Smith & Stregle Ltd. law firm at:
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