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NorthWestern Energy  
Paul Mantz  
3010 W 69<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sioux Falls, SD 57108

RE: Confirmation Regarding Use of EDPA Funds

Dear Paul:

On behalf of the Economic Development Professionals Association of South Dakota (EDPA), this letter is to confirm that no funds received by EDPA from NorthWestern Energy are utilized for lobbying activities, advocacy efforts, political campaign activities, or the promotion or opposition of candidates for public office.

Any financial support provided to EDPA by NorthWestern Energy is used solely for organizational operations, member services, educational programming, professional development activities, conferences, communications, and initiatives that support economic development professionals and community development efforts across South Dakota.

EDPA maintains internal controls and operational practices intended to ensure that sponsor and membership dollars are utilized in a manner consistent with the purpose for which they are provided and in compliance with applicable laws and organizational policies.

Sincerely,

Michael Bockorny  
Chief Executive Officer  
Economic Development Professionals Association of South Dakota (EDPA)