

To Whom It May Concern:

Clark County's current FEMA approved Pre-disaster Mitigation Plan (PDM) will expire in 2024. This plan identifies potential natural disasters, their impact, and possible projects to mitigate the impact of said disasters. FEMA requires Clark County to update this plan every five years. Clark County Emergency Management applied for federal funding to assist with the cost of an update. The County received the approved grant award in the fall of 2022. Clark County contracted with the First District Association of Local Governments to facilitate the development of the PDM.

The goal of the PDM is to reduce the personal and economic costs of hazard events in both rural and urban areas of Clark County. The County believes this effort is an investment that will enhance and strengthen the economic structure and long-term stability of the rural and municipal areas of Clark County. While it may take years for certain projects to be completed, the PDM is the document that will bring all pre-disaster mitigation efforts to a shared, single product.

Through the planning process, projects are identified that will minimize effects of future disasters. Our goal is to enlist the support of multiple community stakeholders to identify or support projects identified in the planning process. We expect this process to last approximately nine months to one year.

A comprehensive planning effort like this is greatly enhanced with collaboration and perspectives from several community partners. Your community/school/utility/entity etc. has been identified as a potential partner in this process. **I would like to invite an individual from your organization to serve on the Pre-disaster Mitigation Planning Team.** The Mitigation Planning Team will meet three times over the next several months.

An organization/familiarization kick-off meeting for the Mitigation Planning Team is set for **1 p.m. on January 31st, 2023.** The meeting will be held in the **Clark Legion Hall** located at **103 North Commercial Street, Clark, SD 57225.**

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

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