

To Whom It May Concern:

Miner County's current FEMA approved Pre-disaster Mitigation Plan (PDM) will expire in September 2024. This plan identifies potential natural disasters, their impact, and possible projects to mitigate the impact of said disasters. FEMA requires Miner County to update this plan every five years. Miner 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. Miner 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 Miner 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 Miner 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 **5:30 p.m. on February 23rd, 2023.** The meeting will be held in the **Miner County 4-H Building located at 203 W Wilson St, Howard, SD 57349.**

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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