

SELECTED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE TRAINING FUNDING FOR THE 2007-09 AND 2009-11 BIENNIUMS

The schedule below provides information on selected economic development and workforce training program appropriations for the 2007-09 and 2009-11 bienniums:

Agency/Program	2007-09 Biennium	2009-11 Biennium	Increase/ (Decrease)	Funding Source
Department of Commerce				
Centers of excellence	\$20,000,000 ¹	\$20,000,000 ²	\$0	General fund and special funds
Workforce enhancement fund	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000	(\$1,000,000)	General fund
Operation Intern	\$600,000	\$900,000	\$300,000	General fund
Development Fund	\$3,000,000	\$2,820,000 ³	(\$180,000)	General fund
North Dakota University System				
Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR)	\$5,650,000	\$7,050,000 ⁴	\$1,400,000	General fund
Department of Career and Technical Education				
Workforce training - TrainND	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$0	General fund
Job Service North Dakota				
Workforce 20/20	\$1,500,000	\$1,512,491	\$12,491	General fund

¹The 2007 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$15 million from the permanent oil tax trust fund to the Office of Management and Budget for centers of excellence grants and authorized the Office of Management and Budget to borrow up to \$5 million from the Bank of North Dakota for providing additional funding for centers of excellence. The centers of excellence program did not utilize the authorized \$5 million of borrowing authority because the Legislative Assembly in 2009 House Bill No. 1015 provided \$4.45 million from the general fund for 2007-09 centers of excellence-awarded projects in excess of the \$15 million appropriated from the permanent oil tax trust fund.

²The 2009 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$15 million from the general fund for transfer to the centers of excellence fund for providing funding to centers of excellence for the 2009-11 biennium. The Legislative Assembly provided a contingent general fund appropriation of \$5 million for transfer to the centers of excellence fund for providing additional centers of excellence funding for the 2009-11 biennium. The contingent funding was available only if actual general fund revenues for the period July 1, 2009, through December 1, 2009, exceeded estimated general fund revenues for that period by at least \$5 million, as determined by the Office of Management and Budget, based on the legislative estimates made at the close of the 2009 legislative session. The Office of Management and Budget determined actual general fund revenues for the period July 1, 2009, through December 1, 2009, exceeded estimated general fund revenues for that period by at least \$5 million and transferred the contingent general fund appropriation of \$5 million in December 2009.

The 2009 Legislative Assembly provided in Section 23 of Senate Bill No. 2018 that the Department of Commerce use \$10 million of the funds transferred to the centers of excellence fund for centers of excellence enhancement grants. The centers of excellence enhancement grants may be made available to research universities under the control of the State Board of Higher Education or nonprofit university-related foundations for use in infrastructure or enhancement of economic development and employment opportunities.

³Senate Bill No. 2225 (2009) provided for a transfer from the general fund to the Development Fund for providing financing to early childhood facilities (\$1.25 million); for early childhood facility grants for technical assistance, a business plan, or infrastructure (\$500,000); for a technology-based entrepreneur grant program (\$1 million); and for administration of the programs (\$70,000).

⁴The 2009 Legislative Assembly provided that \$400,000 of the \$7,050,000 be used for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration EPSCoR.