



**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION AS A PRIMARY-SECTOR BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
 NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
 SFN 52998 (03-2019)

**Business Information**

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Applicant (Company Name)			
Contact Name	Title	Telephone Number	
Business Location	City	State	ZIP Code
Mailing Address	City	State	ZIP Code
Website	<input type="checkbox"/> Facility currently operating in North Dakota <input type="checkbox"/> Planning to operate facility in North Dakota <input type="checkbox"/> Business is registered with the ND Office of the Secretary of State		
Email Address			

**Step 1 - Value Added**

Does your business **add value** to the product it sells?  
 (Transforming raw materials and natural resources into goods and services that have greater value. For example, soybean meal is a value-added product relative to soybeans. Farm equipment is value-added to metal. Using human resources to customize software applications is adding value to a process.)

Yes (describe below)     No (**stop** here)\*

Describe what your company does to **add value** to your product, process, or service.

*\*NDCC 1-01-49 stipulates that a primary-sector business must add value to a product, process or service through the employment of knowledge or labor.*

**Step 2 – Sales and Markets\***

Annual Gross Sale Amount (generated through your North Dakota facility or the most recent year). <i>If this is your first year in operation, please provide projections.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual sales <input type="checkbox"/> Projected sales
Are other products or services like yours available in North Dakota? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, but difficult to obtain in North Dakota. <input type="checkbox"/> No, not currently available in North Dakota.	

Where do/will you sell your value-added product, process or service? Please provide the percentage breakdown for the categories shown below as sales from your North Dakota facility only. (Total for all four categories must equal 100%.)

State (ND) %	Regional (SD, MT, MN) %	National (rest of U.S.) %	International (rest of world) %
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NDCC 1-01-49 also stipulates that a primary-sector business must create new wealth. This means bringing new revenue into the state rather than redistributing funds from one North Dakotan to another.

**Step 3 - Value Stream\***

As a supplier or sub-contractor, what percentage of your gross sales results from sales of your goods to other North Dakota companies that further process and ultimately sell those goods outside of the state?  
%

Examples: Producing components that another company uses to build a larger or more complicated piece of equipment. Developing software for a company that incorporates it into its final product and sells it nationally.)

**Please list the name, city and state of ND companies to which you sell your product or service (maximum of 4 companies needed).** Do not include strictly wholesale or retail operations.

*(While you might not bring dollars directly into the state, you may be part of a process that does.)*

Company	City/State

Examples: If your company manufactures a product, list companies that purchase your product and use it as a component in their product's manufacture. If your company processes food, list food processors that buy your product and add value to it before taking the item they produce to market.

**\*Consistent with North Dakota law, information contained in the steps 2 & 3 will be kept confidential within North Dakota government.**

**Step 4 – Production Agriculture**

Complete this section only if your product might be considered production agriculture. If not, skip to signature portion below.

Business location <input type="checkbox"/> On or near farm <input type="checkbox"/> Apart from farm headquarters
Who runs the business? <input type="checkbox"/> Farm operator and farm operator's partners <input type="checkbox"/> Employees
Business ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Part of regular farm enterprise <input type="checkbox"/> Investor-owned

The undersigned certifies that the information provided in this document is true and accurate.

Name (Please print)	Title
Signature	Date

## Qualifications

Companies must meet minimum qualifications to be designated a primary-sector business. This certification is necessary to apply for certain financial and tax incentives designated for North Dakota primary-sector businesses.

If not already registered, it's best to begin by registering your company with the ND Office of the Secretary of State, (701) 328-4284, [sosbir@nd.gov](mailto:sosbir@nd.gov).

Below are definitions to keep in mind.

**"Primary sector business"** means an individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or association certified by the department of commerce division of economic development and finance which through the employment of knowledge or labor adds value to a product, process, or service which results in the creation of new wealth.

**"New wealth"** means revenues generated by a business in this state through the sale of products or services to:

- a. Customers outside of this state; or
- b. Customers in this state if the products or services were previously unavailable or difficult to obtain from a business in this state.

**"Production agriculture"** means the production of crops and livestock on or near a farm as part of the regular farm enterprise directed by a farm operator and the farm operator's partners. The term does not include an investor-owned livestock feeding or milking operation located apart from a farm headquarters which is managed by employees.

Please provide responses as they relate to your business location in North Dakota only. Your responses in the shaded areas will be kept confidential within North Dakota government. You will be notified of your status by letter within two weeks of receiving your application.

The North Dakota Department of Commerce has the authority to audit any figures presented, particularly at recertification. Certification is valid for four years from certification date.

## Instructions for qualified business

Use this form only for certification by the North Dakota Department of Commerce Division of Economic Development and Finance as a primary-sector business as defined in NDCC 1-01-49, 10-30.5-01, 57-39.2 and 57-38.5

Submit a completed application to:

North Dakota Department of Commerce  
Economic Development & Finance Division  
Attention: Research Manager  
PO Box 2057  
Bismarck, ND 58502-2057

## If you have any questions...

### Call:

701-328-5300

### Write to:

North Dakota Department of Commerce  
Economic Development & Finance Division  
PO Box 2057  
Bismarck, ND 58502-2057