

STATE OF THE STATE 2021

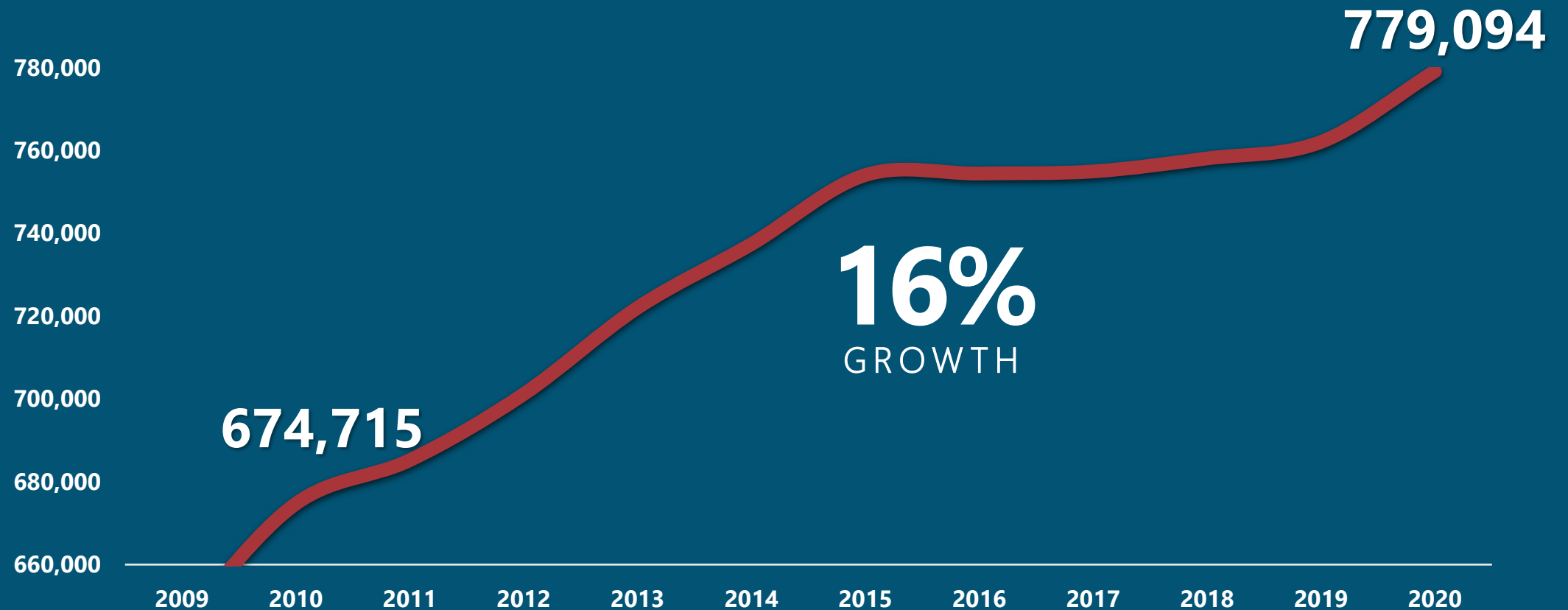
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A landscape photograph featuring a two-lane asphalt road with a yellow dashed center line, receding into the distance. The road is flanked by green grass and dark, tilled fields. In the far distance, a small white church with a steeple is visible on the horizon. Two vibrant rainbows arch across the sky, one on each side of the road. The sky is a deep, dark blue with some light clouds. Overlaid on the upper portion of the image is a white rectangular box with a thin grey border, containing the word "GRATITUDE" in a large, bold, blue sans-serif font.

GRATITUDE

RECORD POPULATION GROWTH

4TH-FASTEST GROWTH RATE IN THE NATION



"The State of the State is one of optimism and new beginnings, built on the confidence of overcoming adversity and the knowledge that we will emerge stronger than ever."

Gov. Doug Burgum
JANUARY 5, 2021

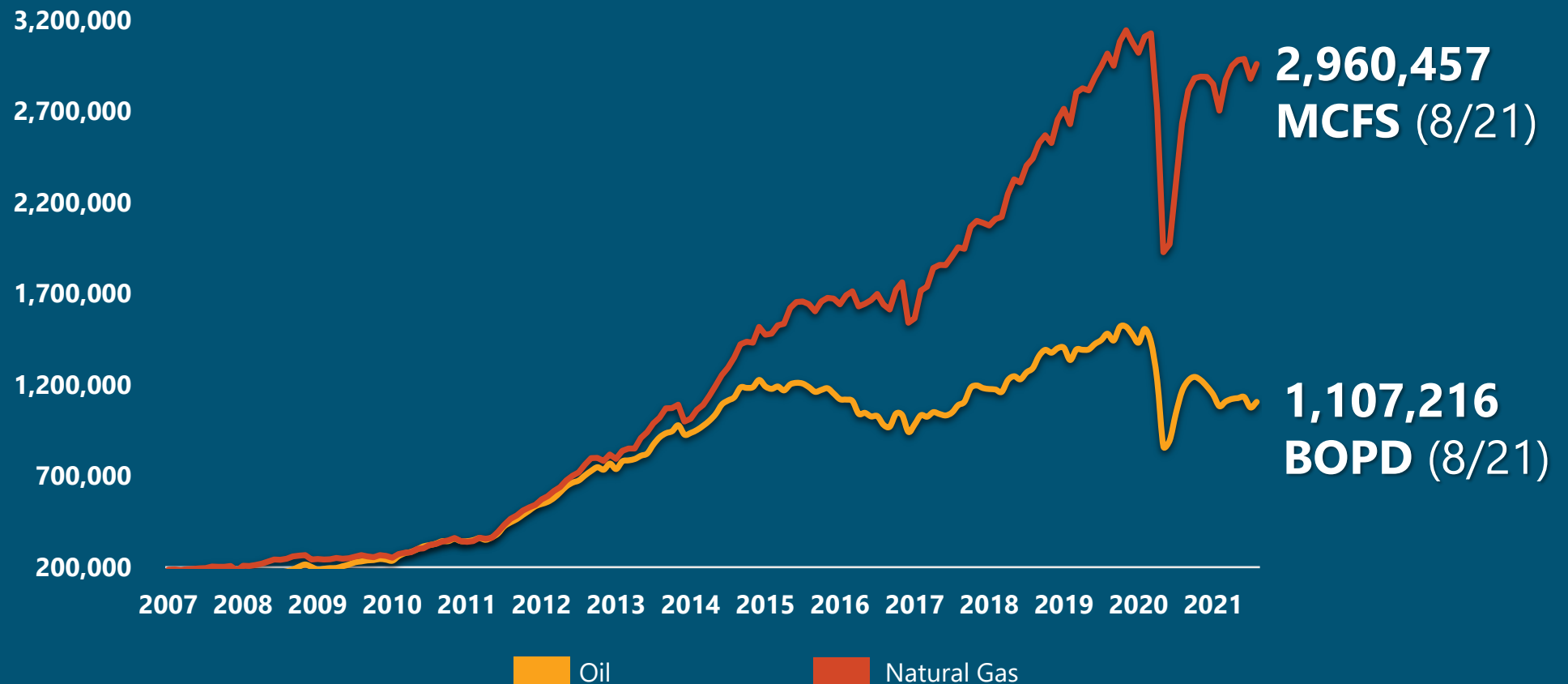


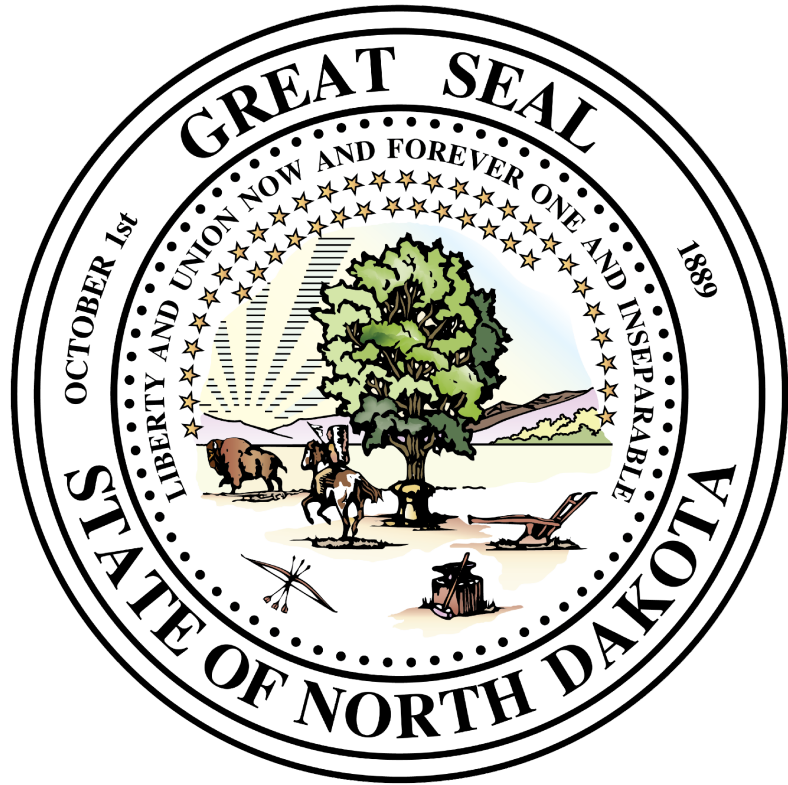
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2021

ABUNDANT NATURAL GAS SUPPLY

NORTH DAKOTA OIL & GAS PRODUCTION

2007-Present





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STRONG FINANCIAL POSITION

\$749M

Budget Stabilization Fund at a **record high**

\$594M

Strategic Investment and Improvements Fund growing

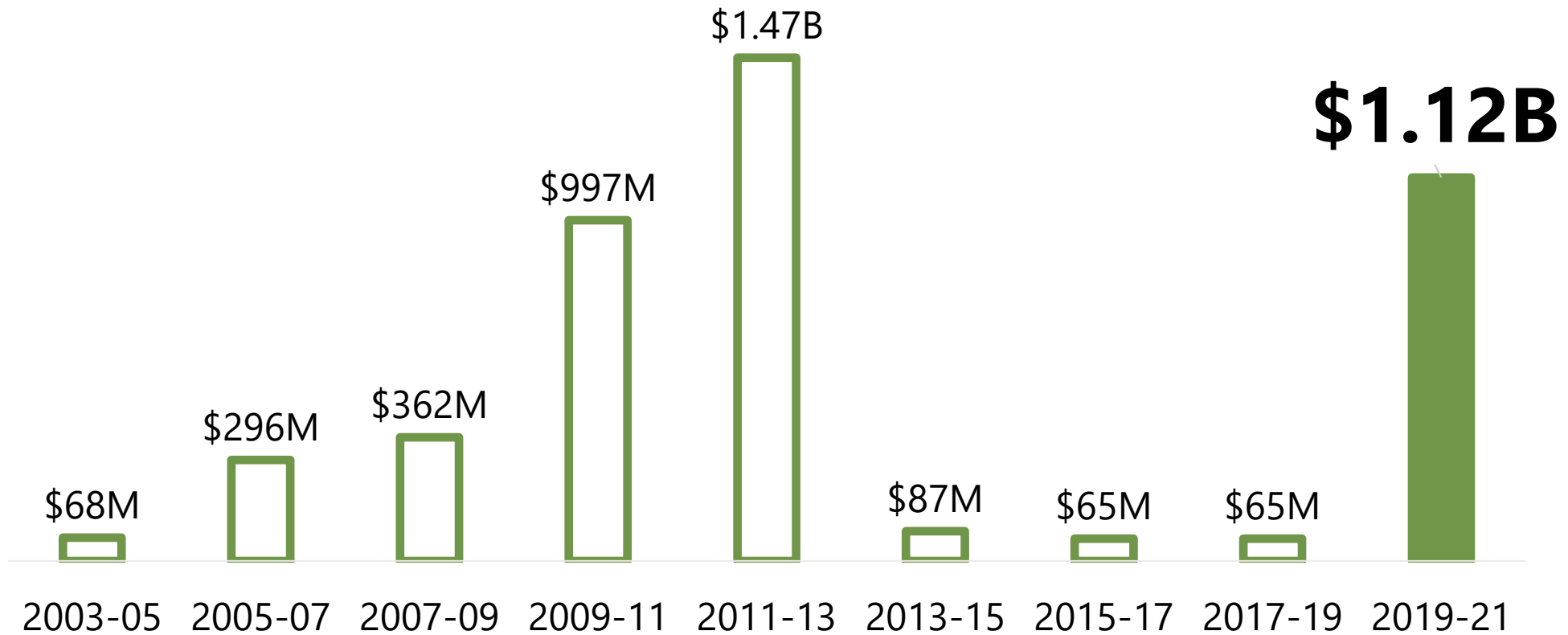
\$1.12B

Ending Fund Balance **near record high**

*\$710M obligated; \$412M in excess of legislative estimate.

NEAR RECORD BALANCE

GENERAL FUND ENDING BALANCE BY BIENNIUM



THE OPPORTUNITY IS NOW

INVESTING IN NORTH DAKOTA **RIGHT NOW** USING FEDERAL DOLLARS



Support growth



Diversify the economy



Enhance government services



Create long-term cost savings for citizens

ALL WITHOUT RAISING TAXES

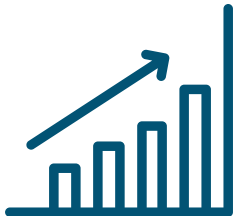
INVESTING FUNDS STRATEGICALLY



One-time expenditures that don't grow government



Long-term value, efficiency and cost savings for taxpayers



Investments with high ROI or private support



NOW IS THE TIME TO **UNLOCK THESE
FEDERAL FUNDS AND HARNESS
THEIR INVESTMENT POWER**



ACCELERATE ND

NORTH
Dakota
Be Legendary.



INVEST IN

WORKFORCE



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INVEST IN WORKFORCE

- Workforce development initiatives
- Career academies
- Polytechnic Center
- Early childhood tuition waivers and child care grants



INVEST IN

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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- Natural gas infrastructure
- Grand Farm
- Hydrogen infrastructure grants
- Clean sustainable energy

A high-angle photograph of a highway construction site. Several workers in neon yellow safety vests and red hard hats are visible. One worker is in the foreground, another further back. A large concrete mixer truck is partially visible on the left. The scene shows a deep trench with rebar reinforcement being prepared for a concrete pour.

INVEST IN INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

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- NDDOT infrastructure projects
- Critical water infrastructure
- State-wide facility maintenance
- ND Parks & Rec improvements
- Broadband matching grants

INVEST IN

EMERGENCY RESPONSE, HEALTH CARE AND CITIZEN SERVICE EFFICIENCY

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- Community-based behavioral health
- Public Health Lab renovation
- Unemployment Insurance System modernization
- Cybersecurity and process improvement



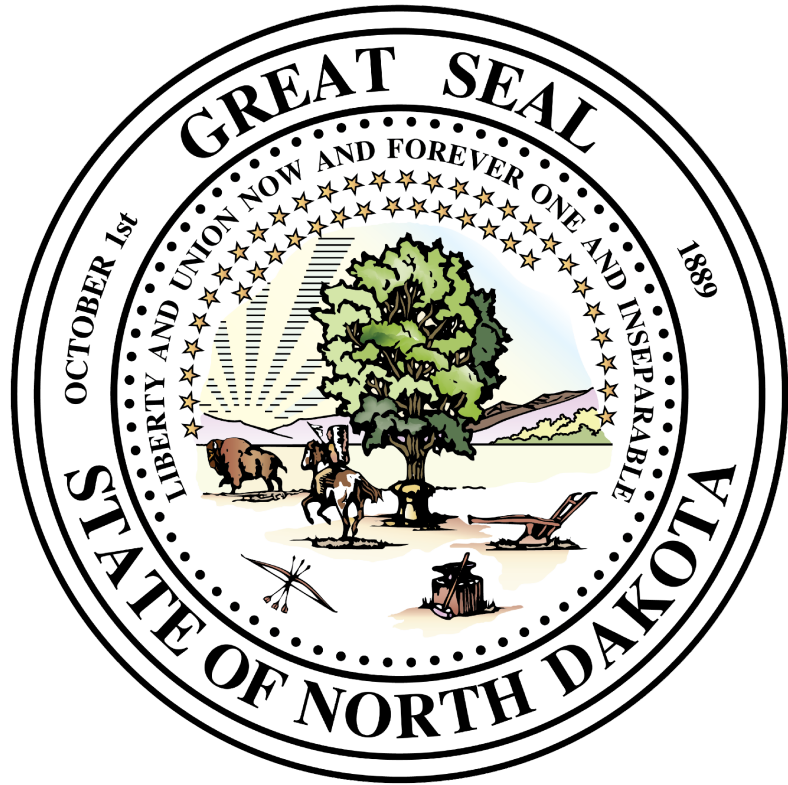
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PROVIDING TAX CREDIT

\$207M

INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX CREDIT
OF UP TO **\$500** PER RETURN
IN 2021 AND 2022
FOR ND RESIDENTS

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INFUSION TO PENSION FUND

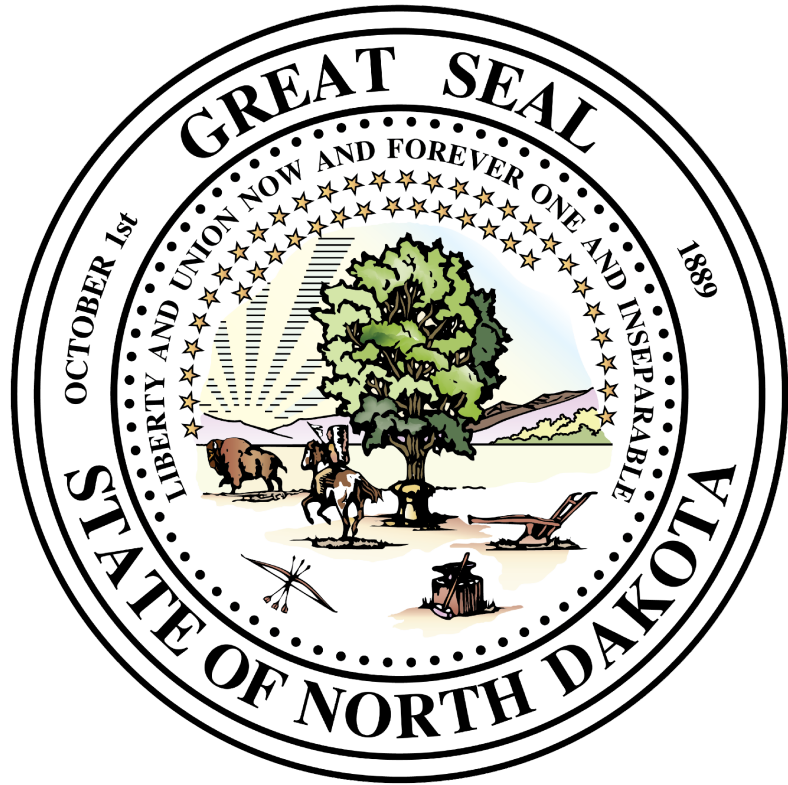
\$100M

**IF PENSION FUND MOVES FROM
DEFINED BENEFIT TO DEFINED
CONTRIBUTION**

DIVERSIFYING THE ECONOMY

\$100M

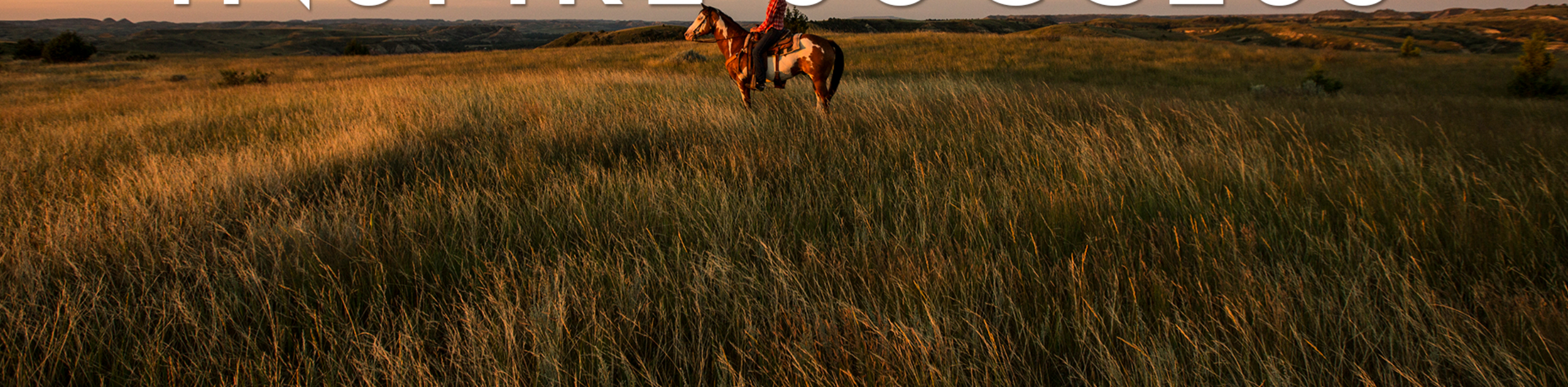
**FURTHER DRIVE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH
THROUGH EXISTING PROGRAMS**

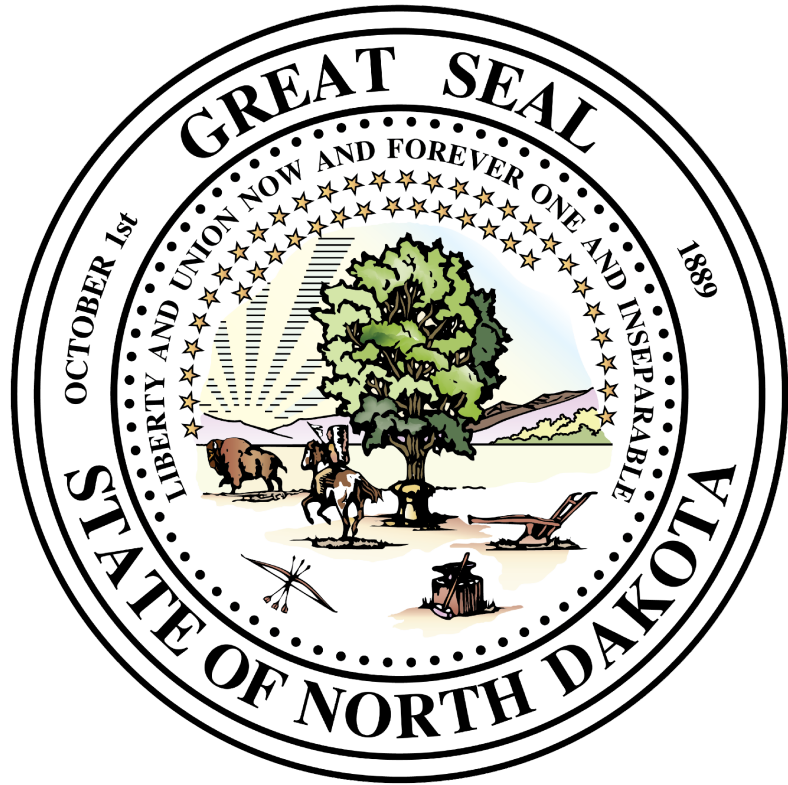


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EMPOWER PEOPLE
IMPROVE LIVES
INSPIRE SUCCESS





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