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Dear Saskatchewan Organic Producers,

The Saskatchewan Organic Directorate (SOD) is seeking Letters Of Intent (LOI) for projects to be supported by funds from our Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food (SAF) grant.

The Saskatchewan Organic Directorate (SOD) has received a modest grant from Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food (SAF), which is to be spent under the terms of the Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) between SOD and SAF. Preference will be given to organic projects that promote the key priority areas we identified:

- value added processing,
- value chain development, and
- market development.

Projects with other purposes may also be considered by the joint SOD-SAF Steering Committee. SOD is interested in developing projects on behalf of our organization, and we are also seeking third-party projects to be developed by individuals, co-operatives, businesses or other organizations in Saskatchewan.

SOD would like to invite interested members of the Saskatchewan organic sector to apply for funding under this program. Please submit a LOI outlining the basic framework of the project for the first round of applications by March 16, 2007.

The Letter Of Intent (LOI) will describe the applicant's organization, its mission, scope of its activities, a summary of the project with its goals and objectives, its deliverables, and its capacity to complete the project and the dollar amount requested. The LOI should be no more than 3 pages long. Please refer to the detailed project proposal guidelines (available on our website or from our Administrator) to make sure you will be in a position to submit a detailed proposal if your Letter of Intent is accepted.

The SOD Board will review the LOI and invite applicants that have the potential to meet the criteria to submit detailed proposals. Detailed proposals will then be reviewed by the SOD Board and their recommendations will be forwarded to the joint SOD-SAF Review Committee for final approval.

Please submit your Letter Of Intent to:

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