TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT - ADDITIONAL ATTACHMENT
NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS UTILIZATION COMMISSION
SFN 59487 (7-2019)

Additional attachments must be completed by the applicant and submitted with the application.

A. APPLICANT INFORMATION (please print or type)

Applicant Company	Telephone Number
Applicant Name	Title
Email Address	
Signature	Date

B. COMPANY BACKGROUND

1. What are your company's growth target expectations? (Please limit response to space provided.)

2. To meet those targets, what areas of your business will you need to improve on?
   List below and select those where you could use outside assistance.

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C. COMPANY EXPERIENCE WITH CONSULTANTS

1. For what kind of consulting assistance (if any) have you gone outside your company in the past two years? List below and rate your company's satisfaction with that assistance (rate on a scale of 1 to 5; 5 being satisfied).	Outside Assistance Rating

2. Which of the following are the greatest barriers for your company in using consultants?	
Identifying the consultant we need with the right expertise	☐
Lack of information concerning consultant qualifications	☐
Lack of consultant objectivity	☐
Difficulty paying for consultants	☐
Difficulty defining what our needs are	☐
Difficulty negotiating agreements with consultants	☐
Ability to manage consultants effectively	☐
Ability to complete improvements - once the consultant leaves	☐
Other (please describe)	☐

D. COMPANY EXPERIENCE WITH CONSULTANTS

6. How do you propose your company will measure the success of this project? (Please limit response to space provided.)

7. What return investment do you expect from this improvement project? *Example: We expect a 2:1 return on investment ($2 in benefits for every $1 investment) in this project.*

8. In addition to the dollars invested in this project, what additional investments (if any) does your company anticipate making with this project and/or as a result of this project?

Investment	Description	Estimated Amount
Plant or Equipment		
Employee Skills - Workforce		
Information Systems - Software		
Other Area		

9. As part of your project, will you need assistance in making the best investment(s) for your company and/or in saving money on these investments?   ☐ Yes   ☐ No