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Melissa Hughes, Secretary and CEO
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Subject: FY 2023 Report on Economic Development

Dear Secretary Hughes:

As required by *2007 Wisconsin Act 125*, the Department of Natural Resources reports to your agency each year on job creation and other data associated with economic development programs.

As we have reported in previous years, DNR does not currently administer any grant or loan program that meets the statutory definition of an “economic development program” as defined in section 23.167, Wis. Stats. In that section, an economic development program is defined as *“a program or activity having the primary purpose of encouraging the establishment and growth of business in this state, including the creation and retention of jobs....”* While DNR administers grant and loan programs that have a positive, secondary impact on the economy, the primary objective of those programs is to promote public health, protect the environment, or enhance outdoor recreational opportunities.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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For Adam N. Payne
Secretary

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