



## **Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program**

FY 2024 Funding Cycle

September 12, 2023

Commission Workshop



# Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program

- Created by legislation in 2005
- Purpose: To provide loans and grants for railroad related improvement projects to benefit Iowa.
- Funded by loan repayments and appropriations by the Iowa Legislature. Funding is available to cities, counties, economic development organizations, businesses, rail companies and alliances of such organizations.

# Available Funding and Application Summary

- **Available Funding:**
  - FY 2024 Legislative appropriation (RIIF): \$500,000
  - Loan repayments: \$1,398,286
  - Rescinded or unused funds: \$789,696
  - Total Available: \$2,687,982
- **Application Summary:**
  - Total number of projects: 3
  - Total rail project costs: \$15,641,253
  - Total amount requested: \$6,722,000

# Project Evaluation Criteria

- **Targeted Job Creation Projects:**

Hourly wage rates must meet 100% of the average county wage criteria:

- Job leverage: 40 pts
- Wage quality: 20 pts
- Capital investment: 20 pts
- Loan leverage: 20 pts

- **Rail Network Improvement Projects:**

- Project readiness
- Rail network impact
- Economic impact
- Financial readiness

- **Rail Port Planning and Development Studies:**

- Existing/potential site information
- Goals of the study
- Organizational structure and capacity to complete the study

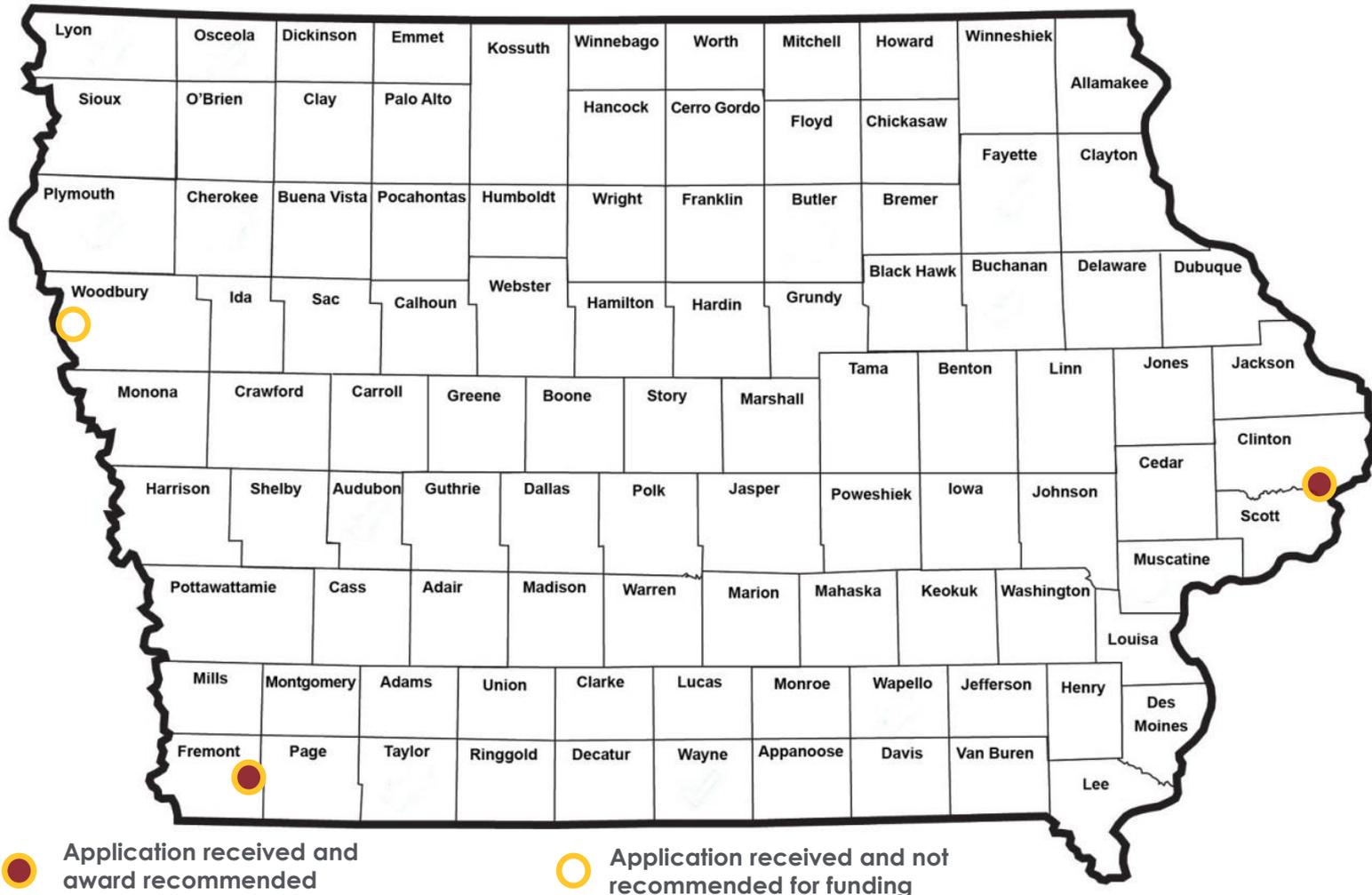
## Applications Received & Recommended Awards

PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	SCORE	TOTAL RAIL PROJECT COST	REQUESTED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)
New Horizons Switching Track and Additions (Clinton)	Atlas Roofing Corporation	34.93 (Targeted Jobs)	\$7,200,000	Loan: \$1,000,000 (13.9%) Grant: \$1,404,000 (19.5%)	Loan: \$715,000 (9.9%) Grant: \$1,404,000 (19.5%)
Shenandoah Clean Sugar Plant Rail Spur (Fremont)	Green Plains Shenandoah LLC	28.74 (Targeted Jobs)	\$941,253	Loan: \$424,000 (45.0%) Grant: \$144,000 (15.3%)	Loan: \$424,000 (45.0%) Grant: \$144,000 (15.3%)

## Applications Received & Not Recommended for Award

PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	SCORE	TOTAL RAIL PROJECT COST	REQUESTED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)
Project Zetta Rail Improvement (Woodbury)	City of Sioux City		\$7,500,000	Grant: \$3,750,000 (50%)	Grant: 0 (0%)

# Map of Applications Received





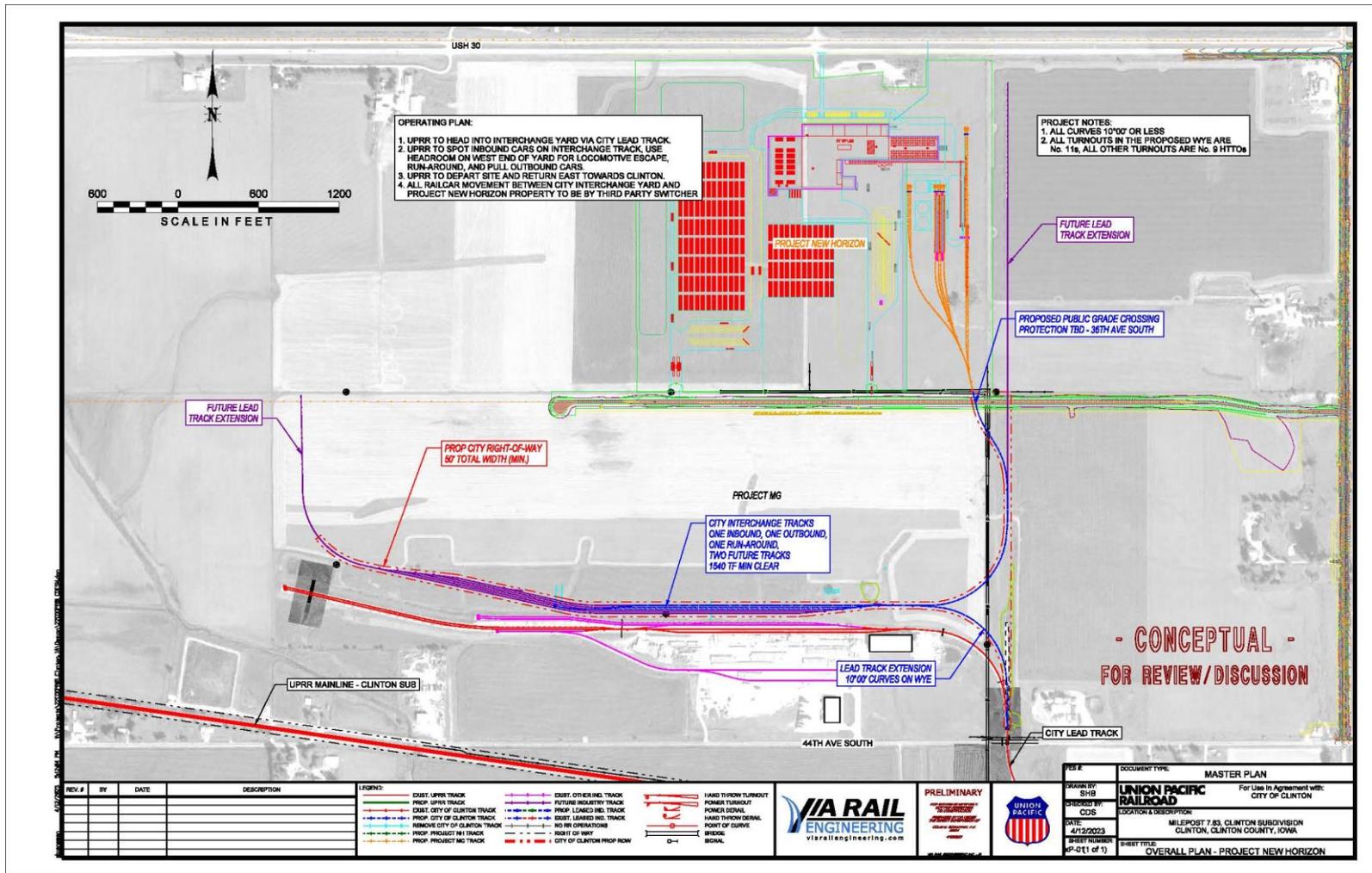
QUESTIONS?



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**Atlas Roofing Corporation, Clinton, Co** is building a new roofing materials plant that will produce asphalt shingles. The \$218M plan includes rail infrastructure that will also benefit future rail access in the industrial park.

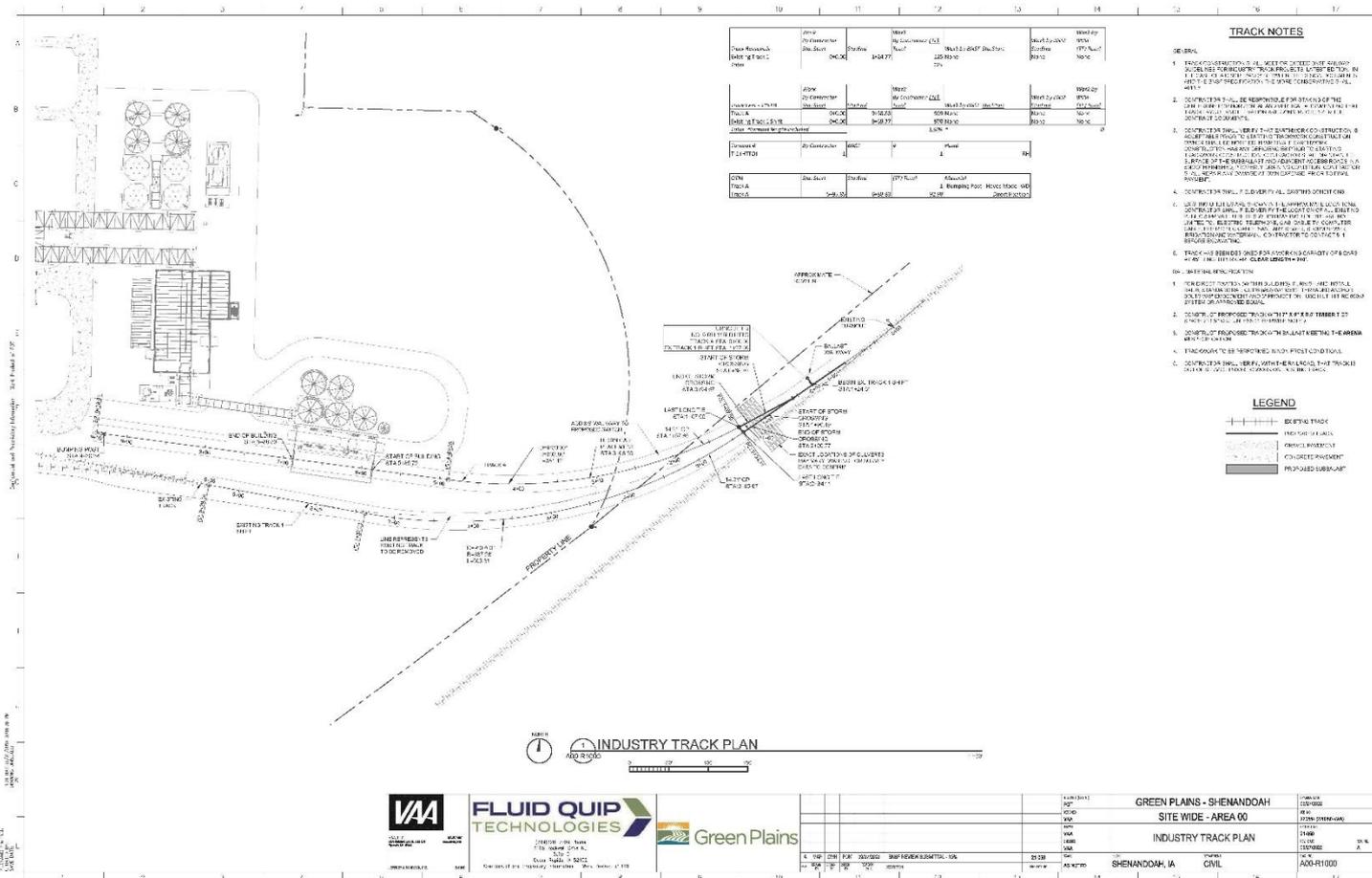
Job creation: 117 jobs at an average \$28.61/hour. Total project rail cost is \$7,200,000  
 We recommend a loan award of \$715,000 and grant of \$1,404,000.



**Green Plains Shenandoah LLC, Fremont Co,** is building a new Clean Sugar Plant adjacent to its existing BioRefinery facility. The new plant will use the output from the BioRefinery plant to produce Clean Sugar Syrup for retail customers. The spur addition will connect the plant's output to the BNSF railway.

Job creation: 12 jobs at an average \$24.83/hour. Total project rail cost is \$941,253

We recommend a loan award of \$424,000 and grant of \$144,000.



**Project Zetta Rail Improvements, Woodbury Co** is looking to built a state-of-the-art construction materials manufacturing facility in the Sioux City Southbridge Business Park.

Job creation: 350 at an average of \$35.00/hour. Total Project Rail Cost: \$7,500,000  
Requested: \$3,750,000      Recommended: \$0

Attachment B - Sketch Drawing of Rail Facilities

