



# IOWA EASY AIR

## ELECTRONIC PERMIT APPLICATION SYSTEM

**What?** Introducing Iowa EASY Air (Environmental Application System), a convenient, efficient way to submit air quality permit applications. Recognizing the need to reduce industry’s time and costs involved in applying for air quality permits, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) entered into a contract with enfoTech & Consulting, Inc. to develop a modern electronic permit application system. The new system will allow applicants to quickly submit both air quality construction permit and Title V operating permit applications. The new online system will be customized for air quality programs, adaptable to changing business needs and scalable for use by other DNR programs.

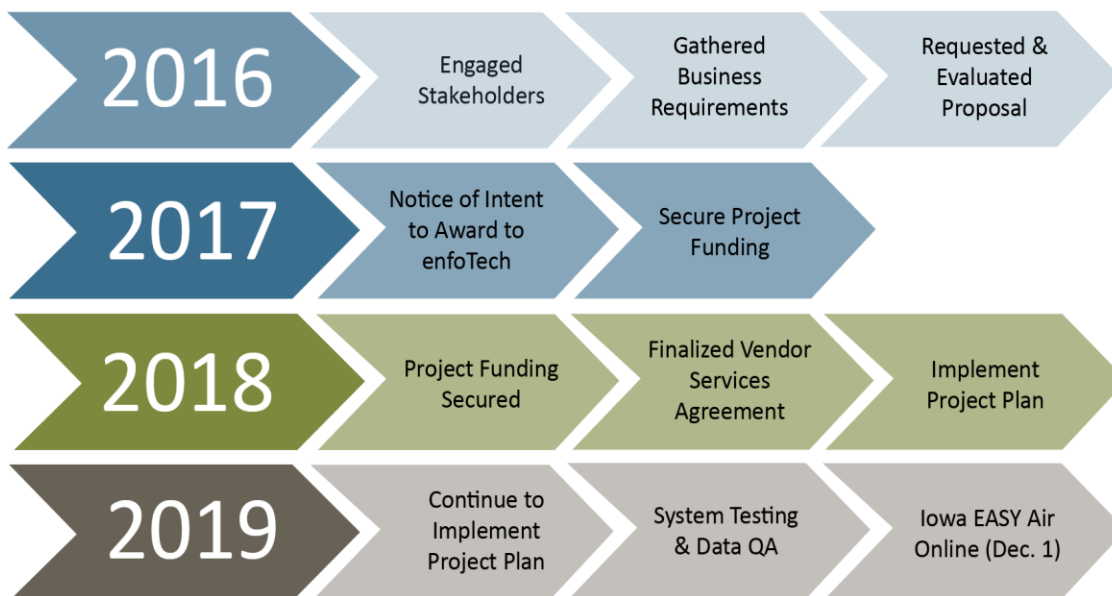
**Industry Recommendations:** In the spring of 2016, 66 stakeholders from business, industry and consulting firms met to detail their needs for a new electronic application system. Their vision reduces redundant data entry, increases data accuracy, saves time and cuts costs during application preparation and submittal, and speeds delivery of final permits.

**Improved Service:** Iowa’s investment in a customized electronic application system will fulfill that vision by reducing maintenance and support costs. Streamlining the DNR’s ability to review and issue these complex air permits will provide better customer service to meet the evolving needs of industry.

The DNR’s existing electronic application system is more than 17 years old and is seldom used (94 percent of applications are received on paper). It was written with now outdated software, is difficult to use and does not meet minimum federal electronic reporting standards.

**How Can I Be Involved?** Stakeholders will be asked to preview the system in spring 2019 and help test the system in summer 2019. DNR will provide progress updates during the entire development process.

**When Will the System be Ready to Use?** The DNR expects the system to be ready for use no later than Dec. 1, 2019.



**How is the System Funded?** On May 2, 2018, the Iowa General Assembly passed a bill (Senate File 2414) appropriating \$954,000 to DNR to finance the electronic application project. \$728,000 will be used to pay for the contract with enfoTech Consulting, Inc. The remaining \$226,000 will be used to fund the project manager, Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) support, and hardware.

**More Information:** Find out more about the electronic permit application system on the DNR’s [eAirServices webpage](#). Stay current on new developments by signing up for eAirServices Updates, the Air Quality technical emails that go direct to your inbox.