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HB 2289-A Tax Credits for Brownfield property

Chair Barnhart and Members

Since my testimony on the above referenced bill was short I am providing you with the links and information regarding use of existing programs for funding brownfield cleanup.

http://www.epa.gov/reg3hwmd/bf-lr/fed_prog_guide/newmarkets.htm

Advantages for Brownfields Stakeholders

Brownfields stakeholders will also find several advantages by using the NMTC Program for financing brownfields cleanup and redevelopment projects.

- Often, a CDE is willing to structure a more favorable deal than traditional lending institutions for brownfields properties.
- CDEs can offer funding for a full range of redevelopment activities, including land acquisition, environmental remediation, demolition, site preparation, construction, renovation and infrastructure improvements.
- In certain situations CDEs can provide technical assistance for brownfields cleanup. Typically a CDE's staff is knowledgeable of these items.
- CDEs involved with brownfields cleanup and redevelopment projects can "package" funding sources together, including a wide range of federal and local financing credits and initiatives such as tax increment financing and HUD's Community Development Block Grants. Funding can also be used in conjunction with EPA Brownfields grants.
- A certified CDE that is willing to commit the time and resources to apply for an allocation of tax credits may significantly improve its project financing options. An allocation of tax credits offered to investors can be an inducement for investors to commit additional funds for a qualified low-income community investment project.

EPA Funding options

http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/grant_info/

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