

## **2009 UPDATE: CITY OF LAKE CHARLES BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM**

### **United States Environmental Protection Agency 2009 Brownfields Grant Awards**

The City of Lake Charles nationally competed and was selected for an EPA \$200,000 Hazard Assessment Grant and was also a coalition member for a \$2 million Revolving Loan Fund Grant. Along with the present Petroleum Assessment Grant, these two additional grants allow the City of Lake Charles to offer environmental assessment funds, as well as, a loan for cleanup of the environmental impacted properties.

The Brownfields Program will be presenting information about the Grants during the June 25<sup>th</sup> 2009 meeting where the public will be able to ask questions to attain a better understanding of the programs and specific requirements.

### **RECENTLY AWARDED BROWNFIELD GRANTS FOR 2009**

#### **\$200,000 Brownfields Hazardous Assessment Grant**

Assessment grants provide funding for a grant recipient to inventory, characterize, assess, and conduct planning and community involvement related to brownfields sites. The City of Lake Charles was selected for \$200,000 to assess sites with potential environmental issues such as hazardous materials, pollutants or contaminants that could be co-mingled with petroleum issues. The performance period for this grant is three years or till funds are expended.

#### **Brownfields \$2 million Coalition Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund**

#### **Partners: City of Lake Charles, City of Baton Rouge, South Central Planning & Development Commission, Acadiana Regional Development Division**

South Central Planning & Development will administer the Revolving Loan Fund. The City of Lake Charles Brownfields Program will supply clients/developers for the program. The funds will be allocated based on first-to-come projects. Once the funds are expended, the Coalition will be allowed more funding from EPA which will increase the \$2 million initial allocation.

The Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (BCRLF) Program is a competitive grant program awarded to communities to set up and offer low interest loans for brownfields cleanups. From the BCRLF grant funds, states, political subdivisions, and Indian tribes may provide loans and sub-grants to public and private parties for the purposes of cleaning up brownfields sites that already have been assessed for contamination. Loan repayments provide a continuing source of capital for states, political subdivisions, and Indian tribes to direct and facilitate brownfields site cleanups by providing additional loans to other eligible recipients for brownfields site cleanups.

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