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ARRA Funds Available for Eligible Brownfields Projects in Oklahoma

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will award approximately \$900,000 in grants for the cleanup of brownfield sites in Oklahoma, through its existing Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund. The agency's Brownfield Program received approximately \$1.9 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds. One million dollars has already been awarded in grants.

These funds are meant to finance shovel-ready eligible Brownfields cleanup projects, encourage redevelopment and create local jobs in communities across the state. The funds may be used toward the cleanup of properties contaminated by hazardous chemicals, petroleum or petroleum products, and/or buildings containing asbestos and lead based paint or mine-scarred land.

Local governments and non-profit organizations are eligible for the grants. To ensure a fair, transparent selection and award process, a Statement of Interest application with information on general eligibility criteria and evaluation and ranking criteria will be used by DEQ to make an award decision. DEQ will accept completed Statement of Interest applications until **August 31, 2011**.

Please see the frequently asked questions document and other documents available at www.deq.state.ok.us/LPDnew/brownfindex.html for more information on applying for these funds. Questions may be sent in writing to oklahomabrownfields@deg.ok.gov, and responses will be posted in the frequently asked questions document available at the link provided above.

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