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Brownfields Targeted Site Investigation Program

Government agencies and non-profit organizations involved with redevelopment in California are eligible to apply for funding assistance under a program that encourages brownfields redevelopment. Brownfields are properties that may be contaminated and underused due to potential remediation costs and liability concerns. Typical examples of brownfields sites include former industrial and manufacturing facilities and gas stations.

The Targeted Site Investigation (TSI) program is one of several initiatives funded through a \$1.5 million grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA). The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), in collaboration with the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCB), will select a limited number of sites and by using U.S. EPA funds will perform site investigations at no cost to the applicant. Conducting a Targeted Site Investigation, which may be a DTSC Preliminary Endangerment Assessment, can provide additional information for making decisions about redevelopment. A grant amount of \$550,000 will be distributed to a maximum of four sites.

**Application Deadline:
August 7, 2006**

Eligibility

To be eligible for the TSI program a site must:

- meet the U.S. EPA definition of a “brownfields” site;
- be owned by a public agency or non-profit organization, or be within a redevelopment planning area, or be a project that is of interest to a public agency or nonprofit organization;
- not be a federally-owned property, a site proposed for or listed on the National Priority List, a site under certain enforcement orders, or a site subject to Resource Conservation and Recovery Act corrective action;
- be readily accessible to Cal/EPA boards and departments and to DTSC’s contractors for the purposes of performing fieldwork;
- have contract costs not to exceed \$200,000;
- provide a letter of support from a local redevelopment or economic development agency for the proposed Targeted Site Investigation Project; and
- not have been selected for a Targeted Site Investigation in the same fiscal year.



Application

To apply, government agencies or non-profit organizations should complete an application to provide information about the site history, ownership, intended future use, and potential community benefits of redeveloping the site. Staff will review the application and rank each site based on the selection criteria. A selection panel with representatives from DTSC, RWQCB and Cal/EPA will decide which sites will receive Targeted Site Investigation services.

Selection will be based upon:

- the degree of uncertainty surrounding the site's level of contamination;
- the likelihood of the site investigation reducing this uncertainty;
- the surrounding neighborhood's economic situation;
- the ability to proceed with the assessment within the established time frame;
- plans for reuse;
- benefit to the community; and
- other considerations based on overall geographic diversity and financial need.

Deadline

The deadline for submitting applications is **August 7, 2006**. Selections should be announced by early fall 2006.

For More Information

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