

**Hastings Community
Joint Planning Committee (Alliance) – Grant Coalition Team
USEPA Brownfield Assessment Grant Program
Application Guidelines and Call for Projects
February 2010**

I. INTRODUCTION

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has awarded the City of Hastings, Michigan (City), a Brownfields Hazardous Substance Assessment Grant Cooperative Agreement (CA) for community-wide assessment of properties. The City, along with Carlton, Hastings, and Rutland Townships formed a Coalition (Coalition) to apply for this grant. As the lead Coalition member and CA recipient, the City will manage the grant program and report to the USEPA. The grant funds will be used to assess brownfield sites within the Coalition communities; investigate historic uses and identify Recognized Environmental Conditions; determine the type, severity, and extent of environmental contamination; and develop liability management and remedial strategies that will allow for safe and viable redevelopment/reuse of brownfield sites. The Coalition is seeking environmental assessment projects that are eligible for grant funding.

II. PROJECT OVERVIEW AND OBJECTIVES

The Coalition has identified approximately 85 brownfields within its boundaries, including manufacturing facilities, print shops, dry cleaners, landfills, salvage yards, and automobile repair shops, all of which are potential candidates for environmental assessment. The Coalition will use its grant to conduct environmental assessment of regional brownfields, which will provide useful data to support property transfers, redevelopment, job creation/retention, and if necessary, cleanup planning.

The City and Coalition members have formalized a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) describing the process by which the Coalition partners will conduct grant tasks and disburse grant funds. The City has retained a qualified environmental consultant, using quality based selection criteria in accordance with federal procurement rules, to assist with the CA management, perform environmental assessments, and prepare technical documents.

Moving forward, the Coalition will identify, evaluate, and select properties on which to focus CA monies. Site selection criteria will include factors such as:

- Impact on the community as a whole, specific neighborhoods, sensitive populations, and environmental justice.
- Level of potential threats to human health and the environment.
- Sustainable development aspects of a redevelopment project.
- Greenspace created or preserved as a result of redevelopment.
- Site development potential (desirability and redevelopment feasibility).
- Nonprofit interest in redevelopment of sites.
- Private developer interest in redevelopment of sites.
- Financial capacity of developer.
- Market value.

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1. Location of property: _____

2. Name of applicant: _____

3. Applicant contact information:

4. Name of property owner (if other than applicant):

5. Property owner contact information (if other than applicant):

4. Applicant's legal interest in property (e.g., owner, purchaser with binding offer, etc.):

5. Contamination of property: ___ Known ___ Suspected ___ Unknown

6. Type of contamination (if known or suspected):
