



INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TO CREATE AND ADMINISTER
A BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT COALITION

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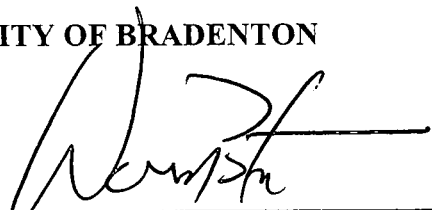
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In Witness thereof, the Parties hereto have executed this agreement on the date set forth below.

THE CITY OF BRADENTON



Wayne Boston, Mayor

Attest:

By: 

Clerk

Date: December 14, 2010



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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: *Nora Patterson*
Chair

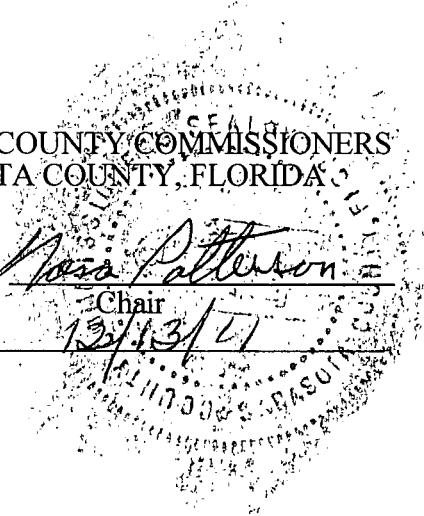
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Deputy Clerk

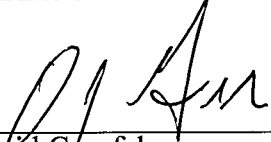
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SARASOTA/MANATEE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION:



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MPO Board Chairman


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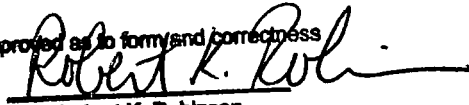
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Attest:



Tom Jones, Chairman

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Robert K. Robinson

*November 14, 2011
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THE CITY OF PALMETTO, BY AND THROUGH
THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
PALMETTO

BY: Shirley Groover Bryant
Shirley Groover Bryant, as Mayor

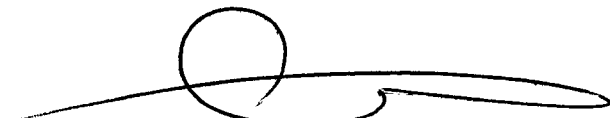
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**ATTEST: R.B. SHORE
Clerk of Courts**

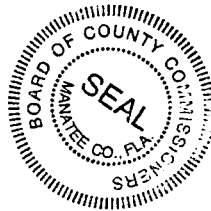


Carol Whitmore, Chairman

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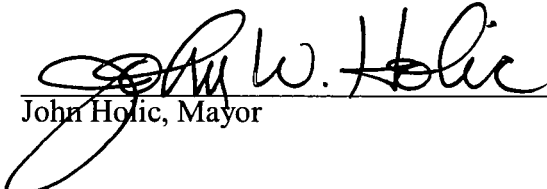
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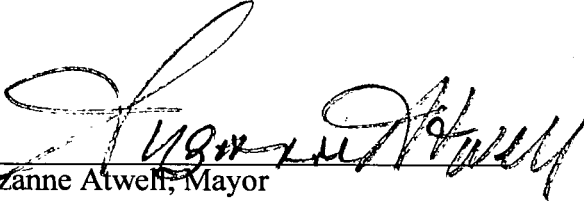
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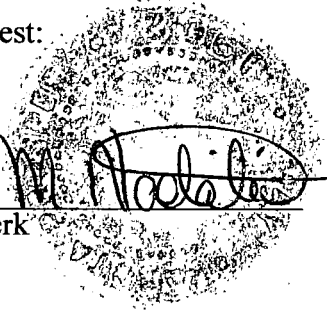
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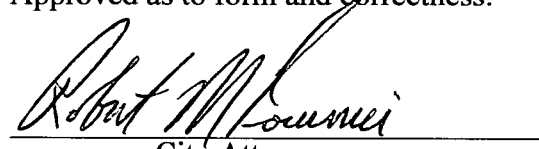

Suzanne Atwell, Mayor

Attest:

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City Attorney

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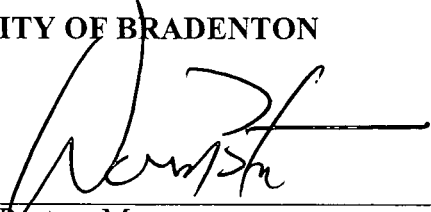
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Wayne Boston, Mayor

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By: _____
Clerk

Date: December 14, 2017



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By: *Nora Patterson*
Chair

Date: 12/13/17

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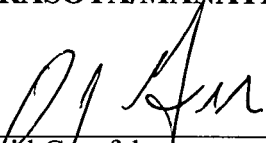
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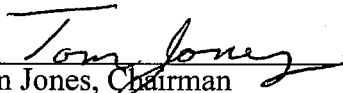
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Tom Jones, Chairman

By: 
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ORDERED ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO this 22 day of November, 2011.

THE CITY OF PALMETTO, BY AND THROUGH
THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
PALMETTO

BY: Shirley Groover Bryant
Shirley Groover Bryant, as Mayor

ATTEST: James R. Freeman
City Clerk

By: James R. Freeman
City Clerk/Deputy Clerk

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**ATTEST: R.B. SHORE
Clerk of Courts**



Carol Whitmore, Chairman

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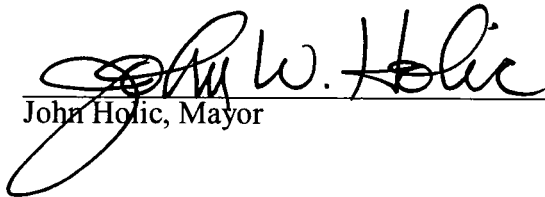
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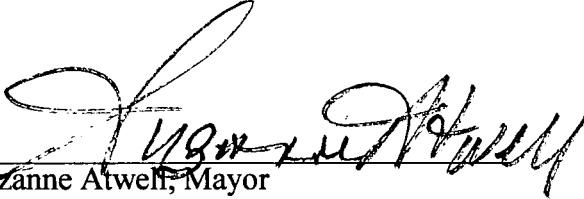
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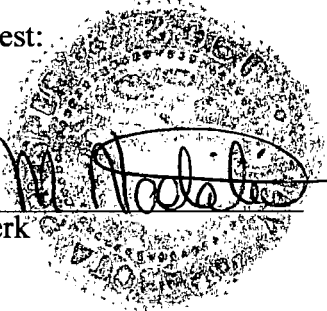
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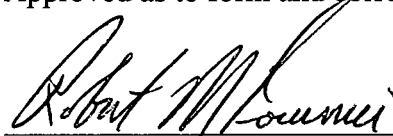
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**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TO CREATE AND ADMINISTER
A BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT COALITION**

This Interlocal Agreement is entered into as of the Effective Date as defined in Section IV hereof, pursuant to and in compliance with the "Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969", Section 163.01, Florida Statutes (referred to herein as "the Act"), by the **Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization**, a Florida State Agency existing and operating pursuant to the Florida Statute § 339.175 (referred to herein as the "MPO") and "**Manatee County**" (referred to herein as "**Manatee County**") and "**Sarasota County**" (referred to herein as "**Sarasota County**", each a political subdivision of the State of Florida, and the **Cities of Palmetto, Bradenton, Sarasota, Venice, and North Port**, each a Florida municipal corporation, (referred to herein as "**Palmetto**", "**Bradenton**", "**City of Sarasota**", "**Venice**", and "**North Port**"). These foregoing entities shall collectively be referred to herein as the "**Parties**".

Whereas, in recent years, due to changes in regulatory requirements and economic conditions, many fuel facilities (most commonly gas stations) have been abandoned, resulting in potential environmental contamination and economic blight; and

Whereas, the jurisdictional area which is included within the MPO includes many such sites; and

Whereas, the governing bodies of the Parties have supported the MPO's application for a federal grant to assist in identifying such sites which are most in need of clean up and re-development funds; and

Whereas, on October 1, 2011, the EPA awarded Cooperative Agreement No. 95481811-0 to the MPO with a grant period of October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2014; and

Whereas, the grant contemplates that the MPO will coordinate with the specific member governmental entities within its jurisdictional area to jointly administer the grant program; and

Whereas, the Parties all find that it is in the best interests of the citizens, businesses, visitors and environments of Manatee and Sarasota Counties to utilize these grant funds for the purposes they have been made available in a cooperative manner.

Now therefore, the Parties agree as follows:

I. PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT:

The purpose of this Agreement is to document the roles and responsibilities of the Parties involved in a Brownfields Assessment Coalition known as the US 41 Tamiami Trail Brownfields Coalition (referred to herein as the **Coalition**) to carry out the activities outlined in the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Cooperative Agreement No. 95481811-0. The Coalition shall consist of the Parties to this Agreement, with the MPO serving as the Lead Partner and remaining Parties being known as "Coalition Partners".

II. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTNERS

- A. It is the responsibility of MPO to provide timely information to the other Coalition Partners regarding the management of the Cooperative Agreement and any changes that may be made to the Cooperative Agreement over the period of performance.
- B. Activities funded through the Cooperative Agreement shall include inventory preparation, site selection criteria development, permitting activities, site access agreements, assessments, planning (including cleanup planning) relating to brownfield sites, and outreach materials and implementation, and other eligible activities. MPO may retain consultant(s) and contractors under 40 CFR 30.36 to undertake various activities funded through the Cooperative Agreement.
- C. As the Lead Coalition Partner, MPO is responsible to EPA for management of the Cooperative Agreement and compliance with the statutes, regulations, and terms and conditions of the grant award, and ensuring that all Partners to the coalition are in compliance with the terms and conditions of the Cooperative Agreement.
- D. The MPO, as Lead Coalition Partner, will procure the consultant(s) in compliance with 40 CFR 31-36 requirements and applicable Florida State Statutes. The consultant(s) will be responsible for successfully completing technical and programmatic tasks of the grant. The MPO will issue the Request for Qualifications and will be the entity responsible for receipt of the submitted proposals and selection and award of contracts. MPO will consult with the Coalition Partners in making the selection of consultants and contractors and negotiating the terms of agreements, but such other Partners shall not be parties to such agreements, and shall not be obligated to expend any funds for such services.
- E. The MPO, as Lead Coalition Partner, in consultation with the other Coalition Partners, will work to develop a site selection process based on agreed upon factors and will ensure that a minimum of five sites are assessed over the life of the cooperative agreement. Selected sites will be submitted to EPA for prior approval to ensure eligibility. The MPO, as Lead Coalition Partner, will work with all Coalition Partners to assure an equitable distribution of grant funds among the Coalition Partners to the greatest extent possible. The MPO may accomplish the cooperative development of site selection criteria, site selection, and other joint tasks, via a coordinating committee consisting of one staff representative from each of the Coalition Partners, chaired by the MPO representative. The MPO shall ensure the work of this committee complies with all applicable sunshine and public records laws.
- F. Upon designation of the specific sites, it will be the responsibility of MPO to work with the Coalition Partner in whose geographic area the site is located to finalize the scope of work for the consultant or contractor. It will be the responsibility of this Coalition Partner to perform the administrative tasks necessary to obtain all required access permits, easements, and/or access agreements as may be necessary to undertake assessments at the selected site. If this Coalition Partner does not have the capacity to perform these activities, MPO may assist in securing necessary site access agreements and permits if available resources permit. All fees associated with site access procurement will be funded through the Cooperative Agreement.

- G. The MPO, as Lead Coalition Partner is responsible for ensuring that other activities as negotiated in the work plan, such as community outreach and involvement, are implemented in accordance with a schedule agreed upon by MPO and the Coalition Partner in whose geographic area the site to be assessed is located.
- H. In cases where the assessment process identifies a site as contaminated and in need of remediation, the MPO shall work with the relevant Coalition Partners to secure follow up state or federal grant funds to permit the site to be remediated.

III. EXECUTION IN COUNTERPARTS:

This agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute but one in the same instrument.

IV. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERMINATION:

The Effective Date of this Agreement shall be the date on which a fully executed copy of the Agreement has been filed with the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of Manatee and Sarasota Counties, as required by Florida Statutes § 163.01(11). The Agreement shall terminate on September 30, 2014.

V. ASSIGNMENT AND THIRD PARTY BENEFITS:

This Agreement may not be assigned unless by written approval of the Parties. This Agreement is entered into by the Parties for their sole and exclusive benefit, and shall not be interpreted or applied so as to confer any benefit or right on any third party, as that is not intended by the Parties.

VI. NOTICES:

To the extent any notice is required under this Agreement, same shall be made by regular U.S. Mail to the attention of the Mayor if to any municipal Partner, the County Administrator if to any county Partner, and to the Executive Director if to the MPO.

VII. SEVERABILITY:

If any section, phrase, sentence or portion of this Agreement is, for any reason, held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed as a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and shall not invalidate the validity of the remaining portions not invalidated.

VIII. GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE:

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought only in the courts of Manatee County, Florida or in the Federal Middle District of Florida, located in Hillsborough County, Florida.

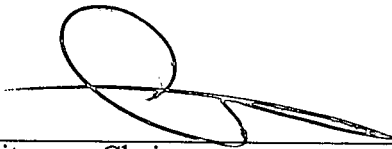
IX. SUCCESSORS:

This Agreement shall also be binding upon and the benefits of this Agreement shall inure to all successors of the Parties hereto. The Parties agree to advise any successor in interest of this agreement.

In Witness thereof, the Parties hereto have executed this agreement on the dates set forth below.

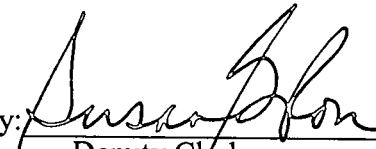
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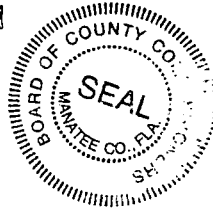


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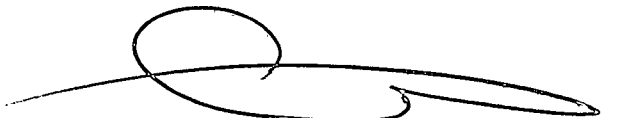
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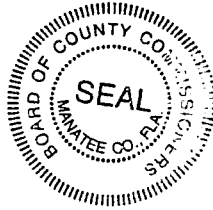
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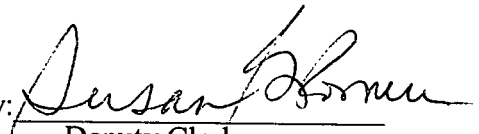
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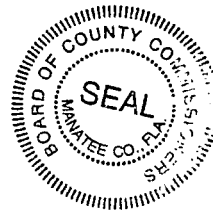


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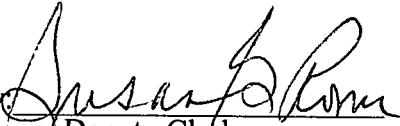
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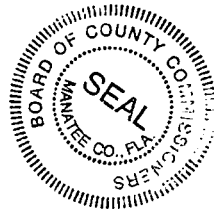


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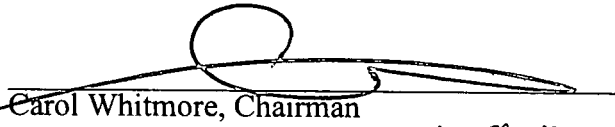
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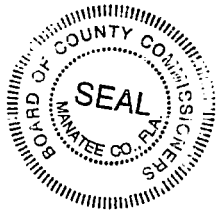
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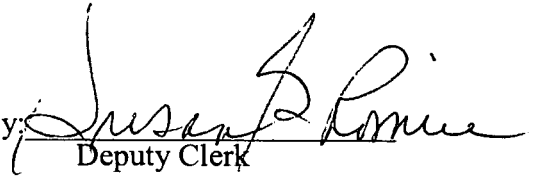
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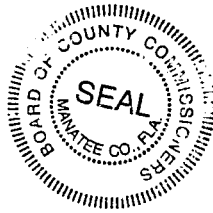


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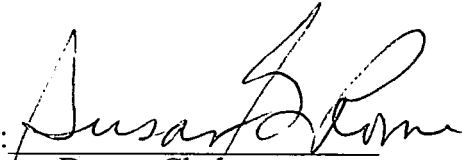
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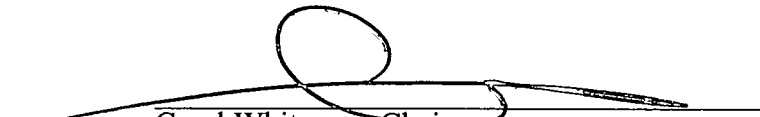
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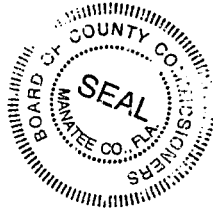


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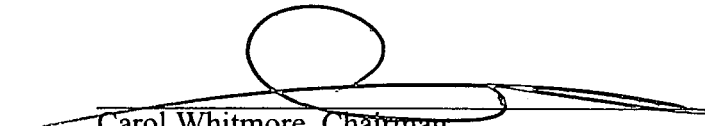
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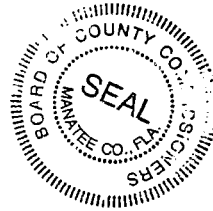
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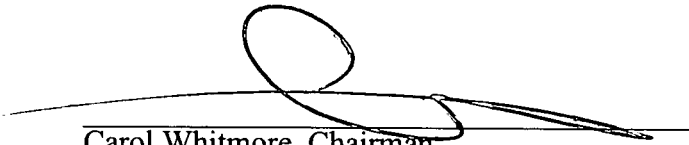
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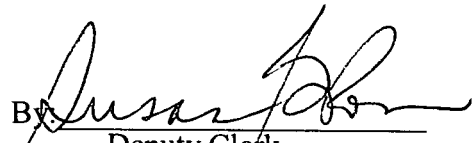


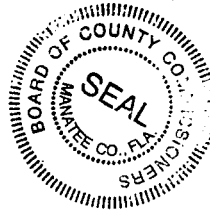
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**BROWNFIELDS
ASSESSMENT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WORK PLAN**

FOR

The Sarasota Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization
Community-Wide Brownfields Assessment Coalition
For Hazardous Substances and Petroleum Products Project

June 29, 2011

Submitted by
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1.0 PROJECT OVERVIEW

- **Project Description**

US EPA Brownfields Assessment funding, in the amount of \$1,000,000, will provide much needed support in the Sarasota-Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization’s (MPO) efforts to perform jurisdiction-wide hazardous substance and petroleum assessments on multiple sites within its boundaries. The focus area for this community-wide/jurisdiction-wide grant will be the Tamiami Trail (U.S. Highway 41) Petroleum Brownfields Revitalization Corridor. Dating from 1919, this portion of Tamiami Trail is a 70 mile stretch of highway, and a State designated Scenic Highway route, connecting Coalition communities throughout Sarasota and Manatee Counties in Southwest Florida. The MPO has partnered with the cities of Palmetto, Bradenton, Sarasota, Venice and North Port, plus Manatee and Sarasota Counties in a regional effort to assess and ultimately revitalize this area, which runs through each of the partners’ jurisdictions.

One project is already underway along the Trail - the Tamiami Trail (U.S. Highway 41) Petroleum Brownfields Revitalization Initiative which is intended to further local economic development projects by enhancing technical assistance, environmental assessment and cleanup services for underground storage tanks (USTs) and other brownfields properties. The Initiative hopes to effect redevelopment, making for a more vibrant and attractive community. Work on the Initiative has already identified 274 contaminated sites encompassing over 1,335 acres. Anticipated inventory efforts proposed under this grant will likely reveal a substantial number of historic tank sites and other potential brownfields sites on the Trail and throughout the MPO’s district. Other potential sites that may be considered for brownfields assessment funds include:

Petroleum	
U-Save – 400 N. Tamiami Trail	Lowary Chada (former gas station/auto repair facility) – 2701 14 th Street
Exxon-Midtown – 1841 S. Tamiami Trail	Venice Petro – 1857 S. Tamiami Trail
Texaco #24-203-0177 – 1901 S. Tamiami Trail	International Trade & Exchange – 5507 14 th St.
Midtown Plaza – 1225 S. Tamiami Trail	Circle K #2211007 – 1166 S. Tamiami Trail
North Port - Public Services Dept – 5455 Pan American Blvd.	Dash In Dash Out Food Mart-N Port - 13501 S. Tamiami Trail
Hazardous Substances	
Abandoned nursery – 901 14 th Street West	Former Riverpark Grande - 309 10 th Street West
Royal Cleaners & Laundromat – 14251 S. Tamiami Trail	Eager Beaver Car Wash, Inc. Property (Former) – 1783-1785 and 1791 South Tamiami Trail

The Coalition will work to prioritize projects that will support or supplement enhancement efforts, such as the Port Manatee Connector Road which will provide additional access to this vibrant economic growth area. The Port Manatee Connector project involves enhanced access between Port Manatee and Interstate 75 (I-75). This enhanced roadway connection can serve as a crucial freight route, improve the overall efficiency of the existing highway network and relieve congestion at the port’s gateway. This need is supported by local, statewide and nationwide land use, economic and

growth objectives based on the following:

- the proposed facility is identified in the 2030 MPO Long Range Transportation Plan;
- the proposed facility promotes international and statewide trade transportation networks; and,
- Port Manatee is the closest deep-water U.S. port to the Panama Canal (under expansion), making it critical in accommodating travel demands and improving the movement of goods/people.

The sites selected will be prioritized based on their specific merits and criteria established by the coalition. Selection criteria may include, but not be limited to:

- Adherence or applicability;
- Potential threat to human health and/or the environment;
- Current ownership and access agreement/willingness to participate;
- Location/size of property;
- Potential impact on the community; and,
- Future development potential.

The brownfields coalition assessment grant will fund 44 ASTM-AAI compliant Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs; 1 Generic Quality Assurance Plan (QAPP); 20 Site-Specific QAPPs and Health & Safety Plans (HASPs); and 20 Phase II ESAs. 30% of these activities will be for hazardous substances and the remaining 70% for petroleum.

- **Project Team Structure and Responsibilities**

The Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will serve as lead for this community-wide assessment coalition grant. Coalition partners include the cities of Palmetto, Bradenton, Sarasota, Venice and North Port, plus Manatee and Sarasota Counties. The Tamiami Trail (U.S. Highway 41) Petroleum Brownfields Revitalization Corridor is a community-wide area of focus for the coalition. Dating from 1919, this portion of Tamiami Trail is a 70 mile stretch of highway, and a State designated Scenic Highway route, connecting Coalition communities throughout Sarasota and Manatee Counties in Southwest Florida.

The management of the MPO is guided by the Unified Planning Work Program, which is updated every two years. The MPO is an independent, legal entity responsible for its own personnel administration and operation facility. It currently maintains an Interlocal Agreement with Manatee County for certain organizational services such as payroll, fringe benefits and administration. The MPO has adopted its own Personnel Policy and Rules along with organizational and administrative policies. The MPO is required to establish/maintain agreements with its member governments and grantors. The MPO will direct, coordinate, and organize the assessment grant activities for the Coalition using in-house personnel and resources. Communication among Coalition members, progress meetings and other appropriate task will be initiated by the MPO. Community outreach or informational meetings will also be organized by the MPO.

The Brownfields Coalition Assessment Grant will be managed by Michael Maholtz, Transportation Planner for the MPO. He has extensive experience in administering and coordinating programs for

the Sarasota-Bradenton Urbanized Area and assists with the development, preparation, and monitoring of all federal and state transportation planning grants for the MPO. Additionally, his duties include management and development of the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan, Public Involvement/Title VI Programs, and he assists with development of the MPO's annual Transportation Improvement Program. In his work as the Project Manager for the 2030 and 2035 Long Range Transportation Plans, Mr. Maholtz was responsible for overseeing the expenditure of over \$600,000.00 of Federal transportation planning funds. He possesses effective communication skills for the presentation of ideas and findings to elected officials, technical representatives, civic organizations and other committees in both written and oral formats.

Due to the specialized/technical skills needed for this project, the Coalition will procure the services of an experienced, professional environmental consultant specifically experienced in brownfields redevelopment projects. The selected firm will be responsible for successfully completing technical and programmatic tasks of the grant. The environmental consultant will be managed by the Coalition and progress monitored by way of status meetings and milestone reports.

The MPO will utilize the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA) procedure to procure Brownfields Consulting Services and Environmental Engineering Services from experienced brownfields firms to carry out the tasks for this grant and for future EPA Brownfields Grants. The MPO agrees to fully adhere to EPA terms and conditions.

The MPO has the accounting and auditing expertise necessary to accurately report to EPA the use of provided funding. The MPO has recently successfully received and managed grants from federal and state agencies including the FHWA, FTA, and FDOT. Further, there have never been any adverse audit findings as a result of the numerous annual audits associated with the MPO.

The MPO will provide project updates to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Brownfields Redevelopment Program contact on a regular basis – FDEP Southwest District Contact, John R. Sego, P.G., Brownfields Coordinator, Southwest District, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, 13051 N Telecom Parkway, Temple Terrace, FL 33637-0926, Phone: (813) 632-7600 / SC 514-9155, ext. 420, Fax: (813) 632-7665/ SC Fax 512-1037, E-mail: John.R.Sego@dep.state.fl.us.

Where applicable, the MPO will make FDEP aware of all site-specific assessment activities to be initiated and will provide FDEP an opportunity to review and comment on all technical reports, including Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPPs), sampling plans, Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCAs), cleanup plans, and other technical reports. Where applicable, FDEP will be specifically notified for Phase II activities, and additionally be involved in any site eligibility determinations for community-wide grants.

Team members will include Mike Maholtz (MPO Transportation Planner) as Brownfields Project Director, the coalition's selected environmental consultant, and others as appropriate. The team will meet at least monthly initially. Additionally, Mr. Maholtz will be responsible for establishment and maintenance of necessary Cooperative Agreement records and files, financial management, and project oversight. The Cooperative Agreement Terms and Conditions will be distributed and discussed with the project team at its first meeting.

2.0 PROJECT TASK DESCRIPTIONS

TASK 1 PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING

Programmatic Support includes assisting with the completion of required USEPA quarterly and annual status reports, and any other reporting elements that may be needed. All appropriate documents will be copied to the FDEP and activities will also be coordinated with the FDEP, as needed. These may include preparation of a Work Plan(s), complete property profile forms, up-load data into the USEPA electronic data base, MBE/WBE forms and other programmatic documents or activities to assure compliance with the terms and conditions of the grant. Programmatic costs have been estimated at \$84,000 (30% for hazardous substance and 70% for petroleum).

A. Federal Funding Accountability & Transparency Act (FFATA):

- a. The MPO will complete the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) at the time of application.
- b. The MPO will also register for the FFATA Subaward Reporting System by the end of the month in which this award is made and, annually (by January 30) thereafter.

B. Quarterly Reporting:

The MPO will submit, on behalf of the coalition, quarterly progress reports, which will be due 30 days after the end of each federal fiscal quarter, per the following schedule:

<u>Performance Period</u>	<u>Report Due</u>
Oct – Dec	Jan 30
Jan – March	April 30
April – June	July 30
July – Sept	Oct 30

The quarterly reports will be completed in the format required and copies will be sent to the following three (3) email addresses, as applicable:

1. EPA Region 4 Project Officer: egetter.david@epa.gov
2. EPA's Brownfields Data Manager: bf_forms@epa.gov
3. State Brownfields Coordinator: John.R.Sego@dep.state.fl.us

C. Semi-annual Reporting: To support the federal government's goal of supporting disadvantaged business enterprises with federal funds, the MPO will seek opportunities to participate in this goal where possible. The MPO understands that participation is not mandatory, but reporting is. The MPO will use EPA Form 5700-52A for this reporting and will submit this form semi-annually with the quarterly report. These forms will be sent electronically in separate attachments along with the quarterly reports to the project officer. Additionally, these forms will be electronically mailed to the EPA Region 4, Grants Management Office, to the attention of Shantel Shelmon at Shelmon.shantel@epa.gov.

D. Annual Reporting: The MPO agrees to submit the coalition's Federal Financial Reports (FFRs) annually to EPA by January 30 of each year. These forms will be sent electronically in separate attachments along with the quarterly reports to the project officer. Additionally, the forms will electronically mailed to the EPA Region 4, Grants Management Office, to the attention of

Shantel Shelmon at Shelmon.shantel@epa.gov.

The FFR forms will also be electronically mailed to EPA's financial center in Las Vegas annually and at the close-out of the grant (see Programmatic Terms & Conditions) to the U.S. EPA Las Vegas Finance Center, to the attention of Sharen Rheinhardt at Rheinhardt.Sharen@epa.gov.

E. Annual Projection: The MPO agrees to report, on behalf of the coalition, every April, the number of Phase I's and II's expected to be completed over the next year. This number will be submitted with the quarterly report and will be presented as a subset of the total number of Phase I's and II's expected under the entire performance period.

F. Final Performance Report: The Coalition's Final Quarterly Report will become the Final Performance Report. It will be submitted to the EPA project officer within 90 calendar days after the expiration or termination of the award. The report may be provided to the project officer electronically or by mail. The report shall generally contain the same information as in the Quarterly Progress Reports but will ensure that copies of all site documents covering the entire project period have been provided to EPA, including photos of the assessment site(s). In addition, the Final Performance Report will specifically address lessons learned during the project both by the coalition and contractor(s) in implementing the Brownfields assessment as well as successes achieved.

G. ACRES/Property Profile Form: The MPO will submit/maintain property specific information via the on-line Assessment Cleanup Redevelopment Exchange System (ACRES) database. The information in the quarterly report will correlate with the information in ACRES, a national database from which project status information is extracted and reported to Congress and the public. Relevant portions of the database will be updated for each property when the following occur:

- a. Within 30 days of the cooperative agreement award for site-specific assessments, or selection of the assessment property for community-wide assessments
- b. Completion of Phase I ESAs
- c. Completion of Phase II ESAs and Phase II ESA Addenda and Limited Site Assessments
- d. Completion of the grant

H. Contractor Procurement: Due to the specialized/technical skills needed for this project, the coalition will go through the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA) to procure Brownfields Consulting Services and Environmental Engineering Services from experienced brownfields firms to carry out the tasks for this grant and for future EPA Brownfields Grants. The coalition will comply with all state and federal purchasing requirements and procedures including 40 CFR Part 31 Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments. The selected firm will be responsible for successfully completing technical and programmatic tasks of the grant. The environmental consultant will be managed by the Coalition and progress monitored by way of status meetings and milestone reports. It is anticipated that the selection process will be complete in the first quarter.

In order to ensure that expenditures on a single site do not exceed the \$200,000 statutory limit, the coalition will word contractor procurement language to include a provision to report site-specifically and an overall programmatic task to include costs that would be shared across all sites,

such as QAPP development. Sampling and analysis plans will be accounted for site-specifically.

I. Kick-off Meeting: Once the contractor has been selected, the coalition project team, EPA and State partners will have a project kick-off meeting. This meeting will serve to orient all the partners to project expectations and to review roles and responsibilities, project schedules, and ensure that each team member has what is needed to execute his/her role appropriately.

TASK 2 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT/ENGAGEMENT

- **Outreach:** The MPO is committed to involving all members of the affected community. In order to ensure the proper community involvement and a continuous line of communication, the MPO will initiate the installation of a Brownfield Advisory Board (BAB) to serve the MPO's brownfield redevelopment program. Community-based organizations will be asked to select a representative to serve on the BAB to assist in identifying potential brownfields sites, help develop history of sites, publicize projects, explain goals of assessment program, and keep the community informed.

The MPO will seek both public input and professional assistance in the site selection process. Each site will be evaluated on a case by case basis, with special attention paid to those projects that are community based and community driven. The BAB will work to address the issues and concerns the community has about sites, assessment processes, or other brownfields issues. The BAB will assist in visioning and goal setting to establish community priorities for reuse of brownfields sites. The BAB's goal is broad-based grassroots involvement of community members from the targeted community. The membership of community-based organizations on the BAB will increase participation from all interested groups. Public meetings will be held at least twice yearly and as-needed to: monitor progress, advise on reuse of brownfields sites, and inform the public of progress and results of program activities.

The MPO will solicit community input regarding site selection and eligible projects through community and regularly scheduled public meetings, newspapers, and its website. Public participation is critical in assuring successful implementation of the brownfields program. The MPO will develop a public education program with stakeholders. The MPO will develop/distribute an educational brochure to help communities better understand brownfields and brownfields remediation. It will update its website with new educational information on brownfields and the brownfields program. The MPO may utilize members' government access cable television to broadcast items of interest and brownfields project updates, notifications of public meetings with brownfields topics, and televised meetings.

Community-based organizations will be asked to select a representative to serve on a Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC) for each community; PACs will meet regularly to advise, assist in identifying potential brownfields sites, help develop history of sites, publicize projects, explain goals of assessment program, and keep community informed. PACs will alert the coalition to community issues/concerns about sites, assessment processes, or other brownfields issues. PACs will assist in visioning/goal setting to establish community priorities for reuse of brownfields sites. The PAC goal is broad-based grassroots involvement of community members from each focus community. PACs will seek to increase participation from all interested groups with twice yearly meetings and as-needed to monitor progress, advise on reuse of brownfields sites, and inform coalition of progress/results.

Planned communications strategies are multifaceted, involving press relations and releases for local/community newspapers, newsletters and broadcast media, web postings, brochures, public meetings in communities; presentations to county/city commissions, community organizations (i.e., service & civic clubs, local neighborhood improvement groups, chambers of commerce, realtor & builder groups, and with individuals/groups of stakeholders). English is the indigenous language; due to an increase of Hispanics who may be impacted by any assessment/cleanup/redevelopment efforts, the MPO will also ensure they are included in discussions and bilingual printed materials will be available. The MPO will hire a translator, if necessary, and utilize bilingual staff, if available.

The MPO has in place several regularly advertised scheduled public meetings where project progress may be communicated. The MPO uses newspaper advertising/notices, website and a brownfields link to communicate with the public. The MPO will use local newspapers and community calendars for local TV stations to reach communities. It will continue to use these resources to notify the region of brownfields program opportunities/activities. Public participation is critical in assuring successful implementation of the brownfields program. The MPO will develop a public education program with various stakeholders. This program will describe benefits of participation in the program, including potential economic/health benefits that accrue to communities. The MPO will develop/distribute an educational brochure to help communities better understand brownfields and brownfields remediation. The MPO will update its website with new educational information on brownfields and the brownfields program. The MPO may utilize members' government access cable television to broadcast items of interest and brownfields project updates, notifications of public meetings where brownfields will be discussed, and televised meetings.

Mike Maholtz, the Coalition's Brownfields Program Director, will serve as the designated spokesperson. The MPO's offices, centrally located to the focus area, will serve as the Information Repository (IR) and will house all relevant documents to ensure availability to the public for review. The MPO will make every effort to provide electronic access to documents via their website, including program fact sheets and brochures.

The estimated budget is \$90,000 – 30% hazardous substances, 70% petroleum. \$11,200 is budgeted in salaries; \$9,200 is budgeted for travel to sites throughout the region, EPA workshops, FBA conferences, and national brownfields conferences; another \$16,512 is planned for supplies (e.g., office/meeting /printing supplies) and \$53,600 is planned for contractual costs for outreach, including translation of materials and conducting meetings, visioning sessions and focus groups.

Project Updates and other Public Information: As discussed above, the Coalition's planned communications strategy is multifaceted, involving press relations and releases for local/community newspapers, newsletters and broadcast media, web postings, brochures, public meetings in communities; presentations to county/city commissions, community organizations (i.e., service & civic clubs, local neighborhood improvement groups, chambers of commerce, realtor & builder groups, and with individuals/groups of stakeholders).

While English is the indigenous language, the area is home to a large Spanish-speaking population who may be impacted by any assessment/cleanup/redevelopment efforts. The MPO will ensure they are included in discussions and bilingual printed materials will be available. The MPO will hire

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TASK 3 ASSESSMENT OF TARGETED PROPERTIES

A. Site Inventory and Prioritization: The Coalition has been compiling potential site lists which have been shared with and reviewed by both the FDEP and EPA for The Trail areas. Immediately following receipt of award, the Coalition will prepare a final prioritized community-wide list or inventory for both the hazardous substance and petroleum products sites. Salaries and fringe benefits are budgeted in this category at \$3,640. An additional \$6,000 is budgeted in contractual services. A total of \$9,640 is budgeted in this category (30% for hazardous substances and 70% for petroleum). This activity will develop inventory information concerning regulatory listed sites and environmental regulatory data base information for the entire MPO district. The sites selected will be prioritized based on their specific merits and criteria established by the coalition. Selection criteria may include, but not be limited to:

- Adherence or applicability;
- Potential threat to human health and/or the environment;
- Current ownership and access agreement/willingness to participate;
- Location/size of property;
- Potential impact on the community; and,
- Future development potential.

B. Candidate Site Eligibility: Prior to spending any funds for Phase II Assessments, the EPA Region 4 Site Eligibility Determination Outline will be submitted to EPA and EPA Approval secured. The Coalition understands that a site identified as hazardous must obtain EPA approval of a hazardous site eligibility determination and that sites that are identified as petroleum must obtain EPA approval of a petroleum site eligibility determination.

C. Site Characterization – Phase I Assessment: Before commencement of Site Assessment activities, the Coalition will submit a Generic QAPP to EPA for approval. The Coalition will conduct up to 46 Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (15 for hazardous substances and 31 for petroleum products) in accordance with ASTM E1527-05 "Standard Practices for Environmental

Site Assessment: Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Process” and EPA’s All Appropriate Inquiries Final Rule (70 FR 66070). The total budget for these activities is \$167,150. 46; ASTM-AAI compliant Phase I ESAs @ \$3,525 for a total of \$162,150; 1 Generic Quality Assurance Plan (QAPP) estimated @ \$5,000.

ESA, NHPA and Wetlands Permitting: The Coalition will comply with applicable requirements under the Endangered Species Act and National Historic Preservation Act. As required, the Coalition will screen sites for any threatened or endangered species or habitat which may be affected by the projects. The Coalition will seek guidance from the EPA project officer concerning the applicability of these requirements on a case by case basis. The Coalition will contact the appropriate State Historic Preservation officer for sites with potential national historic significance.

D. Site Characterization – Phase II Assessment: The Coalition will conduct up to 20 Phase II Environmental Site Assessments (6 for hazardous substances and 14 for petroleum products or for projects with mixed plume/contamination issues) in accordance with ASTM E1903-97(2002) or latest equivalent and EPA terms and conditions. These Phase II ESAs will result from recommendations made by qualified environmental professionals as a result of Phase I ESAs conducted within the community. The total budget for these activities is \$460,000.

Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPPs): Upon successful completion of Phase I ESAs, the Coalition will provide Site Specific Quality Assurance Project Plan addenda based on the approved Generic QAPP and Health and Safety Plans conducted in accordance with EPA requirements and terms and conditions. For sites requiring further investigation which may include soil and groundwater sampling, the Coalition will submit up to 20 QAPPs for EPA review, comment, and ultimate approval. In the event that modifications are required to QAPPs submitted, the Coalition will submit QAPP addenda as requested by EPA. The total budget for these activities is \$66,900 for 20 Site-Specific QAPPs and Health & Safety Plans (HASPs) @ \$3,345 each.

Health & Safety Plans: The Coalition will also prepare and follow an OSHA-compliant Health and Safety Plans for the sites requiring further investigation: the Coalition will place copies of QAPPs and OSHA-compliant Health and Safety Plans in the cooperative agreement file as required.

TASK 4 CLEANUP PLANNING AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS

The Coalition will conduct up to 11 Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCAs)/equivalent documents or Brownfields Reuse Plans resulting from recommendations from Phase II ESAs completed by qualified environmental consultants (3 for hazardous substances and 8 for petroleum products or for projects with mixed plume/contamination issues). The ABCAs will also serve as the framework for remedial action plans required under Florida’s Chapter 62-785, F.A.C., the Brownfield Cleanup Criteria Rule. Sites undergoing remedial planning through the Coalition’s brownfields program will be encouraged to evaluate entering into a Brownfields Site Rehabilitation Agreement (BSRA) with FDEP that provides the regulatory framework for assessment and remediation and potential redevelopment of environmentally impacted sites within Florida. \$71,000 has been budgeted for ABCAs or, as an alternative, development of site appropriate remediation and/or reuse plans to reduce risks to health and environment for selected sites. Community visioning goals will be considered in reuse planning. \$10,998 is planned for personnel/fringes with overall costs totaling \$81,998 (30% hazardous substances, 70% petroleum)

The ABCA or its equivalent will include:

- 1) Information about the site and contamination issues (i.e. exposure pathways, identification of contaminants, contaminant levels and contaminant sources, source volume or other estimates as needed to compare relative costs between remedies).
- 2) Identification of the contaminants of concern.
- 3) A summary of cleanup/protectiveness standards, applicable laws and regulations.
- 4) A description of the remedial alternatives considered.
- 5) Assessment of the effectiveness, implementability, and the cost of each alternative. As part of the evaluation of effectiveness, discuss whether/how each alternative would achieve cleanup/protectiveness standards and would comply with applicable laws and regulations.
- 6) A comparative analysis of the alternatives considered.
- 7) A selected or proposed alternative.

There are several sites which will be monitored by the Coalition to assure compliance with stipulated institutional controls, including potential off-site migration of asbestos, exposure to lead based paint, site security and signage. The Coalition has estimated that up to 2 sites will be addressed under this Task, and may directly conduct the work, if needed, or enforce required actions for compliance, potentially including assuring that documents needed have been updated and properly registered with the local official/agency, maintenance of security measures such as a fence or signage, maintenance of a contact barrier such as pavement or vegetative/landscaped areas. Monitoring may also include limited sample collection and analysis to assure that contamination has not, or is not threatening to migrate off-site. The ultimate goal is to assist with this monitoring phase until a final remediation and/or redevelopment plan is put in place. Up to \$38,000 has been included for this Task – 30% for hazardous substance sites and 70% for petroleum products sites. The county health departments are tasked with monitoring one of the State's most valuable natural resources - ground water. Past operations at sites along the Tamiami Trail have resulted in ground water contamination which has impacted, or threatening to impact, local ground water. Ground water is the potable water supply for the area. The Coalition will work with Sarasota County Health Dept. and Manatee County Health Dept. to define a supporting role or provide resources to assist in collecting ground water quality data in specified areas – to allow the health departments to better monitor threat(s) to drinking water sources and public health.

3.0 DETAILED SCHEDULE DEVELOPMENT

See Attachment 1

Attachment 1: Detailed Schedule Development

Time from Notice of Selection	Actions
Grant Commitment and Planning Phase	
0 month	Notice of Selection, June 6, 2011; Application Forms Webinar held June 14 & 15, 2011
3 weeks	Grant Application Submitted with Draft Work Plan and detailed schedule CAR Internal Grants Management Team is in place with set roles
2-3 months	EPA executes grant award
2-3---> months	EPA works with CAR to finalize draft workplan (by 60 days after grant award date)
August 17-18 , 2011	New Grantee Orientation in Atlanta, GA

	Time from Grant Award	Actions
Planning	Getting Contractor on Board	
	0 months	Grant award
	<---2 month	Workplan revisions begin before grant award is final; due within 60 days after grant award date
	0 - 3	Request for Proposal (RFP) for contractor procurement is prepared
	4 - 6 months	Consultant contract executed and Contractor on-board / First Meeting with Community Advisory Board (CAB) (therein set meeting schedule amenable to CAB)/ Kick-off meeting held with CAR, Contractor, EPA, State
	4 months	Quarterly Report 1 is due January 30, 2012 (30 days after 1 st quarter ends) Reimbursement Request Submitted; Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) due with October quarterly report
Grant Specific Schedule		
Year 1	4 - 8 months	Site Inventory activities completed / Site Selection Priority Process established (with input from CAB) and implemented
	5 - 9 months	Phase I activities initiated on high priority site/ Endangered Species Act and National Historic Preservation Act assessments are initiated
	4 - 9 months	ACRES forms are completed within 30 days of significant site activity
	7 months	Quarterly Report 2 is due April 30, 2012 (30 days after 2 nd quarter ends) Reimbursement Request Submitted/
	8 - 9 months	Community-wide grants develop generic QAPP
	10 months	Quarterly Report 3 is due July 30, 2012 (30 days after 3 rd quarter ends) Reimbursement Request Submitted; Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) due with April quarterly report
	10 months	QAPP and SAP submitted to EPA/State for approval (EPA/State review 4 weeks)
	10 months	Assess status to ensure work is on target to meet set year end goals; if not inform EPA-PO ASAP in writing
	11 months	Phase I reports are being finalized/ACRES forms are being updated/ CAB has been engaged in Phase I findings
	11 - 15 months	Phase II is initiated
	13 months	Quarterly Report 4 is due October 30, 2012 (30 days after 4 th quarter ends) Reimbursement Request Submitted
	15 - 17 months	Phase II reports are being finalized/ ACRES forms are being updated/ CAB has been engaged in Phase II findings
	16 months	Quarterly Report 5 is due January 30, 2013 (30 days after 5 th quarter ends) Reimbursement Request Submitted/ Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) due with October quarterly report

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	18 – 24 months	Phase I planning to Phase II initiation cycle for community-side grants repeats year one cycle, but it should be shorter/faster in repetitive cycles for subsequent properties
	18 – 24 months	Sampling & Analysis Plans (SAPs) submitted to EPA/State for approval for each property
	18 - 24 months	Make sure all work has been entered in ACRES so that credit is given for all of CAR's accomplishments
Year 2	18 – 24 months	Begin clean-up planning (ABCA) on sites where cleanup funds may be desired/ Submit to EPA /State for review/comment/ Begin securing/seeking financial support for cleanup
	18 months	Half of 3 year grant is complete; check-in with EPA/State for any modifications to workplan budget or scope of work. 35% of funds should be expended by this time.
	19 months	Quarterly Report 6 is due April 30, 2013 (30 days after 6 th quarter ends) Reimbursement Request Submitted
	22 months	Quarterly Report 7 is due July 30, 2013 (30 days after 7 th quarter ends) Reimbursement Request Submitted/ Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) due with April quarterly report
	24 months	One year left on grant; Concrete plans should be in place to accomplish CAR's goals for the grant and to spend remaining grant funds/ all or most QAPPs and SAPs for Phase IIs should be submitted (No QAPPS will be accepted after month 30)
	25 months	Quarterly Report 8 is due October 30, 2013 (30 days after 8 th quarter ends) Reimbursement Request Submitted
	26 – 30 months	Phase I planning to Phase II initiation cycle for community-side grants repeats year one cycle, but it should be shorter/faster in repetitive cycles for subsequent properties
	26 – 30 months	Begin clean-up planning (ABCA) on sites where cleanup funds may be desired/ Submit to EPA /State for review/comment/ Begin securing/seeking financial support for cleanup
	28 months	Quarterly Report 9 is due January 30, 2014 (30 days after 9 th quarter ends) Reimbursement Request Submitted/ Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) due with October quarterly report
	28 months	Make sure all work has been entered in ACRES so that credit is given for all of CAR's accomplishments
	30 months	6 months remain on the grant; Start winding down activities in preparation for grant closing;
Year 3	31 months	Quarterly Report 10 is due April 30, 2014 (30 days after 30 th quarter ends) Reimbursement Request Submitted
	34 months	Quarterly Report 11 is due July 30, 2014 (30 days after 11 th quarter ends) Reimbursement Request Submitted/ Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) due with April quarterly report
	35 month	reconcile accounts; collect remaining invoices for submission; gather deliverables for final close-out report
	36 months	Grant closes; no further costs can be incurred after final date
	37 months	Quarterly Report 12 is due October 30, 2014 (30 days after 12 th quarter ends); may serve as Final Close-out Report if all project documentation is complete and ready. IF so, then it is due 90 days after close, or December 30, 2014
	37 – 39 months	Submit final request for reimbursement with Final FSR (Standard Form 269) All Close-out documentation and final deliverables due w/in 90 days after grant end date (December 30, 2014.



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October 15, 2010

RE: Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization --
application for FY11 US EPA Brownfields Community-wide Assessment
Coalition Grant for \$1,000,000 for both Hazardous Substances and
Petroleum Contamination

Dear Mr. West:

The Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is
pleased to submit the enclosed proposal to the US EPA for a
Brownfields Community-wide Assessment Coalition grant in the amount
of \$1,000,000 (for both Hazardous Substances and Petroleum). This
grant will support the MPO's efforts to assess/remediate industrial
contamination throughout the area in an effort to enhance human health,
the environment, and the economic vitality.

Table with 2 columns and 4 rows containing Required Information: a. Applicant Information, b. DUNS Number, c. Funding Request, d. Location, e. Site Locations.

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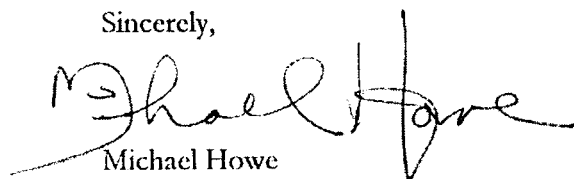
h. Project Period: Three years

i. Population:

Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization Area: 688,126
(US Census 2009)
Manatee County Population: 318,361 (US Census/Claritas 2009)
Sarasota County Population: 369,765 (US Census/Claritas 2009)
Bradenton Population: 53,889 (US Census/Claritas 2009)
Sarasota Population: 53,641 (US Census/Claritas 2009)

The Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization appreciates the opportunity to apply for FY11 EPA Brownfields Assessment funding to support environmental justice efforts and restoration of economic vitality in its communities. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the persons above.

Sincerely,



Michael Howe
Executive Director
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Threshold Criteria for Assessment Grants

1. Applicant Eligibility – The Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is an eligible applicant and will serve as lead for this community-wide assessment coalition grant, if awarded. The MPO was created in 1978 by Federal (23 U.S.C. § 134–135) and State law (Florida State Statute 339.175) as a regional transportation planning agency to develop transportation plans and programs to maximize the mobility of people and goods. Coalition partners include the cities of Palmetto, Bradenton, Sarasota, Venice and North Port, plus Manatee and Sarasota Counties (general purpose units of local government as defined under 40 CFR Part 31.3). The Tamiami Trail (U.S. Highway 41) Petroleum Brownfields Revitalization Corridor is a community-wide area of focus for the coalition. Dating from 1919, this portion of Tamiami Trail is a 70 mile stretch of highway, and a State designated Scenic Highway route, connecting Coalition communities throughout Sarasota and Manatee Counties in Southwest Florida. Please see Attachment A for coalition member participation agreement letters and state/federal statutes establishing metropolitan planning organizations.
2. Letter from the State Environmental Authority – Please see Attachment B.
3. Site Eligibility/Property Ownership – Not applicable – This application is not site specific application

Ranking Criteria for Assessment Grants

1. Community Need –

a. Health, Welfare, and Environment, i) – The MPO is applying for a community-wide assessment coalition grant with a general focus along the Tamiami Trail Scenic Highway (Trail) (US 41) which extends almost 70 miles through Manatee and Sarasota counties including the cities of Palmetto, Bradenton, Sarasota, Venice and North Port. This roadway is a Florida Dept. of Transportation (FDOT) designated Florida Scenic Highway, promoting the state’s unique histories and exceptional resources. Through this program, a long range plan for improvements and enhancements of the corridor was developed. Scenic, natural and recreational resources throughout the corridor connect travelers to the Gulf of Mexico, Manatee River, Myakka Wild and Scenic River and other water bodies. The section through Sarasota and Manatee was completed in 1919. The Trail is a transitional highway, critical in connecting many of the state’s major cities. As development moved away from the Trail, partly because of the interstate system and redevelopment elsewhere, the corridor transitioned into housing and commerce for lower-income.

Minorities make up 12.4% of Manatee’s total 2009 population (9.1% are black); and 13.9% of the County’s 2009 population is Hispanic. About a third of the female population is of child-bearing age. 21.3% of the 2009 population is under 18 years of age, with the median household income at \$53,388 and a \$28,478 per capita income. However, the Community Redevelopment Areas (CRAs) in the two-county district have been determined to have more diversity, greater poverty, and greater need than the counties as a whole. Manatee County’s 14th Street West CRA has 20.41% minorities while its South County CRA has 34.16%; additionally, in the 14th Street West CRA, 20.45% of the population is under the age of 18, while in the South County CRA, this percentage is 27.67%. The average age for females in the 14th Street West CRA is 42.37 while the average age for females in the South County CRA is 37.8 (*US Census 2008/Claritas – 2009 American Fact Finder*).

All of Manatee County and portions of Sarasota County (i.e., North Port/South Venice, and Central Sarasota) are federally designated MUP (Medically Underserved Populations) areas - a measure of medical underservice as defined by the U. S. Dept. of Health & Human Services. This designation means there is a shortage of providers to meet the needs of low income, migrant or other special populations because current providers do not serve these patients. Manatee received an IMU score of 50.1; Sarasota County scores ranged from 48.8 to 56.7 (below 62 qualifies).

	Sarasota County	Manatee County	Florida
# Licensed Family Drs/100,000	17.8	15	18.5

Lung Cancer Deaths/100,000	41.7	47.3	47.7
Lung Cancer incidences/100,000	66.5	69.4	70.2
Breast Cancer deaths/100,000	19	16.5	20.4
Breast Cancer incidences/100,000	110.1	95.8	108.3
Prostate Cancer deaths/100,000	15.6	20.5	18.9
Prostate Cancer incidences/100,000	136.1	114.3	124.2
Cervical Cancer deaths/100,000	2.1	3.2	2.6
Cervical Cancer incidences/100,000	7.8	8.5	9.1
Melanoma deaths/100,000	2.9	3.1	2.8
Melanoma incidences/100,000	18.3	15.4	16.6
TB cases/100,000	3.7	5.8	5.3
Fetal deaths/1,000	9.3	4.7	7.5
Criminal homicide/100,000	4	5.7	6.2

Both counties are higher than the state average rate for suicides (13/100,000). The data above indicates that each county is reporting high incidences of Melanomas, Cancers (Cervical, Breast, Lung, Prostate, and Melanoma). Further, as noted previously, each is lagging in ratio of family physicians to population (MUP/MUA). Some additional health statistics for Florida indicate:

1) www.statehealthfacts.org:

- The cancer death rate in 2006 was 9% higher for African blacks than whites in Florida.
- The heart disease death rate in Florida was 22.6% higher for blacks than for whites in 2006.
- In 2006, the diabetes death rate for Florida was 19.3 for whites and 48.8 for blacks (152.8% higher), while nationally the rate for whites was 21.2 and for blacks was 45.2 (113.2% higher).
- In 2006, the infant mortality rate in Florida was 12.8 for blacks and 5.9 for whites.
- Florida's overweight rates: blacks 65%, whites 58% and 61% for Hispanics in 2009.

2) www.cdc.gov: From 2000-2006, the stroke death rate for blacks was more than double the rate for whites (143 compared to 70).

Even though the nation's infant mortality rate is down, the infant death rate among African-Americans is still more than double that of whites. Heart disease death rates are more than 40% higher for African-Americans than for whites. The death rate for all cancers is 30% higher for African-Americans than for whites; for prostate cancer, it is more than double that for whites. African-American women have a higher death rate from breast cancer despite having a mammography screening rate that is nearly the same as the rate for white women. The death rate from HIV/AIDS for African-Americans is more than 7 times that for whites; the rate of homicide is 6 times that for whites (*Centers for Disease Control*). The high percentage of African-Americans in the CRA population makes this area one of concern for these typical health issues reported by the CDC. Manatee County includes the jurisdictions of the cities of Palmetto, Bradenton and the northern portion of the Town of Longboat Key, and has a rich history dating back thousands of years when inhabited by Native Americans. Founded in 1855, Manatee is thought to have been the landing site for the Spanish explorer De Soto during his expeditions. Manatee covers 893 sq. miles, of which 152 is water. The County has 150 miles of coastline and over 27 miles of beaches. For focus areas in Manatee (14th Street West Community Redevelopment Area, Bayshore, Palmetto – North Manatee County Urban Infill and Redevelopment Area, South County Community Redevelopment Area, and Tamiami Trail Corridor Plan (South County CRA), the per capita income rate is almost \$9,000 less per resident in other areas. In some areas, over 90% of the children in elementary school qualify for free lunches. Less than half of residences are owner/occupied - one of the lowest rates of home-ownership in the county. About half of vacant parcels are too small for redevelopment without land assembly and the diversity of owners makes assembly problematic. Several of the areas indicate

clusters of sub-standard houses. (CRA Redevelopment Plans and US Census)

Nearly 25% of all county Code Enforcement violations have been issued within these focus areas (CRA Redevelopment Plans), although they house only about 5% of the residents. Many yards exhibit poor maintenance with junk appliances and inoperable cars as well as trash and other debris. The storm water systems in some of these areas inadequately meet the drainage needs. Many drains and culverts are open and/or over grown with weeds. Water stands in ditches or pools in low spots. Although there is a small percentage of Hispanic and African-American families in Manatee County, the areas along the Tamiami Trail where the redevelopment/revitalization activities are needed most is also where these minorities live. Approximately 23% of the households have children under the age of 18, 52.70% are married couples living together, 9.40% have a female householder with no husband present, and 34.40% are non-families. 28.40% of all households are made up of individuals and 15.00% have someone living alone who are 65 years of age or older. The average household size is 2.29 and the average family size is 2.78. (US Census 2008) There are also 2 Enterprise Zones (EZs) in Manatee: in Bradenton and in Palmetto. An Enterprise Zone is a specific geographic area targeted for economic revitalizing. EZs encourage economic growth and investment in distressed areas by offering tax advantages/incentives to businesses within the zone boundaries.

Manatee County has 241+ petroleum contaminated sites and 19 dry cleaner (chlorinated solvent contaminated) sites. Over a quarter are located along the Tamiami Trail corridor. The extent of contamination associated with most of these properties is unknown, directly affecting reuse. This assessment grant will provide funding to begin determining the magnitude of environmental issues in key areas and also support planning for future revitalization.

The following regulatory listed sites were identified Manatee and Sarasota counties.

Manatee County		#
UST	Registered Underground Storage Tanks*	1,908
LUST	Leaking Underground Storage Tanks**	520
RCRA	EPA Resource Conservation & Recovery***	495
LQG	RCRA Large Quantity Generator***	9
SQG	RCRA Small Quantity Generator***	145
Used Oil Handler	RCRA Used Oil Handlers***	4
Sarasota County		
UST	Registered Underground Storage Tanks*	2,488
LUST	Leaking Underground Storage Tanks**	737
RCRA	EPA Resource Conservation & Recovery***	634
LQG	RCRA Large Quantity Generator***	1
SQG	RCRA Small Quantity Generator***	192
Used Oil Handler	RCRA Used Oil Handlers***	5

*FDEP Storage Tank Database **FDEP Tank Facility Discharge Database ***EPA RCRA Database (RCRAInfo)
Data collected 8/23/2010

In addition to over 16,000 acres of active and abandoned phosphate mined areas, Manatee County is also impacted by over 880 pollutant storage tanks with 506 of these tanks reporting contamination. It should also be mentioned that it is anticipated that inventory efforts proposed under this grant will reveal a substantial number of historic tank sites on the Tamiami Trail and throughout Manatee. The Local Emergency Planning Council (LEPC) for Manatee has also conducted Hazardous Substance Analysis summaries on 60 facilities in the County. These analyses are conducted for facilities that store Extremely Hazardous Substance (EHS) in excess of the threshold planning quantity established by law. There are 77 EHS facilities in Manatee. The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council's LEPC has determined that the top ten Section 302 Hazardous

Substances Stored within that region in 2008 include Ammonia (280,353,750 lbs), Sulfuric Acid (131,053,883 lbs), Methyl Bromide (11,307,098 lbs), Chlorine (6,695,313 lbs), Vanadium pentoxide (1,547,216 lbs), Nitric Acid (1,041,662 lbs), Sulfur Dioxide (524,776 lbs), Hydrogen peroxide (358,047 lbs), Aldicarb (284,151 lbs), and Fenamiphos (256,232 lbs). Additionally, the LEPC reports that 4 Hazardous Material Incident reports were filed for facilities within Manatee County from September 1, 2007 through February 29, 2008. These reports were filed for a broad range of hazardous materials including: Sodium Hydroxide, Sodium Hypochlorite, Calcium Hypochlorite, Ammonia, Mercury, Diesel Fuel and Natural Gas (SERC Recap October 2-3, 2008). Sarasota County is part of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and the LEPC for that organization reports that the top 10 hazardous materials and inventory levels in the region are: Sulfuric acid - 4,468,843 lbs.; Aldicarb- 454,168 lbs.; Ammonia - 429,951 lbs.; Methyl bromide - 383,906 lbs.; Chlorine - 325,146 lbs.; Nitric acid - 75,525 lbs.; Ethaneperoxoic acid - 47,950 lbs.; Endosulfan - 41,392 lbs.; Sulfur dioxide - 20,057 lbs.; and Ethylene oxide - 24,325 lbs. Manatee and Sarasota also have a broad distribution of other brownfields sites, including automotive/scrap metal salvage yards, dry cleaning facilities, asphalt plants, bulk fuel facilities, automotive repair facilities, plating operations, marine salvage and repair facilities, 87 cattle dip vat sites/other agricultural facilities and a broad range of commercial properties with known and potential contamination. Clearly, potential for hazardous materials to impact properties in the MPO district is documented and demonstrates the need for hazardous substance/petroleum assessment funding for sites that have been impacted (or will in the future) for hazardous substances/petroleum releases.

The work accomplished through the Tamiami Trail (U.S. Highway 41) Petroleum Brownfields Revitalization Initiative indicates there are 274 sites in the inventory thus far, covering approximately 1,335 acres (average site is 4.8 acres). 137 of the sites were formerly used as retail fuel stations with 81 of the sites reported as former "fuel user/non-retail. 56 of the sites are reported as other former uses. The FL DEQ Case Status is that 104 sites have OPEN FL DEQ case numbers (170 sites have closed case numbers). Additionally, 84 of the sites are in a Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) along or around US Highway 41. To date, approximately 60 of the sites have a planned reuse. The Region 4 EPA Brownfields Program has funded the Tamiami Trail Petroleum Brownfields Revitalization Initiative (1 of only 2 within the region's 7 state area) which as the following Underground Storage Tank (UST) assessments in progress: several Phase I assessments (3 in Bradenton; 3 in Manatee County; 2 in the City of Sarasota and 1 in Sarasota County); and 2 Phase IIs in progress (1 in Sarasota County and 1 in the City of Sarasota). One of these includes the Baker-Graham Property in the Newtown CRA that is proposed for a potential community health care redevelopment project. The MPO has also embraced the Highway to Health Care Concept of potentially transforming abandoned/underutilized petroleum and automotive sector properties (car lots/dealerships) into health and health care facilities along the Trail and within adjoining CRA's.

Sarasota County includes the cities of Sarasota, Venice, North Port, and the southern portion of the town of Longboat Key. The county covers a total of 725 sq. miles - 154 of which is water. It has 34 miles of beaches. The racial and ethnic composition in Sarasota County is approximately: 92.7% White; 4.8% African-American; 7.4% Hispanic. (*US Census Quick Facts*) In light of current economic conditions, the residents of the predominately African-American community of "Newtown" in the city of Sarasota were negatively impacted with higher unemployment and deterioration in other aspects of their living conditions. There is also an Enterprise Zone in Sarasota (January 2002 - EZ-580) which includes Newtown (one sq. mile of the 1.44 sq. mile zone or 69.44%).

There are an increasing number of single-parent households in Sarasota County. Females headed 6,312 family households in the 1980 census, compared to 8,822 (10.4%) in 1990. From 1980 to 1990, there was an increase of 31.1%. The number of Sarasota County family households headed by

females continued to rise to 13,325 by 2009. Female-headed single-parent household are frequently among the working poor and earn less than 125% of the Federal Poverty Level. Non-family households (those without children) in Sarasota County (39.2%) exceed those of the state (35%). Householders living alone, ages 65 years and over, account for 17.6% of Sarasota County and 14.4% of Manatee County (the state percentage is 11.2%). (*US Census American Fact Finder*)

There are 258 petroleum contaminated sites and 28 dry cleaner (solvent contaminated) sites in Sarasota County. Over a third are along the Tamiami Trail. There are also other contaminated properties along the corridor that have not been fully characterized. With ground water a major source of drinking water and a critical resource, it is very important to assess/ cleanup these known areas of contamination to protect this resource and enhance usability of affected properties.

Current conditions of many of areas along the Tamiami Trail are inconvenient, dirty, unsafe and disorganized. There are potential impacts from petroleum and hazardous materials on properties which affect the community's resources and deter the use of these properties. Drugs and unemployment are a major problem. Illegal drugs are sold on the street in daylight. The crimes associated with these activities make people feel unsafe. The loitering of unemployed people in the corridor is noticeable. Families would like to shop along the Tamiami Trail; but quality shopping is lacking, and with the noticeable amount of loitering and drug dealing, families go elsewhere.

b. Financial Need— Decades of community and economic development activities have targeted these communities, but these efforts have not resulted in the types/numbers of jobs necessary to bring stability and growth. Changes in major traffic patterns (Interstate 75) and abandoned businesses over the past several decades have contributed to the area's instability. This economic instability results in high rates of unemployment, low median household income and poverty in the focus areas along the Tamiami Trail. Abandoned/underutilized properties along the Trail have become eyesores and potentially dangerous to the residents in proximity to the Trail. Private disinvestment combined with environmental decline has left an indelible mark on the area, characterized by business and job loss, impacting the focus areas by leaving a legacy of abandoned properties tainted by former gas stations, dry cleaning facilities, auto repair shops, and other similar uses. These areas have suffered a disproportionate negative environmental impact from the businesses formerly located along the Trail, along with abandoned and underutilized underground tank storage sites, several illicit dumping areas, and underutilized car dealerships and other businesses which have relocated. The economic data for the 2 counties and 5 cities is compared with the state and nation below.

Category	Bradenton	North Port	Palmetto	Venice	Sarasota	Sarasota County	Manatee County	Florida	US
Population	53,699	22,797	12,571	21,400	53,641	369,765	318,361		
Families ↓ Poverty %	9.97	9.2	9.5	5.9	12.79	5.8	7.8	9.0	9.6
Unemployment % *	12.1	12.2	12.1	12.1	12.1	11.8	12.4	11.5	9.5
/Capita Income	\$24,433	\$40,954 ♦	\$17,724 ♦	\$35,269	\$28,144	\$28,236 ♦	\$22,388 ♦	\$21,557 ♦	\$27,466
Med. Hhld. Inc.	\$42,543	\$36,560 ◊	\$40,132 ◊	\$56,524	\$40,209	▲ \$49,001	\$46,573	\$47,802	\$63,211
African-American %	16.28	4.2	12.8	NA	16.5	4.8	9.1	16.1	12.9
Hispanic/Latino %	17.3	3.2	26.7	NA	21.11	7.4	13.9	21.5	15.8
< High School %	19.99	19.8	33.8	8.3	19.92	12.9	18.6	20.1	19.6

*US DOI, (7/2010); Other data from <http://quickfacts.census.gov> and *Claritas 2009*; ♦ 1999 ▲ 2008 est. NA = not available

Manatee County's unemployment rate was at 12.4% in July 2010, and Sarasota County's was 11.8% - all-time highs for this area. Both counties have higher jobless rates than the nation's stated 9.5%. Data for the CRAs along the Trail and/or in close proximity to it indicate the following:

<i>Category (Claritas 2009 estimates)</i>	<i>South County CRA</i>	<i>14th St. CRA</i>	<i>Sarasota CRA</i>	<i>Newtown CRA</i>	<i>Palmetto CRA</i>	<i>Bradenton Central CRA</i>	<i>Bradenton CRA</i>
Population	17,444	2,308	5,091	6,315	5,724	4,958	2,042
Families ↓ Poverty %	16.44	12.72	17.48	38	23.87	29	16.95
/Capita Income	\$15,151	\$14,396	\$45,448	\$11,581	\$14,265	\$11,715	\$18,655
Median Hhld. Inc.	\$31,905	\$26,152	\$40,417	\$20,426	\$30,386	\$25,279	\$33,793
African-American%	18.64	7.67	11.88	72.73	19.67	59.06	22.33
Hispanic%	33.82	45.28	17.27	8.09	55.68	30.54	41.82
↓ High School %	32.77	34.79	18.11	40.79	47.72	51.11	37.56
% Females ↓ 18	27.11	20.9	9.54	26.31	30.25	32.61	21.68

As the data above indicates, the indicators for the CRAs along/near the Trail are much different from those of the two counties as a whole. The minority populations are much higher, and substantially higher than statewide and nationally. Educational attainment is also significantly less than for the two counties, the state, and the nation. Again, per capita and median household incomes are substantially behind those for the counties, state, and nation. Basically, these focus areas are populated by low-income, minorities living in poverty and without basic high school educations.

Public outreach/engagement coupled with environmental assessment, remediation and redevelopment of properties in these CRAs will help improve environmental justice by removing contamination and replacing abandoned contaminated sites with end uses that can improve the overall health of the community (i.e., health care facilities, grocery stores to address food desert issues (with little or no access to foods needed to maintain a healthy diet but often served by plenty of fast food restaurants, open space and green space to improve opportunities for recreation). “*Florida’s Children At A Glance, 2009*” reports a 2007 statewide birth rate of 12.8/1000 residents, and a birth rate for teens 15-19 of 43.2. The MPO district’s birth rates for ages 15-19 were: Sarasota – 36.9; Manatee – 66.5. The US has higher teen girl fertility rates compared with other developed countries, i.e., US girls 15-19 have fertility rates over 5 times higher than counterparts in countries such as France, Italy, Japan, Slovenia, and Switzerland. Teen birth rates are of great concern because adolescent pregnancy is linked with unemployment, poverty, repeated pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, infant mortality, high risk pregnancy, and lower educational achievement. Teen pregnancy is a key indicator of adult poverty for women. In the MPO’s region, Manatee’s high teen birth rates, both counties’ focus areas’ poverty, and large population of female teens (most are significantly higher than the state’s 21.2%) make for a highly sensitive population segment.

(<http://www.prb.org/Articles/2009/teenagefertilityrate.aspx> and <http://sticrd.lse.ac.uk/dps/case/cp/C-15Epaper28.pdf>).

Due to current economic conditions within Florida and current budgetary constraints on the counties and cities in the MPO district, the requested EPA funding will allow for the first community-based brownfields success for the Sarasota/Manatee MPO Brownfields Coalition.

2. Project Description and Feasibility of Success

a. *Project Description. i)* – The Sarasota-Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is applying for an EPA brownfields assessment coalition grant in the amount of \$1million which will be used 30% for hazardous substances and 70% for petroleum contamination. The coalition partners are the cities of Palmetto, Bradenton, Sarasota, Venice and North Port, as well as Manatee and Sarasota counties. The focus area for this community-wide/jurisdiction-wide grant will be the Tamiami Trail which runs through each of the partners’ areas. One project is already underway along the Trail - the Tamiami Trail (U.S. Highway 41) Petroleum Brownfields Revitalization Initiative which is intended to further local economic development projects by enhancing technical assistance, environmental assessment and cleanup services for underground storage tanks (USTs)

and other brownfields. The Initiative hopes to effect reuse properties, making for a more vibrant and attractive community. Many communities are located along the Tamiami Trail Scenic Highway route, Manatee River to Myakka River, which extends almost 70 miles in Manatee and Sarasota counties; this route includes the cities of Palmetto, Bradenton, Sarasota, Venice and North Port. As noted previously, work on the Initiative has already identified 274 contaminated sites over 1,335 acres. Anticipated inventory efforts proposed under this grant will likely reveal a substantial number of historic tank sites and other potential brownfields sites on the Trail and throughout the MPO's district. Other potential sites that may be considered for brownfields assessment funds include:

Petroleum	
U-Save – 400 N. Tamiami Trail	Lowary Chada (former gas station/auto repair facility)– 2701 14 th Street
Exxon-Midtown – 1841 S. Tamiami Trail	Venice Petro - 1857 S. Tamiami Trail
Texaco #24-203-0177 -1901 S. Tamiami Trail	International Trade & Exchange – 5507 14 th St.
Midtown Plaza – 1225 S. Tamiami Trail	Circle K #2211007-1166 S. Tamiami Trail
North Port - Public Services Dept - 5455 Pan American Blvd.	Dash In Dash Out Food Mart-N Port - 13501 S. Tamiami Trail
Hazardous Substances	
Abandoned nursery - 901 14 th Street West	Former Riverpark Grande - 309 10 th Street West
Royal Cleaners & Laundromat - 14251 S. Tamiami Trail	Eager Beaver Car Wash, Inc. Property (Former) - 1783-1785 and 1791 South Tamiami Trail

The Coalition will work to prioritize projects that will support or supplement existing on-going enhancement efforts, such as the Port Manatee Connector Road which will provide additional access to this vibrant economic growth area. The Port Manatee Connector project involves enhanced access between Port Manatee and Interstate 75 (I-75). This enhanced roadway connection can serve as a crucial freight route, improve the overall efficiency of the existing highway network and relieve congestion at the port's gateway. This need is supported by local, statewide and nationwide land use, economic and growth objectives based on the following:

- 1) the proposed facility is identified in the 2030 MPO Long Range Transportation Plan;
- 2) the proposed facility promotes international and statewide trade transportation networks; and,
- 3) Port Manatee is the closest deep-water U.S. port to the Panama Canal (under expansion), making it critical in accommodating travel demands and improving the movement of goods/people.

The sites selected will be prioritized based on their specific merits and criteria established by the coalition. Selection criteria may include, but not be limited to:

- Adherence or applicability;
- Potential threat to human health and/or the environment;
- Current ownership and access agreement/willingness to participate;
- Location/size of property;
- Potential impact on the community; and,
- Future development potential.

The brownfields coalition assessment grant will fund 44 ASTM-AAI compliant Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs; 1 Generic Quality Assurance Plan (QAPP); 20 Site-Specific QAPPs and Health & Safety Plans (HASPs); and 20 Phase II ESAs. 30% of these activities will be for hazardous substances and the remaining 70% for petroleum.

b. Budget for EPA Funding and Leveraging Other Resources

i) Proposed assessment coalition budget:

HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES – 30%

Categories <i>(Programmatic costs only)</i>	Project Tasks							Total
	Site Inventory	Phase I & II ESAs	Remediation / Reuse Planning	Programmatic Support	Public Outreach	Inst. Controls & Public Health Monitoring		
Personnel	840	0	2538	2400	2400	0	8178	
Fringes	252	0	761	720	720	0	2453	
Travel	0	0	0	0	2760	0	2760	
Supplies	0	0	0	0	6514	0	6514	
Contractual	1800	208215	21300	21300	16080	11400	280095	
Subtotal	2892	208215	24599	24420	28474	11400	300000	
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS – 70%								
Categories <i>(Programmatic costs only)</i>	Project Tasks							Total
	Site Inventory	Phase I & II ESAs	Remediation / Reuse Planning	Programmatic Support	Public Outreach	Inst. Controls & Public Health Monitoring		
Personnel	1960	0	5922	7600	7600	0	23082	
Fringes	588	0	1777	2280	2280	0	6925	
Travel	0	0	0	0	6440	0	6440	
Supplies	0	0	0	0	9998	0	9998	
Contractual	4200	485835	49700	49700	37520	26600	653555	
Subtotal	6748	485835	57399	59580	63838	26600	700000	
TOTAL	9640	694050	81998	84000	92312	38000	1000000	

Task 1 - Site Inventory – Salaries and fringe benefits are budgeted in this category at \$4,000. Additionally, \$6,000 is budgeted in contractual services. The Coalition has been compiling potential site lists which have been shared with and reviewed by both the FDEP and EPA for The Trail areas. Immediately following receipt of award, the Coalition will prepare a final prioritized community-wide list or inventory for both the hazardous substance and petroleum products sites. A total of \$9640 is budgeted in this category (30% for hazardous substances and 70% for petroleum). This activity will develop inventory information concerning regulatory listed sites and environmental regulatory data base information for the entire MPO district.

Task 2 - Phase I and II Assessments - Conduct environmental site assessment (ESA) activities: 46 ASTM-AAI compliant Phase I ESAs @ \$3,525 for a total of \$162150; 1 Generic Quality Assurance Plan (QAPP) estimated @ \$5,000; 20 Site-Specific QAPPs and Health & Safety Plans (HASP) @ \$3,345 for a total of \$66,900; 20 Phase II ESAs @ \$23,000 for a total of \$460,000. Total for this category (\$694050) will be 30% hazardous substances and 70% petroleum.

Task 3 - Remediation/Reuse Planning - 11 Analyses for Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCAs) or reuse plans are planned at an average cost of \$7,400 up to \$71000; or, as an alternative, development of site appropriate remediation and/or reuse plans to reduce risks to health and environment for selected sites. Community vision/goals will be considered in reuse planning. \$10998 is planned for personnel/fringes with overall costs totaling \$81998 (30% hazardous substances, 70% petroleum).

Task 4 - Programmatic Support - Programmatic Support includes assisting with completion of required USEPA quarterly and annual status reports, and any other reporting elements that may be needed. All appropriate documents will be copied to the FDEP and activities will also be coordinated with the FDEP, as needed. These may include preparation of a Work Plan(s), complete property forms, up-load data into the USEPA electronic data base, MBE/WBE forms and other programmatic documents or activities to assure compliance with the terms and conditions of the grant. Task 4

costs have been estimated at \$84,000 30% for hazardous substance and 70% for petroleum).

Task 5 - Public Outreach - Community activities that were started back in July 2002 will be continued and expanded upon. Regular public meetings and/or Coalition meetings will be held. Minutes from the meetings will be maintained and available through the MPO and their web page. If deemed necessary up to two additional public surveys will be conducted to gather public opinion or suggestions regarding the status and/or direction of the project. Progress updates or reports will also be available through the MPO and their web page. As needed, project-specific publications will be prepared and distributed throughout the local jurisdictions. Educational programs will be continued or supported. The funds assigned to this task will be used to continue and expand these efforts. \$11,200 is budgeted in salaries and fringe benefits; \$9200 is budgeted for travel to sites throughout the region, EPA workshops, FBA conferences, and national brownfields conferences; another \$16,512 is planned for supplies (e.g., office/meeting /printing supplies) and \$53,600 is planned for contractual costs for outreach, including translation of materials and conducting meetings/focus groups, etc. The estimated budget is \$90,000 – 30% hazardous substances, 70% petroleum.

Task 6 - Institutional Controls and Health Monitoring - There are several sites which will be monitored by the Coalition to assure compliance with stipulated institutional controls, including potential off-site migration of asbestos, exposure to lead based paint, site security and signage. The Coalition has estimated that up to 2 sites will be addressed under this Task, and may directly conduct the work, if needed, or enforce required actions for compliance, potentially including assuring that documents needed have been updated and properly registered with the local official/agency, maintenance of security measures such as a fence or signage, maintenance of a contact barrier such as pavement or vegetative/landscaped areas. Monitoring may also include limited sample collection and analysis to assure that contamination has not, or is not threatening to migrate off-site. The ultimate goal is to assist with this monitoring phase until a final remediation and/or redevelopment plan is put in place. Up to \$38,000 has been included for this Task – 30% for hazardous substance sites and 70% for petroleum products sites. The county health departments are tasked with monitoring one of the State's most valuable natural resources - ground water. Past operations at sites along the Tamiami Trail have resulted in ground water contamination which has impacted, or threatening to impact, local ground water. Ground water is the potable water supply for the area. The Coalition will work with Sarasota County Health Dept. and Manatee County Health Dept. to define a supporting role or provide resources to assist in collecting ground water quality data in specified areas – to allow the health departments to better monitor threat(s) to drinking water sources and public health.

ii) Leveraging. The MPO will utilize the brownfields program as one of a multi-layered incentive approach to implement redevelopment. A primary layer of incentives is provided by the Florida Brownfields Program and includes the following: FDEP Voluntary Cleanup Tax Credit Program (up to 50% tax credits for cleanup); Brownfields Building Materials Sales Tax Refund (refund of sales tax for overall affordable housing/redevelopment projects); Brownfields Job Bonus Refund (\$2500 tax refund/each new job created); Brownfields Loan Guarantee Program (up to 50% loan guarantee for brownfields projects); and Brownfields Liability Protections (as provided statutorily). These state incentives encourage redevelopment of environmentally stigmatized properties, make redevelopment feasible, and result in positive financial impact on many redevelopment projects.

The MPO will take full advantage of leveraging assessment funds by coordinating state economic and other incentive programs for eligible projects. The MPO will work closely with economic/community development staff to fully explore incentive programs for eligible projects. Several incentive programs are available, including: State Designated Enterprise Zone (EZ) Locations – Palmetto (EZ-4102), Bradenton (EZ-4101), and Sarasota (EZ-5801). Incentives include:

<i>Jobs Credit for Corporate Income Tax</i>	<i>Tax Increment Financing</i>	<i>Jobs Credit for Sales Tax</i>
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<i>Qualified Defense Contractor Tax Refund</i>	<i>EZ Property Tax Credit</i>	<i>Building Materials Sales Tax Refund</i>
<i>Business Equipment Sales Tax Refund</i>	<i>Urban Incentives</i>	<i>Quick Response Training Incentives</i>
<i>Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund</i>	<i>Capital Investment Tax Credit</i>	<i>Incumbent Worker Training Program</i>
<i>Community Contribution Tax Credit (CCTC) Program</i>	<i>High Impact Performance Incentive Grant (HIPI)</i>	

The MPO can access FDEP CERCLA 128(a) Site Specific Activities/Targeted Brownfields Assessment Assistance for assessment/source removal activities. The MPO will promote private sector development, facilitate existing incentive programs, and provide assessment/future remedial funding resources to encourage redevelopment of environmentally impaired properties. It will aggressively seek funding from Federal Brownfield Partners to ensure its brownfields redevelopment activities are successful. The MPO will also reach out to the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide substantial involvement regarding Brownfields redevelopment and will seek to capitalize on the many resources the USDA can bring to the Brownfields Partnership. These agencies and grant funding sources will be considered as sources for additional leveraging funds:

<u>US Economic Development Administration - Facilities and Planning</u>	<u>USDA – Rural Grants</u>
<u>US EPA - Assessment & Remediation Grants via Brownfield Programs, Grants & Resources</u>	<u>United States Army Corps of Engineers - Civil Works and Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration</u>
<u>US Department of Energy – promoting energy efficiency, renewable energy environmental remediation science & technology development</u>	<u>Federal Home Loan Bank – Financing affordable housing & economic dev. financing for qualified economic development projects</u>
<u>Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry – funding & TA to county health depts. monitoring impacts to public health</u>	<u>US Department of Housing & Urban Development - Funding for redevelopment through BEDI and CDBG funding</u>
<u>US Geological Survey – Technical Assistance for GIS & Watershed Management Activities</u>	<u>National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences–Minority Job Worker Training Funding</u>
<u>NOAA – Coastal Zone Management, Natural Resource Creation & Enhancement</u>	<u>Small Business Administration –expansion and creation of small businesses funding</u>
<u>US Department of Interior – Rivers Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program, Land and Water Conservation Fund and other funding for creation/rehabilitation of recreational facilities for low income, at risk youth, elderly & disabled</u>	

This grant will truly be a continuation of the Coalition’s efforts already underway on the Trail, and will provide an avenue for the Coalition to better assess the environmental issues present along the Tamiami Trail corridor. The Tamiami Trail (U.S. Highway 41) Petroleum Brownfields Revitalization Initiative is one of 2 model projects in the nation and is a part of the Brownfields Petroleum Brownfields Action Plan. The MPO will leverage the new assessment funding, if awarded, with the Initiative already started by EPA (see also page 4 of this application).

The Coalition members will use this “start-up” to continue to pursue additional funding from sources such as the USEPA Cleanup Grant Programs, the Florida Brownfields Program, and working in concert with the Community Redevelopment Areas (CRAs) to explore options. Not only public, but private investment will be pursued. There have been some privately financed redevelopment success stories along the Tamiami Trail, and leveraging this success will provide incentive for more. Most of the cities/jurisdictions along this portion of the Tamiami Trail have already developed EZs, Empowerment or Renaissance Zones which provide incentives to business; and these incentives can be stacked/leveraged with brownfields incentives.. Also, funding sources such as bonds and Tax Incremental Financing will be expanded.

c. Programmatic Capability and Past Performance

i) Programmatic Capability - The management of the MPO is guided by the Unified Planning Work

Program updated every two years. The MPO is an independent, legal entity responsible for its own personnel administration and operation facility. It currently maintains an Interlocal Agreement with Manatee County for certain organizational services such as payroll, fringe benefits and administration. The MPO has adopted its own Personnel Policy and Rules along with organizational and administrative policies. The MPO is required to establish/maintain agreements with its member governments and grantors. The MPO will direct, coordinate, and organize the assessment grant activities for the Coalition using in-house personnel and resources. Communication among Coalition members, progress meetings and other appropriate task will be initiated by the MPO. Community outreach or informational meetings will also be organized by the MPO.

The Brownfields Coalition Assessment Grant will be managed by Robert M. Herrington who is the Planning Manager of the MPO. Previously, Mr. Herrington held the position of Executive Director of the Collier County Metropolitan Planning Organization. He has extensive experience in administering and coordinating the programs for the Sarasota-Bradenton Urbanized Area and is responsible for the development, preparation and monitoring of all federal and state transportation planning grants for the MPO. Additionally, his duties include development of the MPO's Unified Planning Work Program (Federal and State Budget) and he assists with development of the MPO's annual Transportation Improvement Program. He has served as a Project Manager for various planning projects including the MPO's 25 year Long Range Transportation Plan. He possesses effective communication skills for the presentation of ideas and findings to elected officials, technical representatives, civic organizations and other committees in both written and oral formats. Due to the specialized/technical skills needed for this project, the Coalition will procure the services of an experienced, professional environmental consultant specifically experienced in brownfields redevelopment projects. The selected firm will be responsible for successfully completing technical and programmatic tasks of the grant. The environmental consultant will be managed by the Coalition and progress monitored by way of status meetings and milestone reports.

ii) Past Performance -

- 1) *Has Received an EPA Brownfields Grant* – Not applicable – never received an EPA brownfields grant.
- 2) *Has Not Received an EPA Brownfields Grant*- Since 1978, the MPO has applied for and been awarded grant and operational monies from federal, state/local programs. Throughout the administration of these funds, the MPO has demonstrated strict adherence to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21. All programs have been successfully managed by in-house staff. The following table is an example or breakdown of the federal and non-federal assistance for the past 3 years.

Fiscal Year	Agency					Yearly Total
	Federal Highway Admin.	Florida DOT	Federal Transit Admin.	Sarasota / Manatee Counties	Other	
2010-2011	\$836,864	\$209,628	\$200,434	\$25,054	\$48,517	\$1,320,497
2009-2010	\$814,882	\$202,485	\$182,072	\$24,760	\$48,330	\$1,272,529
2008-2009	\$1,071,479	\$236,319	\$328,101	0	\$50,330	\$1,686,229
Grand Total						\$4,279,255

1. Federal Highway Administration – Section 112 Metropolitan Planning Grant (PI) – Grant #PI-0264(46) – Grant Amount: \$1,011,304 awarded 7/1/2009 – Remaining balance: -0-, closed 6/30/2010. Accomplishments: the planning activities as reflected in the MPO's annual Unified Planning Work Program in accordance with Title 23 U.S.C. The MPO is in compliance and up to date on all requirements.

2. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) – Section 5303 Planning Funds – Grant #AOV75 – Amount awarded: \$197,388 on 7/1/2009; Remaining Balance -0-, closed 6/30/2010.

Accomplishments: planning/implementation of public transportation systems for Sarasota/Manatee area. The MPO is in total compliance and up to date on all reporting requirements.

3. Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged – Planning Program – Grant#APJ63 – Grant amount: \$48,398 awarded 7/1/2009; remaining balance -0-, closed 6/30/2010.

Accomplishments: a planning program to ensure the availability of efficient, cost effective and quality transportation services for transportation disadvantaged persons. The MPO is in total compliance and up to date on all reporting requirements.

Annually, a review of the MPO is conducted by FDOT. The most recent 2008 Joint Certification Review, based on the process outlined in the FDOT Metropolitan Planning Organization Program Management Handbook, Chapter 7, indicated that the MPO is in compliance with all planning and reporting requirements mandated by federal and state law set out in the MPO Manual, Section 7.5. In meeting those requirements, the MPO accomplished some noteworthy achievements.

- *Any adverse audit findings* - There have never been any adverse audit findings as a result of the numerous annual audits associated with the MPO.

3. Community Engagement and Partnerships –

a. Plan for involving community - In 2001, local municipalities began to discuss the benefits of coordinating activities and cooperatively working to preserve the intrinsic resources of the Tamiami Trail Scenic Highway. A Corridor Advocacy Group made up of representatives from local municipalities, the FDOT, the MPO, non-profit organizations, and interested stakeholders, was organized. This is the group that has grown into the Sarasota/Manatee MPO Tamiami Trail Brownfields Revitalization Initiative Coalition. Surveys were used to document the resources and gauge public support in preserving the resources found along the Tamiami Trail. The group completed corridor impression surveys and field inventory sheets and published articles in local papers informing residents of the scenic highway program and the opportunity to preserve the intrinsic resources located along the Tamiami Trail Scenic Highway. These activities were intended to promote community awareness, build consensus, obtain public input, and foster continued public involvement in the preservation of the Tamiami Trail Scenic Highway corridor. In support of program goals, objectives, and strategies, the Coalition will continue to reach out to the community to encourage involvement in the brownfields process. All interested individuals, groups, or organizations will be invited to be active with the program. The MPO will solicit community input regarding site selection and eligible projects through community and regularly scheduled public meetings, newspapers, and its website. Public participation is critical in assuring successful implementation of the brownfields program. The MPO will develop a public education program with stakeholders. The MPO will develop/distribute an educational brochure to help communities better understand brownfields and brownfields remediation. It will update its website with new educational information on brownfields and the brownfields program. The MPO may utilize members' government access cable television to broadcast items of interest and brownfields project updates, notifications of public meetings with brownfields topics, and televised meetings.

The MPO is committed to involving all members of the affected community. In order to ensure the proper community involvement and a continuous line of communication, the MPO will initiate the installation of a Brownfield Advisory Board (BAB) to serve the MPO's brownfield redevelopment program. Community-based organizations will be asked to select a representative to serve on the BAB to assist in identifying potential brownfields sites, help develop history of sites, publicize projects, explain goals of assessment program, and keep the community informed.

The MPO will seek both public input and professional assistance in the site selection process. Each site will be evaluated on a case by case basis, with special attention paid to those projects that are community based and community driven. The BAB will work to address the issues and concerns

the community has about sites, assessment processes, or other brownfields issues. The BAB will assist in visioning and goal setting to establish community priorities for reuse of brownfields sites. The BAB's goal is broad-based grassroots involvement of community members from the targeted community. The membership of community-based organizations on the BAB will increase participation from all interested groups. Public meetings will be held at least twice yearly and as-needed to: monitor progress, advise on reuse of brownfields sites, and inform the public of progress and results of program activities.

b. Efforts and/or plans to develop partnerships - Because the Florida Scenic Highways Program is a grassroots effort with great emphasis on local support and consensus building, partnerships and agreements are necessary in successfully improve the Tamiami Trail in the areas of beautification, cultural and historic preservation, safety enhancement, economic development, and pedestrian and recreational uses. Partnerships and agreements are already in place to formalize these relationships. A portion of Tamiami Trail has been designated as a "Florida Scenic Highway" by FDOT. The Tamiami Trail Scenic Highway Corridor Advocacy Group applied for the Florida Scenic Highway designation. The group has "partnered with the FDOT to achieve the designation and continues the partnership to this day. The FDOT is one of the agencies included in the Coalition's activities. Beginning with the process to acquire the Scenic Highway designation the Coalition has included and kept the FDEP and USEPA Region IV representatives informed of the progress and projected activities. Both agencies have participated in local Work Shops and Coalition meetings. Both agencies have also assisted in developing a draft project or site inventory list for Manatee and Sarasota Counties. It is expected that the representatives from FDEP and USEPA Region IV will continue to receive Coalition meeting minutes or status reports, participate in the meetings and provide guidance, as appropriate, throughout the grant process.

The MPO already works with its two counties and all of the local governments, FDEP, Governor's Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development, and Enterprise Florida to ensure its redevelopment projects are successfully implemented.

Upon award, the MPO will meet with the coalition partners to set program goals/priorities and set a regular meeting schedule to guide the process. Community-based organizations will be asked to select a representative to serve on a Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC) for each community; PACs will meet regularly to advise, assist in identifying potential brownfields sites, help develop history of sites, publicize projects, explain goals of assessment program, and keep community informed. PACs will alert the coalition to community issues/concerns about sites, assessment processes, or other brownfields issues. PACs will assist in visioning/goal setting to establish community priorities for reuse of brownfields sites. The PAC goal is broad-based grassroots involvement of community members from each focus community. PACs will seek to increase participation from all interested groups with twice yearly meetings and as-needed to monitor progress, advise on reuse of brownfields sites, and inform coalition of progress/results.

Planned communications strategies are multifaceted, involving press relations and releases for local/community newspapers, newsletters and broadcast media, web postings, brochures, public meetings in communities; presentations to county/city commissions, community organizations (i.e., service & civic clubs, local neighborhood improvement groups, chambers of commerce, realtor & builder groups, and with individuals/groups of stakeholders). English is the indigenous language; due to an increase of Hispanics who may be impacted by any assessment/cleanup/redevelopment efforts, the MPO will also ensure they are included in discussions and bilingual printed materials will be available. The MPO will hire a translator, if necessary, and utilize bilingual staff, if available.

The MPO has in place several regularly advertised scheduled public meetings where project progress may be communicated. The MPO uses newspaper advertising/notices, website and a

brownfields link to communicate with the public. The MPO will use local newspapers and community calendars for local TV stations to reach communities. It will continue to use these resources to notify the region of brownfields program opportunities/activities. Public participation is critical in assuring successful implementation of the brownfields program. The MPO will develop a public education program with various stakeholders. This program will describe benefits of participation in the program, including potential economic/health benefits that accrue to communities. The MPO will develop/distribute an educational brochure to help communities better understand brownfields and brownfields remediation. It will update its website with new educational information on brownfields and the brownfields program. The MPO may utilize members' government access cable television to broadcast items of interest and brownfields project updates, notifications of public meetings where brownfields will be discussed, and televised meetings.

The Coalition partners will work closely with the FDEP to evaluate entering potential projects into the Florida Brownfields program. Sites that require assessment beyond a Phase I and Phase II ESA will potentially enter into a Brownfields Site Rehabilitation Agreement (BSRA) and will undergo additional assessment and remediation under Chapter 62-785 the Florida Brownfields Cleanup Criteria Rule. By entering into the agreement, the site will be eligible for economic development incentives that will facilitate redevelopment. The coalition will also invite the local health departments to participate on the BAB to access the necessary resources regarding potential health impacts from Brownfields sites along the trail.

c. Community-based organizations - The Coalition broadly represents the community groups and individuals that have a stake in the Grant process. Through the Goals, Objectives, and Strategies established the Coalition has solidified the significance of community outreach and involvement. All interested individuals, groups, or organizations are invited to participate in all Coalition activities. It is expected that each key group/member shall provide general support, assistance and/or advice in the areas of data collection, research, historic preservation, planning, engineering, architecture, economics, marketing, public relations, communications, community organizing, fundraising, and/or environmental management as may be appropriate for the group, organization, or individual.

The majority of the community groups are "grassroots" organizations with the goals of rehabilitation and economic development of neglected and blighted neighborhoods. Most were created years ago and have been active in their communities. The groups have most often prepared a Community Redevelopment Plan that defines the role and responsibility for that group. The groups work with input from the public. They provide workshops to establish and update goals. The groups are lead by: local business owners; representatives from educational institutions, the faith community, the private sector, the arts community; and, health care providers to extend the resources of their neighborhoods. Some of the groups that have been associated with the Coalition and are or expected to be involved throughout this project include:

Organization	Description	Role	Contact
Bradenton DDA	Downtown dev. Authority	Assist/support in any way	Mike Kennedy, EID, 101 Old Main St. Bradenton FL 34205, 941-932-9440
FL Brownfields Assn.	State brownfields organization	Technical assistance, public outreach, marketing, education, boards & committees	Jason Lichstein, Pres. Jason.lichstein@akerman.com
14 th St. West and South County CRAs	Community redevelopment agencies	Public outreach and education	John R. Chappie, Chair PO box 1000, Bradenton, FL 34205, 941-749-3029

Organization	Description	Role	Contact
Central Community Redevelopment Agency	Community redevelopment agency	Meeting space, identification of projects, outreach	Sherrod A. Halburton, ED 302 Manatee Av E, 301, Bradenton, FL 34206 941-744-2362
Newtown Front Porch Neighborhood Revitalization Council, Inc	Nonprofit community redevelopment org	Serve on boards/ committees, outreach and marketing, project identification	Mary S. Mack, Chair 1782 Dr. ML King, Jr. Way Sarasota, FL 34234
Sarasota County Branch-NAACP	Organization for racial equality	Public outreach, marketing, project identification, serve on boards & committees	Trevor D. Harvey, Pres. PO Box 1024 Sarasota, FL 34230 941-355-2097

Letters of support from the various community organizations are included in Attachment C.

4. Project Benefits -

a. Welfare and/or Public Health - The long-term expected benefits are to assess and promote the cleanup of contaminated/underutilized properties and leverage this investment to generate interest in public and private development bringing back the mystique of this historical area. The cleanup of brownfields along the Tamiami Trail is expected to rejuvenate tourism, create new jobs by way of new or expanded business and improve the overall quality of life for the communities along the Trail. This improvement would be most apparent for the underserved in the focus area.

The further assessment, remediation and redevelopment of underutilized properties will have an overwhelming positive impact to the targeted communities. The majority of the grant funds are budgeted for Phase I and II ESAs to assess potential impacts to human health and the environment. This information will be utilized to remediate the properties, using additional funds, to eliminate potential threats, ultimately resulting in removal of contamination from communities and removing potential negative potential public health impacts from underserved communities that also suffer health disparities. Grant resources will help expand local business and generate new businesses which will provide the creation of new jobs. In several of the underserved neighborhoods, the advancement of existing business and the development of new business may generate up to several hundred new jobs. This will improve the community welfare by reduced threat to the neighborhood populations and by stimulating the economy.

Many brownfields sites are in/near residential communities increasing opportunity for disproportionate negative environmental and health impacts where communities have potential exposure to contaminated soil/groundwater and other media in brownfields areas. Many properties are unsecured and open to those seeking shortcuts, such as the homeless or youths, and those who might be working on adjoining, potentially contaminated land. The health impacts of hazardous contamination are severe - neurological damage, intestinal damage, paralysis, increased the risk of pneumonia and cancers. A primary goal of the brownfields program will be to reduce/eliminate the potential for public health impacts from brownfields sites in the region.

The MPO plans to use proposed EPA assessment grant funding to address environmental justice issues impacting the health and welfare of the region's residents. Special attention will be focused on regulatory listed sites near residential communities and other areas with increased probability to impact sensitive populations, including low income and minority communities. The MPO will promote health and health care related end-uses - which can result in community-based healthcare

to begin addressing disparities and other health issues. The MPO will also be monitoring sites as they are cleaned up to assure public health is protected.

The probability of multiple areas and types of contamination in the region will require close interaction and coordination with FDEP, EPA, and county/state health departments throughout all phases of ongoing and proposed redevelopment projects. The MPO will approach county health departments and other local stakeholders for input on public health monitoring. The MPO will identify existing local/state/national technical support/resources to support public health monitoring and improved health care. The MPO may contact the Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (ATSDR) for technical information related to contaminants. ATSDR could be helpful in conducting public health assessments and other studies to clarify potential risks on existing sites and redevelopment plans.

The Florida Brownfields process comes under authority of FDEP and is outlined in the Florida Brownfields Redevelopment Act, Chapter 376 Florida Statutes. The Act allows for local government designation of brownfields sites/areas and provides for BSRAs as the primary means to oversee assessment/remediation/reuse of brownfields properties. The Act provides for creation of a Brownfields Advisory Board. Each BSRA site has a site specific advisory board that reviews assessment/cleanup documents and can make recommendations to the local government regarding environmental justice, public health impact of potentials of redevelopment, and potential improvements due to assessment/remediation of contamination on these sites. The MPO will coordinate with FDEP to insure brownfields assessment/remediation activities are protective of public health and the environment and that all engineering and institutional controls resulting from brownfields assessment/remediation/redevelopment activities are entered into FDEP's Engineering and Institutional Controls registry - so this information is available to the public and stakeholders concerned with or implementing ongoing redevelopment.

Environmental assessments conducted with proposed funding will include health and safety plans to ensure sensitive populations and workers performing field activities are protected from potential exposure to contaminants. Workers are OSHA 1910.120 "hazardous waste operations & emergency response" certified. Every practical precaution will be taken to isolate the general public from areas to be assessed, including fencing or barricades where necessary. All IDW (investigative derived wastes) will be properly containerized/stored/disposed of in an expedited manner.

b. Economic Benefits and/or Greenspace

i) Economic benefits - The region has been plagued with a legacy of contamination and sprawl which have created an urgent community need for assessment/cleanup/redevelopment efforts to improve the economy and strengthen neighborhoods, especially along the focus area (Tamiami Trail). There has been only minimal brownfields assessment/cleanup. Upon grant award, the MPO can perform assessments, catalysts for redevelopment of brownfields properties. By addressing these issues and beginning to assess/remediate some of the potentially highest priority hazardous substance/petroleum impacted brownfield sites, communities will benefit from increased economic development opportunities and return of these sites to a productive and beneficial reuse. Redevelopment will improve quality of life by creating new jobs and stimulating economic growth while helping bring back a sense of community pride. Residents will benefit from reduction of health risks, elimination of blight, and increased property values resulting from future assessment/cleanup of these sites.

The district's demographics suggest many of the MPO's communities need economic revitalization. By taking a community-wide approach to brownfields redevelopment, the MPO is looking to redevelop brownfields sites into valuable real estate to benefit communities, local businesses and economy, and the region. This approach will help address environmental concerns

while transforming/improving property values in residential neighborhoods adjacent to impacted brownfield sites, and injecting new economic vitality into business corridors.

The MPO will work closely with economic development programs (e.g., state brownfields, CRAs, state enterprise zones, front porch communities, rural areas of economic concern and foreign trade zones) to implement assessment projects. This effort will capitalize and leverage incentives, resources, and redevelopment efforts. The assessment program will be presented to local program staff and stakeholders as a tool to access critically needed environment assessment resources to ameliorate negative environmental conditions in their areas. A key to the success of the assessment program will be integrated coordination between federal/state/local economic development agencies. The MPO will also work toward returning abandoned properties to the active tax rolls which will increase ad valorem taxes. The return of these abandoned or underutilized properties to constructive community uses will help improve the quality of life throughout the targeted areas. In the CRAs, these activities will also increase THF funding for more community investment.

ii) Other non-economic benefits – Over 4 acres of openspace is saved for every acre of brownfields redeveloped. Inclusion of openspace/greenspace in communities is an important issue for the MPO. To promote a high quality of life, the MPO believes land use decisions must properly address open space/greenspace. Throughout the region, citizens actively participate on committees/boards dealing with open space/greenspace. The MPO's assessment process will include a review of brownfields to determine the need for any portion of the parcel for recreation/ openspace use. The MPO may support negotiation for purchase of a site/portion of a site for this purpose.

The MPO considers long term use/management of natural resources a major issue in determining appropriate brownfields projects. Competitive uses of elements of the natural system will impact long term regional development. Development effects could include deterioration of water quality and loss of marine life, deterioration of air quality, replacement/loss of agricultural lands and locally important unique soils, loss of wilderness and animal habitat, reduced public access to lakes and recreational amenities, and public safety concerns due to development in floodplains. There is an abundance of undeveloped land in rural parts of the region. Regional leaders understand the merit of preservation of green space. In the two-county region, there are over 200 parks (4,000+ acres) and many miles of beach and waterfront. The MPO fully supports the use of assessment funding for improvements to support green infrastructure.

The MPO will strive to develop/support a landscaping manual, identifying benefits of using native vegetation, water conservation, and maintaining/managing/restoring natural areas. The MPO will also identify beautification funding from FDOT and other entities and support efforts by the cities, counties, to secure these funds to provide landscaping, streetscaping, and public art.

c. Environmental Benefits from Infrastructure Reuse/Sustainable Reuse - The ability of projects to implement pollution prevention measures will be evaluated in the application review process. For sites requiring a brownfields agreement, FDEP encourages those parties to contact their Pollution Prevention (P2)/Waste Reduction Program for recommendations on waste minimization, waste management, assistance with pollution prevention measures, and goals for reduction of releases of toxic materials. Projects resulting in potential use of pollutants will be required to work with state and local P2 programs to develop a pollution prevention plan to prevent creation of future brownfields.

Current zoning regulations often dictate that redevelopment of brownfields accomplish non-polluting activities or clean industry, thus, brownfields site redevelopers are usually more familiar with environmental concerns, cognizant of repercussions and costs of pollution, and likely to implement pollution prevention measures. Most new development will likely occur in areas where existing heavy industrial uses are not compatible with planned mixed-use character of surrounding areas rendering heavy industry (& other potential uses generating significant pollution) as non-

conforming in non-industrial zoned areas. These planning safeguards alone will reduce pollution.

The MPO's overall goal for brownfields redevelopment is transformation into viable economic and community redevelopment projects via efficient use of urban/rural land, which contributes to the public's health, safety and general welfare. Reuse of brownfields is in the region's best economic, environmental and community interest. The MPO's brownfields program will provide assistance/incentives to public and private landowners and businesses to facilitate environmental investigation, assessment/cleanup/reuse of contaminated urban properties.

The MPO's sustainability strategy will implement *environmental justice* (fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race/color/national origin/income) with respect to development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies – by cleanup and redeveloping sites in the poorest minority communities along the Trail. A primary result of the MPO's brownfields program will be to implement *environmental justice* in historically underserved low income, minority communities. The MPO will identify redevelopment opportunities in these communities to provide direct benefits to residents/business owners. The MPO's brownfields program will supports community-based/-driven redevelopment projects. One MPO redevelopment emphasis will be reclamation of brownfields for affordable/ workforce housing; this focus directly relates to the region's ability to provide quality housing for workers, enabling businesses to thrive. The MPO will coordinate efforts via its non-profit and housing network. The MPO will also emphasize opportunities for public health initiatives via transformation of blighted and contaminated properties into projects leading to improved community health. Many potential brownfields projects may lead to opportunities for recreation and open space uses. Another critical health issue being faced regionally/nationally is childhood obesity; studies have shown that increased recreational lands and open space encourage healthy activities.

Parts of the region are primed for *smart growth* to help absorb development pressures and meet demand for denser development in downtown cores. *Smart growth* is an urban planning and transportation theory concentrating growth in a city center to avoid urban sprawl while advocating compact, transit-oriented, walkable, bicycle-friendly land use, including mixed-use development with a range of housing choices. As with other grants (i.e., TIGER and HUD Sustainable Communities) the MPO will support brownfields assessment activities promoting smart growth and green construction. Coalition members understand how green building practices are being linked to smart growth, urban design, and public health via LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design). Sustainable redevelopment and smart growth principles are encouraged via brownfields assessment application review criteria. The MPO will encourage improvement of environmental quality of communities, making them more sustainable.

d. *Tracking/measuring plan.* The MPO will track outcome/output measures quarterly & cumulatively:

# of Phase I assessments completed	# of QAPPs completed
# of Phase II assessments completed	# of ABCAs completed
# of reuse plans completed	# of jobs created at brownfields redevelopment sites
# of construction jobs leveraged at brownfields redevelopment sites	Increase of ad valorem taxes generated from redeveloped brownfields sites
Redevelopment dollars leverage	# of sites cleaned up/remediated
Non-EPA assessment/cleanup \$ leveraged	# of open space/greenspace projects resulting
# of housing projects (affordable/work force/market rate) initiated with assessment	# of community-driven (including nonprofit and community-based organizations) assisted by assessment
# of commercial projects initiated with brownfields assessment	

Attachment A - Coalition member participation agreement letters
and state/federal statute establishing metropolitan planning
organizations.



September 24, 2010

Robert M. Herrington
Planning Manager
Sarasota/Manatee MPO
7632 15 Street East
Sarasota, Florida 34243

RE: Agreement to be a member of the Sarasota/Manatee MPO Tamiami Trail Brownfields Revitalization Initiative Coalition for the purpose of applying for a US EPA Brownfields Assessment Coalition grant in the amount of \$1 million.

Dear Mr. Herrington:

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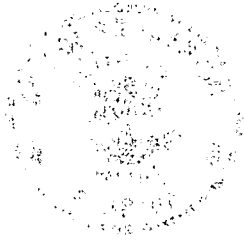
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Further, it is our understanding that coalition members are not eligible in this grant cycle as applicants for additional community-wide or site-specific assessment grants, and that a coalition member wishing to apply as a separate applicant must withdraw from the coalition to be eligible for individual assessment funds.

Best regards,

Mayor

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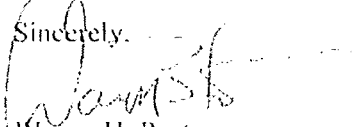
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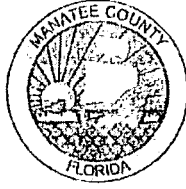
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Sincerely,

Wayne H. Poston
Mayor



MANATEE COUNTY
FLORIDA

September 28, 2010

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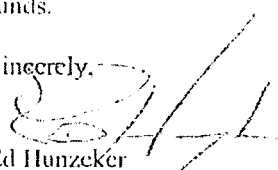
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Sincerely,


Ed Hunzeker
Manatee County Administrator

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October 2, 2009

Robert M. Herrington
Planning Manager
Sarasota/Manatee MPO
7632 15th Street East
Sarasota, Florida 34243

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RMH

RE: Agreement to be a member of the Sarasota/Manatee MPO Tamiami Trail Brownfields Revitalization Initiative Coalition for the purpose of applying for a US EPA Brownfields Assessment Coalition grant in the amount of \$1 million.

Dear Mr. Herrington:

This letter is to verify that the City of Palmetto agrees to be a member of the Sarasota/Manatee MPO Tamiami Trail Brownfields Revitalization Initiative Coalition for the purpose of applying for and the subsequent award of a US EPA Brownfields Assessment coalition grant in the amount of \$1 million for communitywide assessment in the MPO planning area. The City of Palmetto is an eligible applicant due to its status as a municipal government.

The City agrees that the MPO will be the lead member of the coalition for the purpose of this grant. The MPO must administer the grant, if awarded, be accountable to the EPA for proper expenditure of funds and be the point of contact for the coalition.

Further, it is our understanding that coalition members are not eligible in this grant cycle as applicants for additional communitywide or site-specific assessment grants, and that a coalition member wishing to apply as a separate applicant must withdraw from the coalition to be eligible for individual assessment funds.

Sincerely,

Shirley Groover Bryant
Mayor

SGB/dc

cc: City Commission
Jeff Burton, CRA Interim Director



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September 26, 2009

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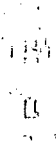
This letter is to verify that City of North Port agrees to be a member of the Sarasota/Manatee MPO Tamiami Trail Brownfields Revitalization Initiative Coalition for the purposes of applying for and the subsequent award of a US EPA Brownfields Assessment coalition grant in the amount of \$1 million for community-wide assessment in the MPO planning area. City of North Port is an eligible applicant due to its status as a municipal government.

The City of North Port agrees that the MPO will be the lead member of the coalition for the purposes of this grant. The MPO must administer the grant, if awarded, be accountable to the EPA for proper expenditure of funds and be the point of contact for the coalition.

Further, it is our understanding that coalition members are not eligible in this grant cycle as applicants for additional community-wide or site-specific assessment grants, and that a coalition member wishing to apply as a separate applicant must withdraw from the coalition to be eligible for individual assessment funds.

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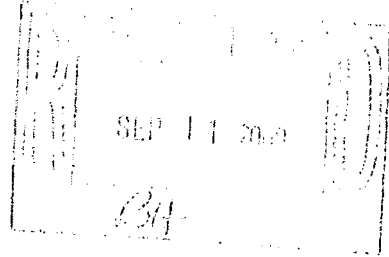
City of North Port,
Commission Chair



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September 9, 2009



Robert M. Herrington
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Re: Agreement to be a member of the Sarasota/Manatee MPO Tamiami Trail Brownfields Revitalization Initiative Coalition for the purpose of applying for a US EPA Brownfields Assessment Coalition grant in the amount of \$1 million.

Dear Mr. Herrington:

At their meeting on September 8, 2009, the Sarasota County Commission agreed to be a member of the Sarasota/Manatee MPO Tamiami Trail Brownfields Revitalization Initiative Coalition for the purposes of applying for and the subsequent award of a US EPA Brownfields Assessment coalition grant in the amount of \$1 million for community-wide assessment in the MPO planning area. Sarasota County is an eligible applicant due to its status as a municipal government.

The Sarasota County Commission acknowledges that the MPO will be the lead member and point of contact for the coalition for the purposes of this grant and that they will administer the grant, if awarded, and be accountable to the EPA for proper expenditure of funds.

Further, it is our understanding that coalition members are not eligible, in this grant cycle, to be considered as applicants for additional community-wide or site-specific assessment grants, and that a coalition member wishing to apply as a separate applicant must first withdraw from the coalition to be eligible for individual assessment funds.

Sincerely,

JON THAXTON
Chair

c: Sarasota County Commission
James L. Ley, County Administrator

The 2010 Florida Statutes

Title XXVI

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Chapter 339

TRANSPORTATION FINANCE AND PLANNING

339.175

Metropolitan planning organization.

(1) **PURPOSE.**—It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage and promote the safe and efficient management, operation, and development of surface transportation systems that will serve the mobility needs of people and freight and foster economic growth and development within and through urbanized areas of this state while minimizing transportation-related fuel consumption, air pollution, and greenhouse gas emissions through metropolitan transportation planning processes identified in this section. To accomplish these objectives, metropolitan planning organizations, referred to in this section as M.P.O.'s, shall develop, in cooperation with the state and public transit operators, transportation plans and programs for metropolitan areas. The plans and programs for each metropolitan area must provide for the development and integrated management and operation of transportation systems and facilities, including pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities that will function as an intermodal transportation system for the metropolitan area, based upon the prevailing principles provided in s. 334.046(1). The process for developing such plans and programs shall provide for consideration of all modes of transportation and shall be continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive, to the degree appropriate, based on the complexity of the transportation problems to be addressed. To ensure that the process is integrated with the statewide planning process, M.P.O.'s shall develop plans and programs that identify transportation facilities that should function as an integrated metropolitan transportation system, giving emphasis to facilities that serve important national, state, and regional transportation functions. For the purposes of this section, those facilities include the facilities on the Strategic Intermodal System designated under s. 339.63 and facilities for which projects have been identified pursuant to s. 339.2819(4).

(2) **DESIGNATION.**—

(a) 1. An M.P.O. shall be designated for each urbanized area of the state; however, this does not require that an individual M.P.O. be designated for each such area. Such designation shall be accomplished by agreement between the Governor and units of general-purpose local government representing at least 75 percent of the population of the urbanized area; however, the unit of general-purpose local government that represents the central city or cities within the M.P.O. jurisdiction, as defined by the United States Bureau of the Census, must be a party to such agreement.

2. More than one M.P.O. may be designated within an existing metropolitan planning area only if the Governor and the existing M.P.O. determine that the size and complexity of the existing metropolitan planning area makes the designation of more than one M.P.O. for the area appropriate.

(b) Each M.P.O. designated in a manner prescribed by Title 23 of the United States Code shall be created and operated under the provisions of this section pursuant to an interlocal agreement entered into pursuant to s. 163.01. The signatories to the interlocal agreement shall be the department and the governmental entities designated by the Governor for membership on the M.P.O. Each M.P.O. shall be considered separate from the state or the governing body of a local government that is represented on the governing board of the M.P.O. or that is a signatory to the interlocal agreement creating the M.P.O. and shall have such powers and privileges that are provided under s. 163.01. If there is a conflict between this section and s. 163.01, this section prevails.

(c) The jurisdictional boundaries of an M.P.O. shall be determined by agreement between the Governor and the applicable M.P.O. The boundaries must include at least the metropolitan planning area, which is the existing urbanized area and the contiguous area expected to become urbanized within a 20-year forecast period, and may encompass the entire metropolitan statistical area or the consolidated metropolitan statistical area.

(d) In the case of an urbanized area designated as a nonattainment area for ozone or carbon monoxide under the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. ss. 7401 et seq., the boundaries of the metropolitan planning area in existence as of the date of enactment of this paragraph shall be retained, except that the boundaries may be adjusted by agreement of the Governor and affected metropolitan planning organizations in the manner described in this section. If more than one M.P.O. has authority within a metropolitan area or an area that is designated as a nonattainment area, each M.P.O. shall consult with other M.P.O.'s designated for such area and with the state in the coordination of plans and programs required by this section.

(e) The governing body of the M.P.O. shall designate, at a minimum, a chair, vice chair, and agency clerk. The chair and vice chair shall be selected from among the member delegates comprising the governing board. The agency clerk shall be charged with the responsibility of preparing meeting minutes and maintaining agency records. The clerk shall be a member of the M.P.O. governing board, an employee of the M.P.O., or other natural person.



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September 7, 2004

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The Honorable Joe McClash
Chairman, Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan
Planning Organization
7632 15th Street East
Sarasota, Florida 34243-3248

Dear Chairman McClash:

The proposed membership apportionment plan and boundary map for the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) have been reviewed and found to be consistent with state and federal laws. Additionally, the resolutions of support from the applicable governments requesting that the MPO be redesignated have been reviewed and accepted.

Accordingly, I agree to the redesignation of the Sarasota/Manatee MPO and hereby approve the MPO's membership apportionment plan and boundary map. The MPO should execute an interlocal agreement, as appropriate, identifying the responsibilities of each agency involved in the metropolitan transportation planning process.

As you know, the MPO plays an important role by enabling our citizens to participate in the transportation planning process in an open and meaningful manner. As our state continues to grow, the MPO will also provide the much needed intergovernmental coordination necessary to balance local needs and desires with those of the region, state, and nation. I applaud your continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive efforts and look forward to working with you in preparing for Florida's future.

Sincerely,

Jeb Bush

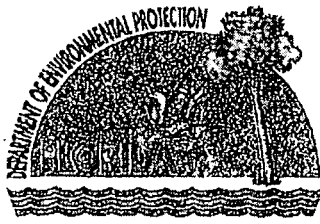
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cc: José Abreu, Secretary, FDOT
Stanley Cann, District One Secretary, FDOT



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Attachment B - Letter from the State Environmental Authority



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Southwest District Office
13051 North Telecom Parkway
Temple Terrace, Florida 33637-0926

Charlie Crist
Governor

Jeff Kottkamp
Lt. Governor

Mimi Drew
Secretary

September 29, 2010

Mike Norman, Region 4 Brownfields Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
RCRA Division
Brownfields Section
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, GA 30303

Dear Mr. Norman:

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Department) acknowledges and supports the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)'s competitive brownfields Coalition Assessment grant application. The Sarasota/Manatee MPO consists of: Manatee County, Sarasota County, City of Bradenton, and the City of Sarasota. The Department understands that this application has been prepared in accordance with EPA's guidance document EPA-OSWER-OBLR-10-09, titled "Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Assessment Grants". This letter of acknowledgement addresses the requirement for a "Letter from the State or Tribal Environmental Authority", described in SECTION III.C.2. EPA Brownfields grant funding will strengthen cleanup and redevelopment efforts in the Sarasota/Manatee MPO's area. This federal grant effort also supports Florida's Brownfields Redevelopment Act and the Department's role in administration of site rehabilitation of contaminated sites.

The Department encourages EPA grant recipients to use the incentives and resources available through Florida's Brownfields Redevelopment Program with EPA grant funding to enhance the success of their brownfields project. The Department recommends that the Sarasota/Manatee MPO consider including Brownfields sites or areas that could potentially receive federal funding in a state-designated brownfield area. The Sarasota/Manatee MPO is also encouraged to contact John R. Sego, P.G., the Southwest District Brownfields Coordinator, at (813) 632-7600 ext.420, to learn more about the Florida Brownfields Redevelopment Program.

Sincerely yours,

Deborah Getzoff
District Director
Southwest District

cc: Robert M. Harrington, Sarasota/Manatee MPO Project Director (bob@mympo.org)
John R. Sego, P.G. Southwest District Brownfields Coordinator
(John.R.Sego@dep.state.fl.us)
Barbara Caprita, EPA Region 4 Florida Grants Coordinator (Caprita.barbara@epa.gov)
Nicole Comick-Bates, EPA Region 4 Florida Grants Coordinator (Bates.nicole@epa.gov)
Lauren Milligan, FDEP Florida State Clearinghouse Environmental Manager
(lauren.milligan@dep.state.fl.us)
Kim Walker, FDEP Brownfields Liaison (kim.walker@dep.state.fl.us)
Melissa Garvin, FDEP Brownfields Program (Melissa.garvin@dep.state.fl.us)

Attachment C – Support Letters

North Trail Redevelopment Partnership, Inc.

October 8, 2010

Mr. Mike Norman
Region 4 Brownsfield Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Center
Waste Management Division
Brownsfields/State Support Section
Atlanta, GA 30303

Dear Mr. Norman,

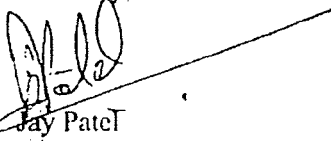
The North Trail Redevelopment Partnership supports an EPA Brownsfield Coalition Assessment Grant for the Tamiami Trail Scenic Highway as submitted by the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in order to assess potential hazardous substances and/or impact of petroleum products.

The North Trail Redevelopment Partnership, a non-profit community organization, is focused on sustainable revitalization and redevelopment of our neighborhoods. We applaud the MPO's efforts and hope you will give every consideration to their application for this grant.

Additionally, the North Trail Redevelopment Partnership would be happy to provide assistance with public outreach and marketing as well as welcome the opportunity to help identify potential redevelopment projects, as needed.

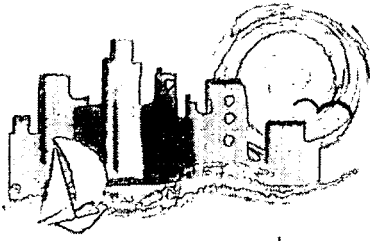
Please do not hesitate to contact me at (941) 587-4127 or Jignesh_patel@verizon.net if I can provide any further information for our support of this US EPA Brownsfield Assessment Grant.

Sincerely,



Jay Patel
President

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Downtown Development Authority
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October 4, 2010

Mr. Mike Norman
Region 4 Brownfields Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Center
Waste Management Division
Brownfields/State Support Section
Atlanta, GA 30303

Dear Mr. Norman:

On behalf of the Downtown Development Authority (BDDA), please accept this letter of support for the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) competitive brownfields grant application for an EPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment community-wide grant. We understand that the MPO is requesting \$1,000,000 in brownfields funds to assess potential hazardous substances and/or petroleum product impacted properties throughout the MPO's district, with a special focus along the Tamiami Trail (US 41).

We applaud the MPO's efforts in support of the revitalization/redevelopment efforts in our community and hope that you will give every possible consideration to the MPO's application for US EPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment funds.

The Bradenton Downtown Development Authority will stand ready to assist/support you in whatever way possible.

Sincerely,

Bradenton Downtown Development Authority – (Bradenton and Bradenton 14th Street CRAs)

Mike Kennedy
Executive Director

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Board of Directors

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Will Robinson*

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MANATEE COUNTY FLORIDA

October 5, 2010

Mr. Mike Norman
Region 4 Brownfields Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Center
Waste Management Division
Brownfields/State Support Section
Atlanta, GA 30303

Dear Mr. Norman:

On behalf of the Community Redevelopment Agency of Manatee County, I want to assure you that our board of directors and citizen advisory boards are in strong support of the EPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment Grant application as submitted by the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). We applaud the MPO's efforts in support of the revitalization/redevelopment efforts in our community and hope that you will give every possible consideration to the MPO's application.

Our two Community Redevelopment Areas (CRAs) – 14th Street West, and South County – straddle the Tamiami Trail, a major highway corridor where the predominance of County brownfields sites is found. Due in large part to the brownfields inventory now underway by EPA Region IV, we are becoming increasingly aware of the extent and impact the sites have on our redevelopment efforts.

The Community Redevelopment Agency, administered and staffed through the Economic Development Division of the Neighborhood Services Department, plays a very active part in efforts underway through the MPO, Region IV, and Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The grant will extend and broaden our work with EPA Region IV and Florida Department of Environmental Protection to identify petroleum related brownfields all along the Tamiami Trail and begin remediation. The County Planning and Natural Resources Departments are active participants in the designation of new brownfield sites. We also provide public information and outreach efforts toward better understanding of the economic development benefits of brownfield redevelopment incentives and opportunities.

The funding that MPO is requesting to assess potential hazardous substances and/or petroleum product impacted properties in this area will significantly increase our effectiveness and capacity to systematically address the conditions we share with our coalition partners - the City and County of Sarasota, cities of Palmetto, Bradenton, Venice, and North Port. We also believe the Tamiami Trail Brownfield Initiative will have national prominence, as do the Selma to Montgomery Historic Trail and Route 66 Partnership Initiative.

Sincerely,

John R. Chappie, Chairman
Manatee County Community Redevelopment Agency

Neighborhood Services Department – Administration
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Mr. Mike Norman
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Re: Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization Coalition Assessment Grant for \$1 Million

Dear Mr. Norman:

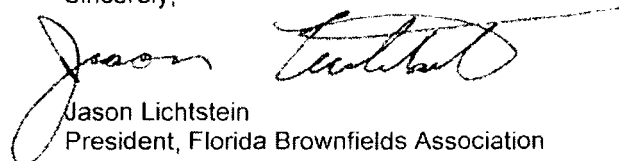
On behalf of the Florida Brownfields Association please accept this letter of support for the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) submittal of a Regional Coalition Assessment Grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. We understand that the MPO is requesting funds to assess potential hazardous substances and/or petroleum product impacted properties in this area.

We applaud the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization's efforts in support of the revitalization/redevelopment efforts in our community and hope that you will give every possible consideration to their application for EPA Assessment funds. We look forward to assisting the MPO upon their successful grant award.

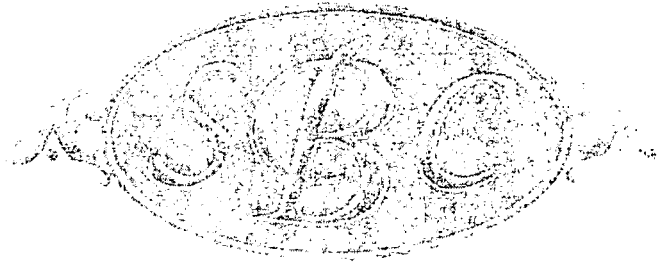
The FBA through its membership will provide technical assistance to the MPO, and will assist with public outreach and marketing by participating in public meetings or assisting with educational presentations. In addition, we will provide assistance with the identification of potential redevelopment projects. Further, our membership is willing to serve on advisory boards or committees that are developed in support of this grant and brownfields redevelopment in our community.

Please feel free to contact me so that we may demonstrate further support of this U.S. EPA Regional Coalition Assessment grant application. My phone number is (850) 521-8018 or email address is jason.lichtstein@akerman.com.

Sincerely,


Jason Lichtstein
President, Florida Brownfields Association

CC: FBA Board of Directors



October 8, 2010

Mr. Mike Norman
Region 4 Brownsfield Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Center
Waste Management Division
Brownsfields/State Support Section
Atlanta, GA 30303

Dear Mr. Norman,

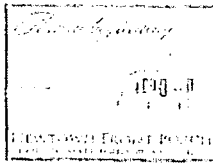
Our senior living community, Sarasota Bay Club, supports the request of the Tamiami Trail Scenic Highway for an EPA Brownsfield Coalition Assessment Grant as submitted by the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

It is our understanding these funds will allow the assessment of potential hazardous substances and/or petroleum products that may have impacted properties in our area. As this grant would further enable the revitalization and redevelopment of the Tamiami Trail neighborhoods we hope you will give this application serious consideration.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at if I can provide any further information regarding for our support of this US EPA Brownsfield Assessment Grant.

Sincerely,

Steve Roskamp
Partner



Newtown Front Porch
Neighborhood
Revitalization Council,
Inc.
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September 30, 2009

Mr. Mike Norman
Region 4 Brownfields Coordinator
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Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
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Brownfields/State Support Section
Atlanta, GA 30303

Dear Mr Norman:

On behalf of the Newtown Front Porch Neighborhood Revitalization Council, Inc., please accept this letter of support for an EPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment Grant application for the Tamiami Trail Scenic Highway as submitted by the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). We understand that the MPO is requesting funds to assess potential hazardous substances and/or petroleum product impacted properties in this area. The cleanup of this project has been on the back burner for many years. It is time for it to be taken care of.

We applaud the MPO's efforts in support of the revitalization/redevelopment efforts in our community and hope that you will give every possible consideration to the MPO's application for US EPA Brownfields Assessment funds. This was one of the short-term goals the Council identified in its assessment of measurable outcomes and feasibility for our 2008-2009 goals.

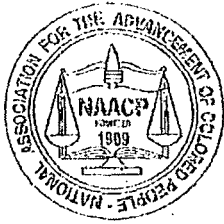
The Newtown Front Porch Neighborhood Revitalization Council, Inc., will provide assistance with public outreach and marketing through our meetings and membership, or provide assistance with the identification of potential redevelopment projects.

Further, Newtown Front Porch Neighborhood Revitalization Council, Inc., is willing to serve on advisory boards or committees that are developed in support of this grant and brownfields redevelopment in our community.

Please feel free to contact Mary S. Mack, Chair, so that we may demonstrate further support of this US EPA Brownfields Assessment grant application.

Sincerely,

Mary S. Mack, Chair
Newtown Front Porch Neighborhood
Revitalization Council, Inc.,



Sarasota County Branch-NAACP

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October 1, 2009

Mr. Mike Norman
Region 4 Brownfields Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Center
Waste Management Division
Brownfields/State Support Section
Atlanta, GA 30303

Dear Mr Norman:

On behalf of Sarasota County Branch, NAACP, please accept this letter of support for an EPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment Grant application for the Tamiami Trail Scenic Highway as submitted by the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The NAACP understands that the MPO is requesting funds to assess potential hazardous substances and/or petroleum product impacted properties in this area.

The NAACP applauds the MPO's efforts in support of the revitalization/redevelopment efforts in our community and hope that you will give every possible consideration to the MPO's application for US EPA Brownfields Assessment funds. These funds will be very beneficial to our community as we will be finally able to clean up some areas in the community that have been a sore spot for over 40 years.

The Sarasota County Branch, NAACP will provide assistance with public outreach and marketing through our meetings and membership, or provide assistance with the identification of potential redevelopment projects.

Further, the Sarasota County Branch, NAACP is willing to serve on advisory boards or committees that are developed in support of this grant and brownfields redevelopment in our community.

Please feel free to contact me so that we may demonstrate further support of this US EPA Brownfields Assessment grant application.

Sincerely,

Trevor D. Harvey

Trevor D. Harvey, President

**MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT	Interlocal Agreement for a Brownfields Coalition grant	TYPE AGENDA ITEM	Consent
DATE REQUESTED	November 8, 2011	DATE SUBMITTED/REVISED	October 26, 2011
BRIEFINGS? Who?	None	CONSEQUENCES IF DEFERRED	Delay in Interlocal Agreement
DEPARTMENT/DIVISION	Neighborhood Services Economic Development	AUTHORIZED BY TITLE	Cheri R. Coryea Director <i>CR Coryea</i>
CONTACT PERSON TELEPHONE/EXTENSION	Karen Stewart/6832	PRESENTER/TITLE TELEPHONE/EXTENSION	Karen Stewart/ Economic Development Manager/6832
ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL		<i>[Signature]</i>	

ACTION DESIRED

INDICATE WHETHER 1) REPORT; 2) DISCUSSION; 3) FORM OF MOTION; OR 4) OTHER ACTION REQUIRED

Authorization for the Chairman to execute an Interlocal Agreement with Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization, Sarasota County, and the Cities of Palmetto, Bradenton, Sarasota, Venice and North Port for a Brownfields Coalition grant.

ENABLING/REGULATING AUTHORITY

Federal/State law(s), administrative ruling(s), Manatee County Comp Plan/Land Development Code, ordinances, resolutions, policy

11.1.4 Efficiency in Service Delivery; 2.1.3.6 Continue to implement innovative funding mechanisms to meet community needs.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

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APPROVED IN OPEN SESSION

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COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW

Check appropriate box

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**



REVIEWED

Written Comments:

Attached

Available from Attorney (Attorney's initials: R.E.re:MPO)



NOT REVIEWED (No apparent legal issues.)



NOT REVIEWED (Utilizes exact form or procedure previously approved by CAO.)



OTHER

ATTACHMENTS: (List in order as attached)

INSTRUCTIONS TO BOARD RECORDS:

1. Interlocal Agreement
2. Brownfields Assessment Cooperative Agreement Work Plan
3. Grant application

12 sets of executed signature page; A fully executed agreement will be returned to Board Records.

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11/9/11 yj

COST: \$0.00

SOURCE (ACCT # & NAME):

N/A

COMMENTS: None

**AMT./FREQ. OF RECURRING COSTS:
(ATTACH FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT)**

N/A

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION (Continued from Page 1)

- The purpose of the Agreement is to document the roles and responsibilities of the parties involved in US 41 Tamiami Trail Brownfields Coalition Grant Cooperative Agreement No. 95481811-0 awarded to Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) October 1, 2011,
- A brownfield is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or perceived presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. Federal and state programs provide clean-up assistance, redevelopment and job creation incentives.
- The focus area for community-wide grant will be the Tamiami Trail which extends almost 70 miles through Manatee and Sarasota counties, including each community redevelopment area. At least 274 contaminated sites over 1,335 acres have been inventoried.
- The grant will be used for site inventory, Phase I & 2 hazardous substances and petroleum contamination assessments, remediation/re-use planning, program support, public outreach, institutional controls and health monitoring .
- Parties of the Interlocal Agreement are the MPO and coalition partners, including Manatee County, Sarasota County and the cities of Palmetto, Bradenton, Sarasota, Venice and North Port.
- \$1 million funding will be provided by US EPA to the MPO to conduct brownfield assessments and related tasks. Work will be done by consultants under MPO.
- Execution of the Agreement will make grant funds from Cooperative Agreement No. 95481811-0 available for use in Manatee County based on a site selection process to be developed to assure equitable distribution of grant funds among coalition partners to the greatest extent possible.
- Staff will support administrative tasks to obtain all required access permits, easements, and/or access agreements as may be necessary to undertake assessments at a selected site.
- There are no county matching funds or other county funding required for this grant. Fees associated with site access/permitting will be funded by the grant.

From: Vicki Jarratt
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2011 8:08 AM
To: Judy Moree
Cc: Vicki Tessmer
Subject: RE: BCC Agenda for November 8, 2011

Attachments: BC20111108DOC035.PDF; BC20111108DOC027.PDF; BC20111108DOC034.PDF
Per your request, I've attached three documents from the November 8, 2011 BCC meeting

#17 Title IV-E Funds
#25 Brownfields Coalition Grant
#26 HUD (agmts for CDBG & HOME FY11-12)

Best regards,
Vicki Jarratt
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From: Vicki Tessmer
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2011 7:53 AM
To: Vicki Jarratt
Subject: FW: BCC Agenda for November 8, 2011

Vicki,
Could you please see that Judy gets these agenda packages?
Thank you,
Vicki

From: Judy Moree
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2011 2:42 PM
To: Vicki Tessmer
Subject: BCC Agenda for November 8, 2011

I need the following items for the above BCC meeting:

#17 Title IV-E Funds
#25 Brownfields Coalition Grant
#26 HUD (agmts for CDBG & HOME FY11-12)

Thank you,
Judy

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