



CITY OF TAMPA

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

November 16, 2012

Environmental Management Support, Inc.
Mr. Don West
8601 Georgia Avenue, Suite 500
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Mr. West:

The City of Tampa, Florida, is pleased to submit the enclosed application to the FY 13 US EPA Brownfields Program for a community-wide assessment grant in the amount of \$400,000 (\$200,000 for Hazardous Substances and \$200,000 for Petroleum).

Tampa is County Seat of Hillsborough County in west central Florida. As the third most populous city in Florida, Tampa has 335,709 residents with over 2.7 million in the greater metropolitan area (Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA). One of the City's oldest sections, Tampa's Brownfields Target Area (TBTA) is the City's poorest, most economically disadvantaged community. Often properties identified as a brownfield have a stigma attached due to potential economic burden and environmental concerns. Businesses relocate and residential communities follow. A once thriving industrial/commercial center weakens and eventually withers. This is true in the TBTA which includes the targeted East Tampa Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) and adjacent Expanded Urban Core (Columbus Blvd. and I-4 to the north; 30th St. to the east, Ybor Channel, Garrison Channel and Crosstown Expressway to the south; and Armenia Ave. to the west); the area includes the Central Business District and adjacent neighborhoods, about 3,243 acres. The proposed assessment grant will be community wide with emphasis on the target areas.

This grant will fund 28 Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs), 1 EPA Approved Quality Management Plan, 8 EPA Approved Quality Assurance Project Plans, 8 Phase II ESAs, 4 ABCAs/Remediation/Reuse Plans, Community Outreach Activities and Programmatic Support.

The City has a long-standing history of promoting economic development via brownfields redevelopment. Tampa's brownfields program, in its Economic and Urban Development Department, ensures a continued economic development focus. The City has successfully facilitated brownfields development of a vacant site, where potential negative environmental conditions were recognized, with surrounding potential recognized environmental conditions into the Fast Lane Clothing facility that manufactures surgical clothing, clothing for Busch Gardens, etc., creating 14 new jobs for residents of the community. The City works to assist businesses that redevelop in targeted areas with access to State Brownfields Incentives, e.g., Brownfields Job Bonus Refund, State Brownfields Loan Guarantee, and Voluntary Cleanup Tax Credit – demonstrating brownfields redevelopment is practical and profitable.

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Tampa plans to reverse local urban sprawl, economic dislocation, and correct the disproportionate concentration of contaminated sites. Home to most of the City's minority low-income citizens, the TBTA is being revitalized by increased green businesses and jobs/training opportunities, and improved quality of life. Site cleanup improves the landscape, creates new jobs, and slows rate of urban sprawl.

Required Information	
a. Applicant Information:	The City of Tampa, Florida 3802 N.22nd Street Tampa, FL 33610
b. Applicant DUNS Number:	059071860
c. Funding Request:	<i>i.</i> Grant type – Assessment <i>ii.</i> Federal Funds Requested: \$400,000 <i>iii.</i> Contamination: Hazardous Substances \$200,000 and Petroleum \$200,000 <i>iv.</i> Community-wide Assessment
d. Location:	City of Tampa, Florida
e. Site Locations:	Not applicable
f. Contacts:	<i>i. Project Director:</i> Bob McDonough, Economic and Urban Development Administrator, 306 East Jackson Street, Tampa, FL 33602; 813-274-8245 Contact: Ed Johnson, Manager of East Tampa Community Redevelopment, City of Tampa, 3802 N.22nd Street, Tampa, FL 33610 ; 813-242-3806, ed.johnson@ci.tampa.fl.us <i>ii. Highest Ranking Elected Official:</i> Bob Buckhorn, Mayor, 306 East Jackson Street, Tampa, FL 33602; 813-274-8251
g. Date Submitted:	November 19, 2012
h. Project Period:	Three years
i. Population:	City of Tampa, FL: 335,709 US Census 2010
j. Special Considerations:	See attached

The City appreciates the opportunity to apply for FY 13 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,



Bob Buckhorn
Mayor, City of Tampa, FL



Ranking Criteria - 1. Community Need - a. Health, Welfare, Environment - i) Brownfields impact -

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TBTA, the historic hub of Tampa’s African American community, has a rich musical history. It was here that “The Twist” dance was created, Ray Charles wrote his first song, “I Found My Baby There” and Ella Fitzgerald wrote “A Tisket, A Tasket.” Over time, this once vibrant community became an area of disinvestment resulting in great social/economic needs. Elevated crime, high school dropout, poverty & unemployment plagued the community for decades, resulting in a fragile, high risk population. To compound its struggles, this community historically suffered from a disproportionately high number of brownfield sites. The TBTA has one of the highest concentrations of illegal dump-sites in Tampa, over 80% (101) of illegal dumping sites city-wide. In August 2009, the City reported the Police Environmental Crimes Unit made 11 arrests & removed over 41.8 tons of debris from TBTA neighborhoods over the past year. These illegal dump sites pose threats to public safety/welfare by promoting potential soil/groundwater contamination & depleting public resources with continual clean-up. 8 former landfills pose problems for new development & existing land uses. Records identify regulatory listed sites in target areas:

		TBTA	Exp. Core
UST	Registered Underground Storage Tank Sites	970	459
LUST	Leaking Underground Storage Tank Sites	524	208
AST	Aboveground Storage Tank Sites	189	72
LAST	Leaking Aboveground Storage Tank Sites	16	16
RCRA	EPA Resource Conservation & Recovery		
LQG	RCRA Large Quantity Generator	7	4
SQG	RCRA Small Quantity Generator	146	32
SWF/LF	Solid Waste/Landfill Facility	10	1
CERCLIS	National Priority List Sites	17	4
CORRACTS	RCRA Corrective Action Sites	1	0
PRIORITY CLEANERS	Dry Cleaners with Documented Impacts	12	2
SPILLS	Statewide Oil & Haz. Mat. Inland Incidents	158	26
EDR Proprietary data	Historical Auto Station	411	411
EDR Proprietary data	Historical Cleaners	263	263

A number of other cumulative social/environmental issues resulted in a disproportionate impact on TBTA residents. The community was bisected in the 1960s by the construction of I-4 and then again by the construction of I-275. These highways split the community & introduced yet another source of air/water/soil pollution – potentially contributed to higher asthma rates. Home to the City’s poorest residents, the TBTA also has the City’s most environmentally at-risk population, living in the oldest, most dilapidated housing close to heavy commercial/industrial uses.

Tampa is committed to revitalization/redevelopment within its urban boundaries, much of which



is old, requiring concerted attention. There is a perception that many vacant/underutilized sites are contaminated; prior to the initial EPA brownfields assessment grant (1999), little was done to determine the real extent of contamination. The East Tampa CRA & Expanded Core areas have been hardest hit by these stigmas; they are the oldest areas with the least amount of resources to address the problem, have predominantly minority populations, & pervasive poverty. An indicator of East Tampa's economic condition is the fact that 16% of housing units in this densely populated CRA are vacant compared with 8.1% city-wide (*East Tampa CRA Strategic Plan, 2009, p. 5*). Requested funding will benefit the TBTA & the Expanded Core via site assessments leading to cleanups, improving public health & protection of the environment, plus spur economic redevelopment.

There are 161 Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substance facilities with reportable quantities in Tampa. The Local Emergency Planning Council determined that the top ten Section 302 Hazardous Substances stored include: Sulfuric Acid, Anhydrous Ammonia, Bromomethane-Methyl Bromide, Chlorine, Vanadium pentoxide, Nitric Acid, Sulfur Dioxide, Aldicarb, Hydroquinone, & Peracetic acid (*Tampa Bay LEPC Fact Sheet-July 2008*). The potential release of these substances can result in additional environmental burdens; in fact, there are many accidental releases every year. These facilities include gas stations, chemical manufacturers/storage, battery plants/warehouses, utilities operations, warehouses, power station, & breweries. The data illustrates pervasive use of hazardous chemicals in Tampa, and clearly shows the need for assessment funding to address sites ready for reuse that have stored these substances, currently have such storage, or are adjacent properties that need assessment prior to redevelopment.

Environmental Working Group's Tap Water Database for 2004-09 reported in its Drinking Water Quality Report that health guidelines were exceeded for several chemicals in the water systems serving Tampa: Total trihalomethanes (TTHMs), Total haloacetic acids (HAAs), Bromate, Bromodichloromethane, Dibromochloromethane, Dichloroacetic acid, Radium-226 & 228, Chloroform, Lead (total), Alpha particle activity (excl radon & uranium), Bromoform, Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate, Pentachlorophenol, Arsenic (total). Some contaminants can be caused by industrial pollutants (Radium-226 & 228, Arsenic, Dichloromethane, Alpha particle activity (excl radon & uranium) Benzene, Toluene), water treatment & distribution byproducts (Bromoform, Dibromochloromethane, Dichloroacetic acid, HAAs & TTHMs); some can naturally occur but increase in lands denuded by sprawl, agriculture, or industrial development (Radium-226, Arsenic, Lead, Benzene, Dichloromethane) (<http://www.ewg.org/tap-water/whatsinyourwater2/FL>). These chemicals can have negative impacts on residents: Arsenic has been linked to: cancer of the bladder/lung/skin/kidney/nasal passages/liver/prostate; skin damage; & problems with circulatory systems. Haloacetic acid & Bromate are linked to cancer. TTHMs are linked to liver/kidney/central nervous system problems/cancer. Lead is linked to delays in physical/mental development in infants & children, plus deficits in attention span/learning abilities, and kidney problems/high blood pressure in adults. Benzene is linked to anemia, decrease in blood platelets, & cancer. Toluene is linked to nervous system/ kidney/liver problems. Dichloromethane is linked to liver problems & cancer.

Health Indicators	Hillsborough	FL	US	Health Indicators	Hillsborough	FL	US
Low birth weights	9.0%	8.7	8.2	Prostate Cancer Incidence/100K	137.2	137.7	156.9
Neonatal deaths/1000	6.1	4.8	4.5	Breast Cancer Incidence/100K	117.4	113.0	120
Stroke death rate/100K	34.0	30.3	42.2	Colorectal Cancer AADR/100K	16.3	14.9	16.9
Overweight/Obese Adults	64.6%	65.0	63.9	Adults with Asthma	8.6%	8.3%	9.1%

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Low birth weights and neonatal deaths may be linked to low income (i.e., unable to afford or limited access to medical care) and/or local groundwater contaminants. Hillsborough County reports that of the approximately 15,700 babies born yearly, about 1 in 29 are born with birth defects; Florida reports 1 in 28; & birth defects are the number one cause of infant deaths in Florida (www.fldr.org). Asthma can be linked to outdoor air pollution coming from factories, automobiles, & other sources



(Hillsborough has higher than state rate). The Center for Disease Control (CDC) reports obesity can be related to lack of openspace/greenspace & exercise opportunities (Hillsborough approaches the state rate and is higher than the US rate).

Sensitive Populations – Tampa has a diverse community with a mix of retired population & young families, with large Hispanic & African-American populations. The TBTA is predominantly minority based and, unlike surrounding communities, has drastically lower income rates with much higher levels of unemployment & poverty than the state or City. (Data in table below)

Women & Children – Over half the East Tampa CRA & Expanded Core residents are female, while children make up over 26.34-28.45%. The FL Birth Defects Register reports about 25% of women of child-bearing-age in Hillsborough are Hispanic and 19% African American (www.fbdr.org).

Minorities – East Tampa CRA has 77.38% minority; Expanded Core has 65.95%. Tampa has 37.08% minority & the US 27.59% (*US Census and Claritas 2011 Estimates*). Racial and ethnic minorities and poor people often face more barriers to care and receive poorer quality of care when they can get it (“*National Health Disparities Report, 2011*”, *Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality, p 3.*).

Low Income – The TBTA represents the lowest income area in Tampa. Median household income (MHI) figures here are just over half the rates for the US and state, & about 2/3 the City’s rate. The Expanded Core MHI is less than half of the US, state, or Tampa. Tampa’s poverty rate for individuals is higher than the state and US rates – East Tampa CRA and Expanded Core rates are only available for families and are 68.55% & 65.95%, respectively. These poverty rates demonstrate the overwhelming financial need in this impoverished community. Poverty rates coupled with high crime, high unemployment and an inactive labor force help to demonstrate a desperately lagging economy in the TBTA. Unemployment rates for the targeted areas are representative only of those residents over 16 who can be classified as unemployed. Rates do not reflect persons considered not in the labor force, a staggering 47-55% here. These figures are dramatic when compared to city/state rates. (*US Census & Claritas 2011 Estimates*). In 2008 & 2009, children with family incomes below the poverty level were less likely to receive all recommended vaccinations compared with children with family incomes at or above the poverty level. Of all measures of health care quality & access that were tracked, poor individuals had worse care than high-income individuals for 52 measures (“*National Health Disparities Report, 2011*”, *Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality, p. 86 & 238.*).

Since inception of its brownfields program in 1999, Tampa has been working to remedy the ills of the past in the TBTA community. The City successfully used brownfields redevelopment as a primary vehicle to construct a new police station and community park on a former landfill, introduced 2 community health centers (with 115 jobs) in the drastically medically underserved TBTA community, & assisted in location of a grocery store to address lack of healthy food options – leveraging \$1.2 million in EPA funding to a total of over \$200 million. Focused efforts to reduce crime also proved successful. According to police records, East Tampa CRA has seen a 62.8% reduction in crime since 2003 with 8 consecutive years of double digit reductions.

Tampa is expanding on this success. One of its most substantial efforts is its investment in a public-private partnership to redevelop a 28 acre site in the TBTA - Encore, which is LEED certified. It is redeveloping the former Central Park Village housing project into a transit oriented development with 1,200 multi-family mixed income residences (family & senior housing). Encore includes neighborhood commercial, office, recreational, & educational facilities. The project will honor the TBTA’s rich cultural history by naming buildings/streets after the famed African American musicians of this historic community. Completion of the first building (the “Ella”) is due next year. Tampa is also planning a much needed grocery-anchored shopping center here. Tampa was also awarded the EPA Brownfields Multipurpose Pilot Grant for \$400,000 to assess/clean up the Encore Retail Expansion site (1103 N. Nebraska Avenue). Past uses of the site include an automotive repair shop, fueling station, & junk yard storage facility. Potential projects’ health/welfare/environmental impacts include:



- 1) 1720 E. Hillsborough Ave. – 11.35 acres – former auto dealership with storage tanks & oil recovery tanks – automotive-related coolants, fluids & PBTs (Persistent, bioaccumulative toxins which threaten human & environmental health even when released in small, legally allowed amounts. Once released, these toxins do not break down. They build up in the food chain because they remain in the tissues of living animals when these organisms consume PBT-contaminated foods. They also increase in concentration as they move up the food chain, reaching dangerous levels in “top feeding” carnivores.);
- 2) 1711 E. Hillsborough Ave. – 2.16 acres – former auto dealership with storage tanks & oil recovery tanks – automotive-related coolants, fluids & PBTs (similar to #1 above);
- 3) Gateway Technology village – 40 acres – former IT manufacturing/industrial site, including potential agricultural waste;
- 4) Ybor Adamo Corridor – combination of 79 properties – multiple sites that were formerly petroleum and/or hazardous substances sites; &
- 5) West Tampa Study Area – former public housing & solid waste maintenance yard, etc. – potential hazardous substances & petroleum contamination.

b. Financial Need i) Demographic Data–TBTA & Expanded Core are areas of great need:

	East. Tampa CRA	Expanded Core	Tampa	Florida	USA
Population	33,829 ³	20,657 ³	305,709 ¹	18,801,310 ¹	308,745,538 ¹
Children	28.45% ³	26.34% ³	22.83% ¹	21.29% ¹	20.42% ¹
Female	51.5% ³	51.84% ³	51.13% ¹	51.12% ¹	50.84% ¹
Minority	77.38% ³	65.9% ³	37.08% ¹	24.96% ¹	27.59% ¹
African-American	68.67% ³	54.12% ³	26.18% ¹	15.96% ¹	12.61% ¹
Hispanic	20.27% ³	26.4% ³	23.1% ⁴	22.47% ¹	16.35% ¹
Poverty Rate	68.55% ⁶	65.95% ⁶	19.4% ⁴	13.8% ⁴	13.8% ⁴
Unemployment	11.57% ⁵	20.71% ⁵	10 % ²	8.8% ²	8.3% ²
Per Capita Income	\$13,366 ³	\$12,643 ³	\$28,362 ⁴	\$26,551 ⁴	\$27,334 ⁴
Median Hhld. Inc.	\$27,430 ³	\$18,807 ³	\$40,883 ¹	\$47,661 ¹	\$50,046 ¹

¹2010 U.S. Census data (<http://www.census.gov/>); ²Bureau of Labor Statistics (www.bls.gov); ³Claritas, 2011 Estimates; ⁴US Census (<http://quickfacts.census.gov/>); ⁵US Census 2010 (www.hillsborough.communityatlas.usf.edu/demographics/default.asp?ID=12057102...); ⁶Claritas, 2011 Estimates for FAMILIES

Even though centrally located in Tampa/Hillsborough County, TBTA residents and businesses have not fully shared in the economic growth enjoyed in Tampa & the county. The TBTA has a long history as Tampa’s African-American residential, commercial, and industrial corridors. Its major corridors once supported thriving African-American businesses – and dates back 60+ years. Historical development patterns resulted in many large, underutilized, & potentially environmentally contaminated sites needing attention. It is one of Tampa’s most economically depressed areas, with several older inner City neighborhoods that experienced private disinvestment for decades.

The population of the targeted communities is overwhelmingly minority. East Tampa CRA has 68.67% African American residents and the Expanded Core has 54.12%. These levels are dramatic, but particularly when compared to 26.18% city-wide, 15.96% statewide, & 12.61% nationally.

With such high poverty and unemployment rates in the TBTA, it naturally follows that the median household income figures are also substantially lower than city-wide and nationally. It is alarming to note the educational attainment disparity with close to half of adult residents here achieving below the high school level (44.4%, compared to city-wide 17.08% - *Claritas 2011 Estimate*). The TBTA is the City’s poorest and least educated area and is heavily minority based.

Statewide in 2011, property tax revenues plummeted by nearly \$409 million (4.6%). In the past 5 years, that reduction has totaled \$3 billion (25.8%). Property tax revenues for 2011-12 are under 2004-05 revenues, & not projected to increase until after 2013-14. (www.flcounties.com/Pages/Advocacy/Hot_Topics/Property_Taxes.aspx). Like many Florida cities, Tampa is facing troublesome financial times. Recent state laws forced reduction of property taxes, reducing the City’s ad valorem tax base by 1.5% (\$28,000,000 yearly). With tumbling housing values, rising costs for fuel & healthcare and declining sales tax revenues, these losses greatly affected the City. In the FY2013 budget process,



Tampa faced a \$30 million shortfall, & projected a reduction of 2% of the City's taxable value - a \$2.3 million reduction of ad valorem revenues. In August 2012, 1 in 323 homes in Tampa were in foreclosure, compared with 1 in 328 statewide (2nd highest in the US), 1 in 306 in Hillsborough (www.realtytrac.com) The "Annual Home Price Appreciation Rates" for Tampa for the last 6 years show decline: 2007: -7.09%; 2008: -20.05%; 2009: -10.1%; 2010: -6.37%; and 2011: -4.69%. (<http://www.forecast-chart.com/estate-real-tampa.html>). Over 145 properties have been escheated to the City from Hillsborough County for its affordable housing program.

Tampa has received \$1.8 million in EPA Brownfields funding, including: an Assessment Demonstration Pilot Grant in 1999, a Petroleum Assessment grant in 2004, a Brownfield Assessment Grant for Petroleum and Hazardous Substances in 2007 and in 2009 (funded by the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA)), and a Multipurpose Pilot Grant in 2012. These awards allowed the City to realize remarkable success in its redevelopment efforts. The City realized a tremendous return on the invested EPA dollars. The \$1.8 million in assessment funds awarded to the City leveraged \$200 million in public/private funds. The City is requesting additional assessment funding to continue its progress in helping to revitalize these "stigmatized" sites. The TBTA's underutilized labor resources and developable, well-located land rich in infrastructure has much to offer if redeveloped. Tampa's brownfields redevelopment program is a vehicle to unearth the development potential of its most urban communities - and the means for Tampa to grow smarter, recycling urban land to promote continued economic growth while curtailing urban sprawl.

Potential projects' economic impacts include:

1. 1720 E. Hillsborough (11.25 acres) – Projected end use is retail, & economic impacts will include new jobs (resulting in reduced health disparities: new jobs → health insurance), reuse & availability of a large commercial parcel without the cost/time of land assemblage, economic competitiveness.
2. 1711 E. Hillsborough (2.16 acres) – Projected end use is commercial/mixed use, and economic impacts will include new jobs (which will result in reduced health disparities: new jobs → health insurance), new healthy housing, reuse/availability of a large commercial parcel without cost/time needed for land assemblage, economic competitiveness, enhanced quality of life.
3. Gateway Technology Village (40 acres) – Projected end use is light manufacturing/commercial, and multi-family residential; economic impacts will include new jobs (resulting in health insurance and reduced health disparities), new healthy housing, final remaining large site for mixed use development for job creation, economic competitiveness, and enhanced quality of life.
4. Ybor Adamo Corridor (79 properties) – The projected end use is light manufacturing/commercial/multi-family housing; economic impacts will include new jobs (resulting in health insurance and reduced health disparities), and new healthy housing, enhanced quality of life, economic competitiveness, and it is a large site for mixed use development.
5. West Tampa Study Area - 40+ acre Tampa Housing Authority's North Boulevard Homes & Mary Bethune public housing properties, Tampa (12+ acres solid waste maintenance yard & 23+ acre Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park), School District of Hillsborough County (4 public schools), plus other public/private owners. Projected end use - Multi-family, retail, commercial; master plan for entire community.

2. Project Description and Feasibility of Success - a. Project Description i) Tampa is requesting \$400,000 in US EPA Brownfields Assessment funding to be used community-wide for hazardous substances and petroleum products. The requested funding will support economic development projects generating living wage/high wage jobs, community development projects including affordable/workforce housing, open space/green space projects and other community led/driven projects in the TBTA (consisting of East Tampa CRA and the Expanded Core Area). This grant may also be used on a city-wide basis. The requested funding will be used to implement environmental justice by assessing contamination and facilitating positive redevelopment in low income/minority



communities to ultimately result in removal of contamination sources in the TBTA.

The targeted East Tampa CRA and the Expanded Core include some of the City’s oldest neighborhoods. The infrastructure that was put in place 50 years ago when these incorporated areas were platted is reaching the end of its useful service – e.g., potable water, wastewater and the transportation system. East Tampa demonstrated overwhelming success with the previous 3 EPA assessment grants awarded and will provide leadership and knowledge gained via the EPA assessment process; but there is still much work to do to implement the East Tampa Redevelopment Plan. The proposed funding can be used to support activities in this plan including its 5 strategies: investment in neighborhoods to improve quality of life & encourage community self-reinvestment, productive private sector investment; improve appearance & investment appeal of highly visible gateways/ major corridors; incentivize strategic, catalytic projects; foster business growth; and prepare for light rail, density & associated redevelopment opportunities.

This grant will fund 28 Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs), 1 Generic Quality Assurance Project Plan(QAPP), 8 Site Specific QAPPs, 8 Phase II ESAs, 6 ABCAs/Remediation/Reuse Plans, and Community Outreach Activities & Programmatic Support.

Over the past several years, the City developed long range planning studies, including Tampa Greenways and Trails Master Plan, Reclaimed Water Master Plan, and several others. The regularly scheduled public meetings for the East Tampa CRA brought together the public and other stakeholders to discuss/resolve a variety of issues. The outcomes of this process include the reuse of several vacant and/or underused parcels, as well as improved transportation, growth management issues, and gateways and corridors in East Tampa. East Tampa is a low income area with many of the City's sub-standard/deteriorating housing units. Tampa focused efforts toward improving housing conditions here, as well as local roads; however, this area is still considered to have the poorest, least educated, highest minority neighborhoods in the City.

b. Budget for EPA Funding, Tracking/Measuring Progress/Leveraging Resources - i) Budget Table

Hazardous Substances					
Categories	Project Tasks				
(programmatic costs)	Phase I/II Assessments	Remediation/ Reuse Planning	Outreach	Programmatic Support	Total
Travel	0	0	9,750	0	9,750
Supplies	0	0	3,000	0	3,000
Contractual	145,750	22,500	4,000	15,000	187,250
Total	145,750	22,500	16,750	15,000	200,000
Petroleum Products					
Categories	Project Tasks				
(programmatic costs)	Phase I/II Assessments	Remediation/ Reuse Planning	Outreach	Programmatic Support	Total
Travel	0	0	9,750	0	9,750
Supplies	0	0	3,000	0	3,000
Contractual	145,750	22,500	4,000	15,000	187,250
Total	145,750	22,500	16,750	15,000	200,000
Overall Total	\$291,500	\$45,000	\$33,500	\$30,000	\$400,000

Assessment – Conduct Environmental Site Assessment activities (ESAs) at selected sites: 28 Phase Is @ \$3,500 each for a total of \$98,000; 1 Generic Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) @ \$5,500, 8 QAPPs @ \$3,500 each for a total of \$28,000; 8 Phase IIs @ \$20,000 each for a total of \$160,000. The total in the category is \$291,500 (50% hazardous substances/50% petroleum products).

Remediation/Reuse Planning – Develop site appropriate remediation and/or reuse plans to reduce risks to health/environment for selected sites. City & community vision/goals will be considered in reuse planning. Six Analysis for Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCAs) planned @\$7,500 each for a total of \$45,000 (50% hazardous substances/50% petroleum). Funding may be used for site specific or



area wide reuse planning assisting local community to see potential for community driven reuses or for renderings & preliminary site plans with community input.

Outreach – Develop strategic partnerships & community involvement; dissemination of information/ comments to/from community & stakeholders; community meetings & printed materials. \$19,500 in travel funds for brownfields advisory board members/staff is budgeted to supplement travel funds from other sources; attendance at national/regional brownfields-related training conferences/workshops anticipated. \$6,000 is budgeted for printing/reproduction for outreach efforts. \$8,000 is budgeted for community workshops to inform/educate residents/businesses/other stakeholders on availability of brownfields assessment funding & other resources via the EPA & state brownfields programs. Total budgeted is \$33,500 (50% hazardous substances/50% petroleum products).

Programmatic Support – Contract for program support for \$30,000 (50% hazardous substances/50% petroleum products). Programmatic support includes assistance in completing EPA quarterly reports, MBE/WBE forms, EPA property profile forms, completion of EPA work plans & other programmatic support to maintain compliance with EPA cooperative agreement terms/conditions.

ii) Tracking/measuring progress – Tampa will track these outcome/output measures in the EPA ACRES database and in quarterly reports for progress on a quarterly/cumulative basis:

Outputs:	
Environmental activities/efforts (# of Phase 's & IIs, QAPPs)/quarter, total numbers at end of grant with start/finish dates and costs for each activity	Attendance at brownfields-related training/workshops/conferences Presentations given
Work products (community relation &, safety plans)	Meetings with brownfields program participants
Quantity of outreach materials distributed	Public/community meetings
Outcomes:	
Results, effects, or consequences from carrying out the environmental program/ activity related to the program goal (results of an assessment, an ABCA	
Cleanup status (cleanup required, institutional or engineering controls required)	
# of open space/greenspace, housing (affordable/work force/market rate), &/or commercial projects initiated	
Minority participation (semiannual MBE/WBE forms)	Future use (if known)
Quantity of public and private inquiries on BF sites	RECs suspected, found, or cleaned up

Tampa will report this data to brownfields advisory board members and the public concerning all properties assessed/cleaned up, and add them to the list of properties available for redevelopment/reinvestment. Data may be shared in redevelopment discussions/site tours with potential investors. The community will be updated on a continual basis via regular meetings and website postings.

iii) Leveraging –Tampa utilizes the brownfields program as one of a multi-layered incentive approach to implement redevelopment and has been enormously successful. Since inception of its Brownfields program, Tampa leveraged over \$200 million in public/private funds with its brownfield grants – representing a 16667% return on EPA’s investment. Tampa capitalizes on incentives provided via the FL Brownfields Program: FDEP Voluntary Cleanup Tax Credit Program (up to 50% tax credits for cleanup); Brownfields Building Materials Sales Tax Refund (refund of sales tax for affordable housing/redevelopment projects); Brownfields Job Bonus Refund (\$2500 tax refund/each new job created); Brownfields Loan Guarantee Program (up to 50% loan guarantee); Brownfields Liability Protections. These incentives leveraged private funds encouraging redevelopment of 50+ environmentally stigmatized properties on 25+ inner acres. Tampa leveraged TIGER, HUD Choice, Economic Stimulus funds for Encore, and Bank of America contributions for redevelopment in the TBTA. To complete additional work, Tampa successfully leveraged: CRA Tax Increment Financing; CDBG; Capital Improvement Project Funding; Impact fees; Facility Investment Fees; & Enterprise Zone Incentives, which include:

Jobs Tax Credit for Corporate Income Tax	Business Equipment Sales Tax Refund	Jobs Tax Credit for Sales & Use Tax
Sales Tax Refund- Business Machinery/Eq.	Sales Tax Refund for Building Materials	Sales Tax Exemption -Electrical Energy
Property Tax Credit	Community Contribution Tax Credit	Capital Investment Tax Credit



<i>Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund</i>	<i>Urban Incentives</i>	<i>Tax Increment Financing</i>
<i>Quick Response Training Incentives</i>	<i>Incumbent Worker Training Program</i>	<i>Economic Dev. Transportation Fund</i>
<i>High Impact Performance Incentive Grant (HIPI)</i>		<i>Qualified Defense & Space Contractor Tax Refund</i>

Tampa has a tremendously successful record of leveraging resources in its brownfields program -

- Fast Lane – leveraged \$211,000 in CDBG funds with an additional \$890,000 in private funding. Fast Lane estimates its building will cost \$1.2 million more, adding to the private funding leveraged.
- Green Heights – 38 Residential lots for single family in-fill homes in East Tampa will leverage \$180,000-\$200,000 each from the private sector, & from other nonprofit grant/loan programs e.g., First Time Home Buyer programs & Down Payment Assistance programs. (\$6,840,000 leveraged).
- N. 22nd St. Enhancements – \$5.5 million project with vehicle/bicycle/pedestrian improvements (curbs, sidewalks, landscaping, irrigation, decorative crosswalks, lighting, traffic signal upgrades).
- Completion of Giddens Park– Giddens Park had major improvements, including a splash pond possible by a F.E. Lykes Foundation donation of \$75,000 & \$95,000 in TIF revenues.
- NSP2 Funds Award – East Tampa & Tampa’s Housing & Community Dev. Div. - a \$10 million Neighborhood Stabilization Program to develop a mixed-use project on N. 22nd Street.
- Encore – over \$173 million leveraged on this project so far.

Since 2004, the City committed in excess of \$20 million of TIF (CRA tax increment financing) funding to improving the overall infrastructure and built environment, including roadway improvements, parks and open space improvements, and utility improvements. The City will evaluate on a case by case basis the investment of TIF funding for viable economic development and community development projects. Several proposed uses for TIF funding in the targeted area are: capital-related rehabilitation of existing businesses and business development loans/grants in corridors/nodes; property assemblage to attract new/expanding businesses to corridors/nodes; construction of public infrastructure; potential workforce development needs; & increasing supply of quality workforce housing. Tampa will also aggressively seek out with federal brownfields partners, including HUD, EDA, & US Army Corps of Engineers, to identify/potentially obtain existing grant funding sources/technical assistance resulting in leveraging EPA funding.

East Tampa’s designations as a CRA & as an Enterprise Community/Enterprise Zone, Urban Job Tax Credit Area with eligibility for Transportation Impact Fee Waivers bring incentives to businesses locating here & helps ensure job growth & long-term economic vitality. As a designated brownfields area, East Tampa CRA has an increased potential to leverage additional federal dollars to bring in development creating needed jobs, affordable housing, & open/green space.

c. Programmatic Capability and Past Performance - i) Programmatic Capability – Bob McDonough, Economic Opportunity Administrator, will be Brownfields Project Director. He oversees Community Redevelopment Areas, Tampa’s overall redevelopment initiatives, & previously worked in the commercial real estate industry. Ed Johnson, Manager of the East Tampa CRA, will be the Brownfields Program Manager. Mr. Johnson has extensive experience with Tampa’s brownfields grants & is responsible for the day-to-day operation/administration of the brownfields program city-wide. He works closely with the EPA Brownfields Project Officer to meet terms/conditions of brownfields grants, & coordinates environmental assessment activities with qualified environmental consultants & FDEP. His brownfields experience will help guide activities for this proposed brownfields assessment grant to meet required terms & conditions. All brownfields information will be conveniently located in the Economic Development Dept., available to interested stakeholders.

Ms. Sonya Little is Chief Financial Officer, Revenue and Finance Department. Ms. Little will oversee her staff who provide financial and administrative assistance for fiscal activities associated with this brownfields assessment grant to ensure compliance with EPA financial reporting requirements and other requirements of the terms/conditions of the brownfields assessment grants.

Under the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA), Tampa procured brownfields



consulting services/environmental engineering services from experienced brownfields firms to carry out tasks in past/future brownfields grants. Tampa has the accounting/auditing expertise necessary to accurately report on grant funding. Tampa gained knowledge/experience over the years administering brownfields grants, & demonstrated ability to manage federal brownfields funding.

Tampa has a history of retaining highly qualified management/supervisory staff. This record is exemplified by employees' tenure. Tampa's status as a progressive organization and leader in city planning & community development are factors that enabled it to retain/attract highly qualified individuals. It has procedures in place to ensure a smooth transition if new project management is needed. A team of several City staff will be assisting Mr. Johnson and will meet weekly to keep up to date on program progress, allowing staff to be prepared to step in on a temporary/permanent basis, if needed. If unexpected employee turnover occurs during the grant period, the City has proven hiring procedures to ensure properly qualified/ experienced personnel fill vacancies without delay.

The City has a proven track record and performed all assessment work under an EPA approved Quality Management Plan/Generic Quality Assurance Project Plan and completes site specific EPA Approved Quality Assurance Project Plans prior to soil and groundwater testing required for Phase II and site assessment activities conducted under Brownfields Assessment Cooperative Agreements. The City has several qualified Brownfields Consulting/Environmental Engineering firms with over 10 years of EPA Brownfields Assessment and programmatic assistance experience. The City has the necessary experience under EPA Cooperative Agreements to successfully perform required Quarterly Reports, financial reporting, MBE/WBE reporting, EPA ACRES and other necessary documentation. The City developed approved quarterly report formats & conducts all Phase I ESAs in accordance with ASTM/AAI standards & Phase II ESAs in accordance with ASTM standards. The City works closely with FDEP's brownfields program on all site assessments required under the FL Brownfields Cleanup Criteria Rule (Chapter 62-785 FAC). Tampa has experienced brownfields staff & Qualified Environmental Professionals necessary to successfully manage EPA Brownfields Assessment grants.

Tampa was awarded grants/financial assistance from federal/state programs and successfully managed them. For the fiscal year ended 9/30/10, Tampa received/effectively managed:

<u>Federal</u>		<u>State</u>	
US Dept. of HUD	20,833,844	FL Housing Fin. Corp.	2,874,267
US DOI	293,555	FL DOT	167,329
US DOJ	1,116,389	FL DOH	57,287
US DOT	6,303,351	FL Office of Governor	480,455
US EPA	253,730		
US Dept. of Energy	2,515,744		
US HHS	28,501		
US Dept. Homeland Security	12,577,267		
Totals	43,922,381		3,579,338

ii) Adverse Audits Tampa has an outstanding record of managing federal grants and did not have any adverse audit findings regarding administration of grants in the most recently completed audit. Moore Stephens Lovelace PA (auditors) stated Tampa complied in all materials respects with requirements applicable to each major federal/state financial assistance projects for FY2011.

iii) Past Performance 1. Received an EPA Brownfields Grant – Tampa is in compliance with EPA grant requirements & made satisfactory progress on its measurable goals/objectives on EPA grants. Tampa successfully managed the following EPA Brownfields grants:

Assistance Program	Awarding Agency	Amount Awarded	Balance	Award Date	Grant Accomplishments
Brownfields Assmt. Pilot	US EPA	\$200,000	-0-	3/1/99	2 Phase I ESAs, 2 Phase II ESAs, GIS database, brochures



Targeted Brownfields Assmt.	US EPA via FDEP - 128A	\$180,666	-0-	1999	Phase II, Source Removal - 12 th St. Maint. Yard; Phase II W. LaSalle Prop.
Brownfields Assmt. – Petroleum	US EPA	\$200,000	-0-	2004	38 Phase I & Phase II ESAs
Brownfields Assmt. – Petroleum & Haz. Substances	US EPA BF-96492007-C	\$400,000	-0-	2007	39 Phase I ESAs; 11 Phase II ESAs; 6 QAPPs; 1 QAMP; 7.6 acres assessed
Brownfields Assmt. – Petroleum & Haz. Substances	US EPA (ARRA) <i>(American Recovery Reinvestment Act)</i>	\$400,000	-0-	2009	23 Phase I ESAs; 1 in process, brochure printed; 4 Phase IIs; crime reduction of 64%
Multipurpose Pilot Grant	US EPA	\$400,000	\$400,000	5/2012	to assess and clean up the Encore Retail Expansion site

Some notable accomplishments achieved via Tampa’s brownfields program:

- ♦New Jobs - Fast Lane Clothing (14 jobs), Encore (4000 construction jobs, 1000 permanent jobs).
- ♦Crime Reduction & Health Centers: The City successfully used brownfields redevelopment as a primary vehicle to construct a new police station & community park on a former landfill, introduced 2 community health centers (with 115 jobs) in the drastically medically underserved TBTA, & help build a grocery store to address lack of healthy food options. Efforts to reduce crime have been successful: East Tampa CRA reduced crime 62.8% since 2003.
- ♦ Tampa received a total of \$1.8 million in EPA Brownfields funding in prior years, including a coveted ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) grant in 2009.
- ♦Seminole Heights Professional Center – 7,000 Sq. ft. professional center, up to 30 new jobs, pending Florida Green Building Eco-Friendly Design, mixed use – offices, medical.
- ♦Senior Housing – Encore Project - One of Tampa’s most substantial redevelopment efforts is its investment in a public/private partnership to redevelop the Encore - 28 acre site in the TBTA. The Encore is LEED certified and seeks to redevelop the former Central Park Village housing project into a transit oriented development, which will include 1,200 multi-family mixed income residences (both family and senior). Encore also includes neighborhood commercial, office, recreational and educational facilities. The project will honor the rich cultural history of the community by naming of buildings & streets after the famed African American musicians of this historic community. The first building, the “Ella”, will be completed in the next year. The Encore Retail Expansion Site is located adjacent to this development and ideally positioned to provide additional neighborhood commercial space. The City plans a much needed grocery-anchored shopping center for the site.

The City ensures compliance with program and comprehensive-planning requirements by incorporating approved accounting procedures, providing internal audits, and following grantor requirements. The City uses several reporting programs to comply with reporting requirements. By utilizing citizens & community input and the citizen participating plan, management and compliance have been successful. The City manages its brownfields program with legal counsel from the City Attorney’s office and contract compliance monitoring activities via Contract Administration, complying with all requirements. Tampa is in compliance with EPA grants.

There are many more brownfields sites in the targeted areas that must also be addressed, along with many Phase II ESAs required for ongoing Phase I ESAs to prepare properties for affordable housing/commercial/mixed uses. If awarded, grant will be used to fund QAPPs & Phase II ESAs for projects currently undergoing assessment, where needed. Tampa will renew its commitment to outreach to community residents/stakeholders to identify potential brownfields projects demonstrating a direct community benefit and resulting in community-driven brownfields projects.

3. Community Engagement and Partnerships - a. Community Involvement –Tampa has in place several regularly advertised/ scheduled public meetings to communicate project progress to the community (e.g., CRA Community Advisory Committees meetings). Tampa uses newspaper



advertising/notices, website/ brownfields link, and a computer for public access at the East. Tampa Development Office site. Tampa will continue to use these resources to notify the community of brownfields program opportunities/activities. Public participation is critical in assuring successful implementation of the brownfields program. In conjunction with stakeholders, Tampa will develop a public education program to describe benefits of participating in the brownfields program, including potential economic and health benefits that accrue to the community.

The City will make special efforts to ensure adequate, informative communication to its residents. The City will develop/distribute an educational brochure to help the community better understand brownfields/brownfields remediation. Tampa has an exemplary record of engaging its citizenry in the brownfields redevelopment process and public participation has been a critical component in its success. With support from the business community and citizen groups, the City hosted a series of “Brownfields Breakfasts” to present program activities/ successes to its community. These events were well attended, with over 50 members of the community present at each. The City also maintains a brownfields website with educational information on brownfields and its continuing brownfields program. Tampa uses newspaper advertising, public notices, website postings & social media, and will continue to use these resources to notify the community of brownfields program opportunities/ activities. Tampa uses government access cable television to broadcast items of interest & existing brownfields project updates, notifications of public meetings where brownfields topics will be discussed, & televise meetings. All materials are available in Spanish and English; technology options are available for hearing impaired or those needing other languages.

b. Partnerships - i) Local/state environmental and health agencies - The City will continue to actively develop/sustain partnerships with stakeholders, and local/state/federal agencies to ensure appropriate assessments/cleanups/redevelopment of brownfields sites, e.g.: partnership committees in East Tampa CRA; East Tampa Community Revitalization Partnership; Mayor’s Resource Council (public/private organizations - Univ. of S. Florida, Hillsborough Community College, Hillsborough Cty. School System, Hillsborough Cty. Planning Commission, National Association of Industrial Office Parks, Florida DOT); local non-profits & developers for economic development and housing projects; Chamber of Commerce; Committee of 100; Downtown Partnership; civic/neighborhood associations in TBTA; International Longshoremen’s Union.

ii) Federal & state governmental agencies - US HUD, US EDA, US EPA, Enterprise Florida, FDEP, Office of Greenways & Trails, Florida DCA, Housing Finance Agency, FDOT, & Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD).

iii) Local environmental job training program - Including: Leary Vo-Tech & Tampa Vocational Tech Schools, Tampa Bay CDC, Hillsborough Community College, Univ. of S. FL (USF), & WorkNet. Tampa will make every effort to partner with USF’s new online program for brownfields job training courses (OTI 510 Online Occupational Safety & Health Standards for Construction; OTI 511 Online Occupational Safety & Health Standards for General Industry; 8 Hour Hazwoper; 24 Hour Hazwoper; 4 hour Recordkeeping; Fleet Driver Program; Safe Teen Jobs).

c. Community Based Organizations (CBOs) - Tampa is fortunate to have the support of numerous CBOs for its brownfields program. See Appendix C for letters of support.

CBOs	Description	Support Role Pledged
USF Civil & Environmental Engineering	University department	Community service learning projects in Env/Water Resources Eng. Capstone course; serve on boards/ committees; outreach in East Tampa schools
USF, School of Architecture & Community Design	University department	Service learning courses, use of USF GIS capabilities, serve on boards/committees
Tampa Family Health Center	Community health - 12 Tampa centers	Outreach to community, serve on boards/committees
CDC of Tampa, Inc.	Community development corporation	Referrals to brownfields program, collaborate on brownfields training opportunities, serve on boards/ committees



Drew Park CRA	Community redevelopment agency	Help identify sites, outreach to community, serve on board/committees
DSG Community Management Systems, LLC	Management consulting firm working with CBOs	Facilitate 3 8-hour community round- tables; serve on boards/committees
East Tampa Community Revitalization Partnership	Community organization	Public outreach/marketing via meetings & membership; assist in identification of sites, serve on boards/committees
Fast Lane Clothing Co.	Private enterprise	Outreach/marketing; site identification; boards/committees
The Joshua Capital Group, Inc.	Providing capital/ training/ management/ technical assistance to underserved communities	Educate nonprofit/civic leaders on brownfields & how to work together to create jobs/stronger communities; serve on boards/committees
USF, Office of Community Engagements	University department	Provide interns for projects/planning; serve on advisory boards/committees
VM Ybor Neighborhood Assn	Neighborhood association	Advertise meetings/events, serve on boards/committees
Ybor City Development Corp	Citizen Advisory Council for Ybor	Community outreach, serve on boards/committees
Florida Brownfields Association	John Titkanich	Technical Assistance, Public Outreach & Marketing Serve on Advisory Boards

4. **Project Benefits - a. Welfare and/or Public** - If awarded, a large portion of the grant will fund Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs) on sites that are/are perceived to be contaminated. These ESAs will lead to remediation/reuse of sites, bringing them back to a productive use. These essential activities will prevent specific exposure threats impacting the environment and health/safety of TBTA residents. Many petroleum contaminated sites in the TBTA are low ranked by FDEP and will remain unassessed/unremediated for some time. Often, petroleum contaminated sites have co-mingled plumes of petroleum & hazardous substances that could be assessed with proposed funding. Any brought to the City’s attention that may be posing public health threats to the surrounding residential/business community could potentially use assessment funding. The age of housing stock in these older sections signifies potential for high levels of lead. Tampa’s initiative to assess vacant/abandoned properties for affordable/work force housing will result in replace older/obsolete housing that could contain lead based paint, with new non-lead-impacted housing.

As to health issues in the TBTA, the East Tampa CRA accounted for 23.7% of HIV, STD, and TB cases and for 20% of total infant deaths county-wide– but was only 2% of the county’s population. These statistics are an example of the health disparities plaguing this area.

The Florida Brownfields process is under authority of FDEP & is outlined in FL Brownfields Redevelopment Act, Chapter 376 Florida Statutes. The Act allows for local government designation of brownfields sites & areas and provides for Brownfields Site Rehabilitation Agreements (BSRAs) as the primary means to oversee assessment/remediation/reuse of brownfields properties in Florida. The Act provides for creation of a Brownfields Advisory Board for each designated brownfields area. The brownfields advisory board oversees/reviews assessment, redevelopment and remedial planning documents and provides input to the City Council to ensure public health/safety are addressed on a case by case basis. As a part of the BSRA process, the Brownfields Advisory Board is required to review all assessment and remediation documents and has the legal authority to provide input and recommendations to the City Council regarding cleanup of brownfields properties.

FDEP provides regulatory oversight for assessment & cleanup activities under FL Brownfields Cleanup Criteria Rule (Chapter 62-785 Florida Adm. Code). Tampa will coordinate with FDEP to: 1) ensure assessment/remediation activities are protective of public health & the environment; & 2) ensure all engineering/institutional controls resulting from assessment/remediation/redevelopment are entered into FDEP’s Engineering & Institutional Controls registry to be available to the public/stakeholders concerned with/implementing ongoing redevelopment.

Environmental assessments conducted with proposed funding will include health & safety plans to ensure sensitive populations/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/barricades where necessary. All IDW (investigative derived wastes) will be properly containerized, stored, disposed of in an expedited manner.

Equitable development is achieved via Tampa's policies/practices that enable low- income/low-wealth residents to participate in & benefit from local/regional economic activity. Tampa makes sure equitable development is considered in its brownfields program: integrating people & place; reducing local/regional disparities; promoting equitable, catalytic, coordinated, double bottom line investments; ensuring meaningful resident participation, leadership, & ownership. By focusing on sites in poorest minority areas, giving residents a voice in determining redevelopment projects & protecting safety/public health during redevelopment, Tampa practices equitable development.

Possible welfare/public health benefits of potential projects: 1&2) 1711 &1720 E. Hillsborough – assessing & cleaning up will improve water quality/stormwater drainage , remove contaminated/deteriorated structures from community, & create a healthier environment for existing residents/future generations, improved quality of life, new jobs & health insurance coverage for workers & their families; 3) Gateway Technology Village – assessing/cleaning up will improve water quality/stormwater drainage & remove contaminated/deteriorated structures from community & create a healthier environment for existing residents & future generations, healthy housing, improved quality of life, new jobs = health insurance coverage for workers & their families; 4) Ybor Adamo Corridor (79 parcels) - assessing/cleaning up will improve water quality/stormwater drainage & remove contaminated/deteriorated structures from community & create a healthier environment for existing residents & future generations, healthy housing, improved quality of life, new jobs = health insurance coverage for workers & their families; & 5) West Tampa Study Area - assessing/cleaning up will improve water quality/stormwater drainage & remove contaminated/ deteriorated structures from community & create a healthier, more walkable environment for existing residents/future generations, healthy housing, improved quality of life, new jobs = health insurance coverage for workers & their families.

b. Economic Benefits and/or Greenspace - i)Economic Benefits– The City has a long-standing history of promoting economic development via brownfields redevelopment. Tampa's brownfields program in its Economic & Urban Dev. Dept. ensures a continued economic development focus. The City successfully facilitated brownfields development of a vacant site with surrounding potential recognized environmental conditions into the Fast Lane Clothing facility that manufactures surgical clothing, clothing for Busch Gardens, etc., creating 14 new jobs for residents of the community. The City works to assist businesses that redevelop in targeted areas with access to State Brownfields Incentives, e.g., Brownfields Job Bonus refund, State Brownfields Loan Guarantee, & Voluntary Cleanup Tax Credit – demonstrating brownfields redevelopment is practical and profitable.

In Tampa and the state, workforce housing is a critical component to encourage economic development opportunities. While the current economic climate in Tampa challenging, the City looks to continue its long history of successful economic development projects resulting from brownfields redevelopment. The City anticipates creation of 300+ new jobs over a 3 year period as a result of projects that will be supported by EPA Brownfields Assessment funding. Tampa's brownfields program will continue to use redevelopment of environmentally impaired properties to stimulate economic development and target properties for assessment/remediation that might pose a health risk to local communities. The redevelopment of these at-risk properties will minimize chances for exposure via active remediation associated with redevelopment. Tampa sees the program as a tool to deliver resources to achieve environmental justice in targeted areas. The 5 potential projects (1711 &1720 E. Hillsborough, Gateway Technology Village, Ybor Adamo Corridor, & West Tampa Study Area) will help accomplish this goal by replacing contaminated land with clean, retail businesses, creating new jobs for residents, making the community more walkable, more vibrant, enhancing



quality of life, and enhancing economic competitiveness.

ii) Other non-economic benefits - From a regional perspective, re-use of urban core brownfield properties supports the need to limit urban sprawl and protect stressed natural resources/habitat. The inclusion of open space/greenspace in its neighborhoods is important to Tampa. Its citizens actively participate on several committees/boards that deal with this issue. The assessment process will include a review of identified brownfields by the Parks & Recreation Dept. to determine need for any portion for recreation use. If appropriate, negotiation for purchase of the site/portions of the site will be undertaken. The City spent about \$2.7 million in the last 5 years for improvements to existing parks/playgrounds here. An example of potential brownfields redevelopment into greenspace/open space is the unused railroad spur (railfields) in the East Tampa CRA that could be redeveloped into a passive park/rail-to-trail facility. Tampa modernized 3 East Tampa CRA parks recently: Cyrus Green Community Center (community center building), historic Cuscaden Swimming Pool (renovations funded in part by a National Park Service's Urban Parks & Recreation Recovery Program - \$994,980), & Highland Pines Park (playground activity center). The City created parks & recreational spaces around existing stormwater treatment facilities to improve water quality and provide recreational opportunities. A great benefit to the TBTA is removal of slum/blight resulting from brownfields redevelopment. At the core of the brownfields program is the ability to transform properties scarring the heart of the community into properties providing direct community benefit. Reuse of orphaned/abandoned properties reduces crime & unsightliness that prohibit redevelopment. Another potential benefit of brownfields redevelopment is assessment and ultimate removal of contamination from low-income, minority communities via the brownfields redevelopment process, installing environmental justice in the TBTA.

c. Environmental Benefits from Infrastructure Reuse/Sustainable Reuse - Tampa is becoming a Green City, certified by Florida Green Builders Coalition (FGBC). FGBC designates Green Cities/Counties for outstanding environmental stewardship. The program focuses on improving environmental performance via waste reduction, water conservation, air quality improvements, brownfields redevelopment, etc. Becoming a Green City is an opportunity to improve existing programs, start new ones, and set an example for the community to improve environmental sustainability. The City will use brownfields redevelopment opportunities to demonstrate the value of sustainable redevelopment. Tampa's Green Tampa Home website: http://www.tampagov.net/dept/green_tampa/information_resources/Green_City.asp. Tampa has linkage between its brownfields program and its Green Tampa initiative. Brownfields redevelopment projects including commercial projects may qualify for a Tampa Green Fast Track review to encourage sustainable redevelopment projects in the City & on brownfields sites. The fast track nature of permit review provides a savings of time/money to developers, & encourages/expedites green building. Thus, Tampa is encouraging development of LEED (Leadership in Environmental & Engineering Design) projects and promoting brownfields redevelopment LEED &/or FL Green Building certifications.

For sites requiring an FDEP BSRA, FDEP encourages the person responsible for brownfields site rehabilitation to contact its Pollution Prevention/Waste Reduction Program regarding waste minimization/management & assistance with pollution prevention measures: better inventory/production controls; prevention of loss/spills/leaks of hazardous waste/materials; reduction of toxic materials releases. Zoning regulations often dictate brownfields redevelopment accomplish non-polluting activities or "clean industry." Brownfields site redevelopers are familiar with environmental concerns and pollution impacts/costs – and more apt to implement pollution prevention measures.

Projects in the TBTA will reuse existing infrastructure wherever feasible. The TBTA is Tampa's oldest section with an established street system including public utilities & stormwater systems. By returning TBTA sites to active, pollution-free use, the City will make greater use of original infrastructure investments. Most TBTA properties have ready access to roads, water, sewer, public



transportation, telecommunications, electricity & natural gas. Tampa will promote redevelopment including green building, energy efficiency, water management, green remediation, construction/demolition materials recycling, diesel emissions reductions, & renewable energy components. Reuse of previously developed sites provides an inventory of useable land as an alternative to passively permitting all new economic activity to take place outside built-up areas. Redevelopment reduces associated costs to local government, since public sector costs of building/maintaining sewer, water, & transportation infrastructure are lower in areas already developed. By redeveloping its brownfields and utilizing existing infrastructure, Tampa seeks positive growth benefits for all residents. With emphasis on these livability & sustainable redevelopment principles, Tampa will increase the City's economic competitiveness and support existing communities. Tampa will pursue brownfields site preparation strategies to prevent contaminant exposure, enhance materials recycling, enable urban/agricultural reuse, promote walkability, contribute to overall community walkability, & on-site stormwater management to move toward sustainable development outcomes. Tampa will use these strategies/principles to encourage healthier homes/buildings, alleviate adverse environmental conditions from petroleum/hazardous substance contamination, add openspace/greenspace, reduce toxicity/illegal dumping/blighted vacant parcels, & increase residential interest.

Tampa plans to reverse local urban sprawl, economic dislocation, & correct the disproportionate concentration of contaminated sites. Home to most of the City's minority low-income citizens, the TBTA is being revitalized by increased green businesses & jobs/training opportunities, & improved quality of life. Cleanup improves landscaping, creates new jobs, and slows rate of urban sprawl.

Redevelopment of brownfields properties will improve stormwater quality by implementing required stormwater retention/detention areas. Most brownfields properties were developed prior to stormwater landscaping/xeriscape requirements; new development will result in improved stormwater treatment & improved landscaping, bringing a net increase of xeriscaped/landscaped properties & improved stormwater. New developments will contribute to parks/recreation impact fees to ultimately create more open space/greenspace in the TBTA. The City has developed a model brownfields project in East Tampa by using EPA Brownfields Assessment funding to complete due diligence on 5 properties slated to be used as affordable/workforce housing & certified as US Green Building Coalitions - Green Residential Homes. Green Heights Homes provides a model of building affordable sustainable housing the TBTA partners and other brownfields communities can emulate.

Tampa's potential projects will incorporate sustainability/livability principles: 1&2) 1711 & 1720 E. Hillsborough – reuse existing infrastructure, create jobs, & increase economic competitiveness; 3) Gateway Technology Village – reuse existing infrastructure, create jobs, create healthy housing, improve community walkability, & increase economic competitiveness; 4&5) Ybor Adamo Corridor Village & West Tampa Study Area – reuse existing infrastructure, create jobs, create healthy housing, improve community walkability, & increase economic competitiveness.

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APPENDIX A

THRESHOLD CRITERIA



Threshold Criteria

1. Applicant Eligibility – The City of Tampa, Florida is a general purpose unit of local government and an eligible entity for an EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant (Florida Statutes Chapter 163).

2. Letter from the State Environmental Authority – Please see Appendix B

3. Site Eligibility and Property Ownership Eligibility – NOT APPLICABLE



APPENDIX B

LETTER OF SUPPORT – STATE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY



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October 12, 2012

Mr. Philip Vorsatz
Region 4 Brownfields Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Street
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Dear Mr. Vorsatz:

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Department) acknowledges and supports the City of Tampa's Brownfields grant application for a Community Wide Hazardous Substance and Petroleum or Petroleum Products Assessment Grant. The Department understands that this application has been prepared in accordance with EPA's guidance document EPA-OSWER-OBLR-12-07, titled "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 City of Tampa. 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 City of Tampa consider including Brownfields sites or areas that could potentially receive federal funding in a state-designated brownfield area. The City of Tampa is also encouraged to contact John Sego, P.G., the Southwest District Brownfields Coordinator, at (813) 632-7600 ext. 720, to learn more about the Florida Brownfields Redevelopment Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary E. Yeagan". The signature is written in a cursive style and includes a horizontal line extending to the right.

Mary E. Yeagan, P.G.
Southwest District Director



APPENDIX C

LETTERS OF SUPPORT – COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS



UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTH FLORIDA

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October 21, 2012

Ed Johnson
Manager of East Tampa Community Redevelopment
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Tampa, FL 33610

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On behalf of the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering at the University of South Florida (USF), please accept this letter of support for the City of Tampa's application for a 2013 EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant in the amount of \$400,000 in funds to assess hazardous substances and petroleum product impacted properties. We applaud their effort to support the revitalization and redevelopment of our community.

USF is a high-impact, global research university serving more than 47,000 students. It is the 8th largest university in the U.S. and the largest metropolitan research university within the Florida State University System. The Civil & Environmental Engineering department at USF has been actively involved with the East Tampa community over the past decade through research, teaching and service. Projects in East Tampa have included community surveys to identify concerns and needs, development of neighborhood parks around stormwater ponds, and development of façade improvement plans for the neighborhood. We have also been involved in curriculum development and professional development activities for teachers in local schools through Water Awareness Research and Education (WARE). East Tampa schools that are part of the WARE partnership include Middleton Magnet School for Mathematics, Science, Engineering and Technology, Franklin Middle School, Young Magnet Middle School for Math, Science and Technology, Lockhart Elementary and Oak Park Elementary. These projects and other initiatives have been accomplished in collaboration with East Tampa community groups, including the East Tampa Community Revitalization Partnership.

In support of the City of Tampa's Brownfields Program, the University of South Florida will provide support for this project through community service learning projects in the Environmental/Water Resources Engineering Capstone Design and Environmental Engineering Laboratory classes. Students in these classes can provide guidance on Engineering Design and conduct limited laboratory analyses of water quality parameters. The student chapter of Engineers for a Sustainable World, under the leadership of Maya Trotz, will support the project through their outreach efforts in East Tampa Schools. Further I am 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 (sergas@usf.edu; 813-974-1119) so that we may demonstrate further support of this US EPA Brownfields Assessment grant application.

Sincerely,

Sarina J. Ergas
Professor, Dept. Civil & Environmental Engineering



October 19, 2012

Ed Johnson
Manager of East Tampa Community Redevelopment
3808 N. 22nd Street
Tampa, FL 33610

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On behalf of the University of South Florida School of Architecture and Community Design, please accept this letter of support for the City of Tampa's application for a 2013 EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant in the amount of \$400,000 for funds to assess hazardous substances and petroleum product impacted properties in the East Tampa community. We are supportive of the East Tampa Community Redevelopment Department's ongoing revitalization and redevelopment efforts in the East Tampa community.

As you know, the School of Architecture has partnered with this agency and the East Tampa community on a number of community design and redevelopment efforts over the last twenty years. Working with your department and community residents, the School has been successful in helping to realize a number of community redevelopment objectives. Given the number of contaminated sites throughout the East Tampa Community Redevelopment Area (CRA), we see this grant as an opportunity for the community to address one of the most critical issues related to community revitalization and sustainability. We are optimistic about you receiving this grant and what it will allow you to accomplish in the community.

In support of the City of Tampa's Brownfields Program, the School of Architecture and its research division, the Florida Center for Community Design and Research, will commit faculty time, student service-learning courses and the use of the School's GIS capabilities to assist with this effort (approximately \$22,000.00 in like-kind contributions). In addition to this, I am personally offering to serve on any advisory board or committee that's developed in support of this grant and if successful, throughout this project's duration.

Please feel free to contact me at the School of Architecture and Community Design if I can provide you with any additional information regarding our support of this grant application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Theodore Trent Green".

Theodore Trent Green, RA
Associate Professor/Director Master of Urban and Community Design Program
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October 10, 2012

Ed Johnson
Manager of East Tampa Community Redevelopment
3808 N. 22nd Street
Tampa, FL 33610

Dear Mr. Johnson,

On behalf of Tampa Family Health Centers, Inc., please accept this letter of support for the City of Tampa's application for a 2013 EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant in the amount of \$400,000 in funds to assess hazardous substances and petroleum product impacted properties. We applaud their effort to support the revitalization and redevelopment of our community.

We are a community health center with 12 centers in Tampa. We provide primary health care to the East Tampa area and without the collaborative efforts of the Brownfields Program and Tampa Family Health Centers, many of the medically underserved residents would be without the desperately needed services we render. We have worked closely with the Brownfields Program for many years and it has benefited the residents and the community.

In support of the City of Tampa's Brownfields Program, Tampa Family Health Centers, Inc. will work diligently towards getting the information about the Brownfields Project out to our patients and the local community. Further, Tampa Family Health Centers, 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 me so that we may demonstrate further support of this US EPA Brownfields Assessment grant application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles R. Bottoms".

Charles R. Bottoms
President and CEO

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October 23rd, 2012

Ed Johnson
Manager of East Tampa Community Redevelopment
3808 N. 22nd Street
Tampa, FL 33610

Dear Mr. Johnson,

On behalf of Corporation to Develop Communities of Tampa, Inc. (CDC of Tampa, Inc.), please accept this letter of support for the City of Tampa's application for a 2013 EPA Brownfields ASSESSMENT Grant in the amount of \$400,000.00 in funds to assess hazardous substances and petroleum product impacted properties. We applaud their effort to support the revitalization and redevelopment of our community.

CDC of Tampa, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c) 3 community development corporation that has spent 20 years providing community and economic development services to East Tampa residents leveraging over \$45 million dollars in public/private ventures.

In support of the City of Tampa's Brownfield Program, the CDC of Tampa, Inc. will refer partners to the program and collaborate to create brownfield training opportunities. Further, CDC of Tampa, Inc. is willing to serve on the advisory boards or committees that are developed in support of this grant and brownfields redevelopment in our community.

Please feel free to contact the CDC of Tampa, Inc. so that we may demonstrate further support of this US EPA Brownfields Assessment grant application.

Sincerely

Ernest M. Coney Jr.
President/ CEO





CITY OF TAMPA

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

Economic and Urban Development
Department

Jeanette LaRussa Fenton

October 24, 2012

Ed Johnson
Manager, East Tampa Community Redevelopment
3808 North 22nd Street
Tampa, FL 33610

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On behalf of the Drew Park Community Redevelopment Area (DPCRA), please accept this letter of support for the City of Tampa's application for a 2013 EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant in the amount of \$400,000 in funds to assess hazardous substances and petroleum product impacted properties. We applaud their effort to support the revitalization and redevelopment of our community.

In support of the City of Tampa's Brownfield Program, the DPCRA will help identify sites for assessment and provide information to the community about the availability of grant funds and other brownfield remediation programs. Further, I and members of the DPCRA Community Advisory Committee are 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 at (813) 274-7427 or Jeanette.Fenton@tampagov.net so that we may demonstrate further support of this US EPA Brownfields Assessment grant application.

Sincerely,

Jeanette LaRussa Fenton
Urban Development Manager
Drew Park & West Tampa Redevelopment

DSG

DSG Community Management Systems, LLC
Energizing Community Builders Through Ideas And Capital

80 Northwest 125th Street
Miami, FL 33168
Office (305) 416-8481
Fax (305) 416-8485

October 23, 2012

Mr. Ed Johnson, Manager
Economic & Urban Development Department
3808 North 22nd Street
Tampa, FL 33610

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On behalf of DSG Community Management Systems, LLC, please accept this letter of support for the City of Tampa's application for a 2013 EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant in the amount of \$400,000 in funds to assess hazardous substances and petroleum product impacted properties. We applaud your effort in undertaking this significant revitalization and redevelopment of our community.

DSG is a management consulting firm that supports the work of community based organizations in partnership with local government. For the past seven years, we have delivered and managed training in community real estate development for staffs and Boards of CDCs and local governments. Your Brownfield activities have resulted in the creation of new infill sites for housing and commercial space. In support of your Brownfields program, we hereby offer to facilitate 3 eight hour community roundtables that will promote real community understanding of the work ahead. Please also note our willingness to serve on an Advisory Board or other committees that are developed in support of this grant.

Please feel free to contact Tom Zuniga, our Managing Director to confirm our support.

Sincerely,

DSG Community Management Systems, LLC



Tom Zuniga



**East Tampa Community Revitalization Partnership
(ETCRP)
3808 N. 22nd Street
Tampa, FL 33610**



October 19th, 2012

Dear Mr. Johnson,

On behalf of the East Tampa Community Revitalization Partnership (ETCRP), please accept this Letter of support for the City of Tampa's application for a 2012 EPA Brownfield's Assessment Grant in the amount of \$400,000 in funds to assess hazardous substances and petroleum products impacted properties. We applaud the city's effort to support the revitalization and redevelopment of our community.

In support of the City's Brownfield Program, the East Tampa Community Revitalization Partnership (ETCRP) 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 East Tampa Community Advisory Committee is willing to serve on advisory boards or committees that are developed in support of this grant and Brownfield's redevelopment in our community.

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

Sincerely yours,

Essie Sims Jr., Chairman
East Tampa Community Revitalization Partnership
East Tampa Community Advisory Committee
813-300-4415

Fast Lane ***Clothing Company***

5112 N 22nd Street, Tampa FL 33610 (813) 879-3298

October 23, 2012

Ed Johnson
East Tampa Community Redevelopment Manager
3802 N.22nd Street
Tampa, FL 33610

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On behalf of FAST LANE CLOTHING COMPANY, INC., please accept this letter of support for the City of Tampa's application for a 2013 EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant in the amount of \$400,000 in funds to assess and remediate hazardous substances and petroleum product impacts at 1103 N. Nebraska Avenue adjacent to Encore. We applaud the city's effort to support the revitalization and redevelopment of our community.

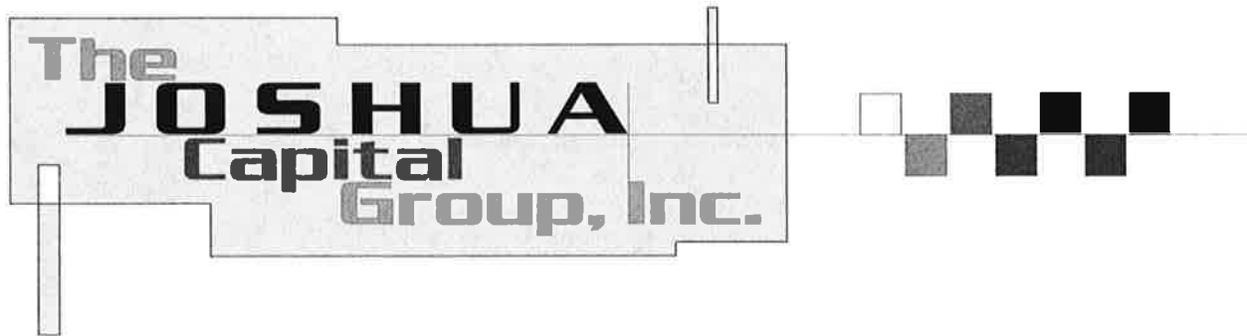
In support of this grant and the City's Brownfield Program, FAST LANE CLOTHING COMPANY, INC will provide assistance with public outreach and marketing through our meetings and membership, or provide assistance with the identification of potential redevelopment projects. Further, FAST LANE CLOTHING COMPANY, 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 Juan Davis so that we may demonstrate further support of this US EPA Brownfields Multi-Purpose Pilot grant application.

Sincerely,

Juan A. Davis

Juan A .Davis
CEO
FAST LANE CLOTHING COMPANY, INC



October 24, 2012

Ed Johnson
Manager of East Tampa Community Redevelopment
3808 N. 22nd Street
Tampa, FL 33610

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On behalf of the Joshua Capital Group, please accept this letter of support for the City of Tampa's application for a 2013 EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant in the amount of \$400,000! Joshua Capital understands that these funds will be used to assess hazardous substances and petroleum product impacted properties. We applaud their effort to support the revitalization and redevelopment of our community.

"The Joshua Capital Group's mission is to provide Capital, Training, Management and Technical Assistance to underserved communities."

In support of the City of Tampa's Brownfields Program, the Joshua Capital Group will continue working with other nonprofits and civic groups in the city to educate leaders on the various Brownfields programs and how those respective nonprofits can work together with the city to create jobs and stronger communities! Further, the Joshua Capital Group 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,

Harry K. Dean, Jr.

Harry K. Dean, Jr., President
Joshua Capital Group
918 Academy Dr
Brandon, FL 33511



October 19, 2012

Ed Johnson
Manager of East Tampa Community Redevelopment
3808 N. 22nd Street
Tampa, FL 33610

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On behalf of the University of South Florida Office of Community Engagement and Partnerships, please accept this letter of support for the City of Tampa's application for a 2013 EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant in the amount of \$400,000 in funds to assess hazardous substances and petroleum product impacted properties. We applaud your effort to support the revitalization and redevelopment of our community.

The University of South Florida is one of just fifty-one universities to be designated as both "community engaged" and "research intensive" by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The university enrolls over 40,000 students in 233 degree programs at the undergraduate, graduate, specialist and doctoral levels. The Office of Community Engagement and Partnerships was created in 2009 as part of the university's Academic Affairs office to identify and build upon local and global academic partnerships that strengthen and sustain healthy communities, and help improve the quality of life. The OCE accomplishes this mission by involving USF students and faculty in classes and research projects that provide clear benefits to the local community while enhancing the teaching and research mission of the university.

USF's has enjoyed a long-standing commitment to the improvement of the East Tampa community, and has worked closely with the East Tampa Community Redevelopment office on a range of projects. In support of the City of Tampa's Brownfields Program, the USF OCEP will make available undergraduate and graduate student interns with expertise in GIS and environmental science to assist in planning and implementation of brownfields redevelopment projects, and we will identify on-going courses in Urban and Regional Planning, GIS, Civil and Environmental Engineering, and Environmental Science and Policy that would create course projects around the East Tampa brownfields redevelopment efforts. Further, as the director of the OCEP I would be glad to serve on any advisory boards developed in support of this grant and brownfields redevelopment efforts in the City of Tampa.

Please feel free to contact me if I can provide further evidence of our support of this US EPA Brownfields Assessment grant application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Strom", written over a white background.

Elizabeth Strom
Director and Associate Professor

V.M. Ybor Neighborhood Association

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1001 E. 24th Avenue
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October 21, 2012

Mr. Ed Johnson
Manager of East Tampa Community Redevelopment
3808 N. 22nd Street
Tampa, FL 33610

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On behalf of the V.M. Ybor Neighborhood Association, please accept this letter of support for the City of Tampa's application for a 2013 EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant in the amount of \$400,000 in funds to assess hazardous substances and petroleum product impacted properties. We applaud the significant efforts to support the revitalization and redevelopment of our community.

V.M. Ybor Neighborhood Association represents a diverse and historic neighborhood in the south-west section of East Tampa. We recognize the potential for this grant to have a positive impact on our community's struggling commercial corridors.

In support of the City of Tampa's Brownfields Program, the V.M. Ybor Neighborhood Association will advertise any community meetings or events associated with brownfields redevelopment and encourage community members to engage in any participatory opportunities related to the assessment grant. Further, V.M. Ybor Neighborhood Association Board Members are 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 with any questions or clarifications about our organizations support of this US EPA Brownfields Assessment grant application.

Sincerely,



Kim Headland, President
V.M. Ybor Neighborhood Association



Ybor City Development Corporation, Inc.

November 1, 2012

Mr. Ed Johnson
Manager of East Tampa Community Redevelopment
3808 N. 22nd Street
Tampa, FL 33610

RE: Support letter for the City of Tampa's EPA Brownsfields Assessment Grant

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On behalf of the Ybor City Development Corporation, Inc., I would like to submit this letter of support for the City of Tampa's application for a 2013 EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant in the amount of \$400,000 in funds to assess hazardous substances and petroleum product impacted properties. We appreciate the commitment to revitalization and redevelopment of the Ybor City Historic District and this grant would significantly assist the City in this effort.

Ybor City Development Corporation Inc. is the official Citizen Advisory Council to the City of Tampa's Community Redevelopment Agency and represents two Ybor City Community Redevelopment Areas. We recognize the potential for this grant to have a positive impact on our community's struggling commercial corridors which include the Adamo Drive Corridor.

In support of the City of Tampa's Brownfields Program, the Ybor City Development Corporation Inc. will advertise any community meetings or events associated with brownfields redevelopment and encourage community members to engage in any participatory opportunities related to the assessment grant. Further, our Board 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 with any questions or clarifications about our organizations support of this US EPA Brownfields Assessment grant application.

Sincerely,

David J. Scott
Chairman, Ybor City Development Corporation, Inc.



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November 14, 2012

Ed Johnson
Manger
East Tampa Community Redevelopment
7401 South Elliot Street
Tampa, FL 33616

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On behalf of the Florida Brownfields Association please accept this letter of support for the City of Tampa's submittal of a Brownfields Assessment Grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The FBA is a non-profit, volunteer, service organization dedicated to advancing the cleanup and redevelopment of Brownfields in Florida. Brownfields are sites for which their expansion, redevelopment, or reuse may be complicated by actual or perceived contamination. Working in cooperation with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the FBA is a group of environmental stakeholders and professionals who provide Brownfields information, assistance, and redevelopment strategies to communities and the public in the interest of cleaning up and redeveloping contaminated properties and revitalizing areas.

We applaud the City of Tampa's efforts in seeking revitalization and redevelopment in the State of Florida and hope you will give every possible consideration to their application for an EPA Assessment Grant. We look forward to assisting the City of Tampa upon their successful grant award. The FBA through its membership will provide technical assistance to the City of Tampa, and will assist with public outreach and marketing by participating in public meetings or assisting with educational presentations. Further, our membership is willing to serve on advisory boards or committees that are developed in support of this grant.

Please feel free to contact me should you require further information concerning the Florida Brownfields Association's support of the City of Tampa's Brownfields Assessment Grant proposal. My phone number is (321) 433-8660 or email address is jtitkanich@cocoaf1.org.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John A. Titkanich, Jr." in a cursive script.

John Titkanich, Jr., AICP
President



APPENDIX D

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS



Special Considerations Checklist

Please identify (with an **X**) if any of the below items apply to your community or your project as described in your proposal. EPA will verify these disclosures prior to selection and may consider this information during the selection process. Describe how each consideration applies to your proposal and/or attach documentation.

- Community population is 10,000 or less
- Federally recognized Indian tribe
- United States territory
- Applicant assisting a Tribe or territory
- Targeted brownfield sites are impacted by mine-scarred land
- Targeted brownfield sites are contaminated with controlled substances
- Community is impacted by recent natural disaster(s) (2005 or later). To be considered, applicant must identify here the timeframe and type of natural disaster.
- Project is primarily focusing on Phase II assessments
- Applicant demonstrates firm leveraging commitments for facilitating brownfield project completion by identifying amounts and contributors of funding in the proposal and have included documentation
- Community experiencing plant closures (or other significant economic disruptions) (2007 or later), including communities experiencing auto plant closures due to bankruptcy or economic disruptions. To be considered, applicant must identify here the timeframe and name of the plant recently closed and jobs lost, or reason for other significant economic disruption.
- Applicant is a recipient or a core partner of a HUD-DOT-EPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities (PSC) grant that is directly tied to the project area, and can demonstrate that funding from a PSC grant has or will benefit the project area. To be considered, **applicant must attach documentation** which demonstrates this connection to a HUD-DOT-EPA PSC grant.
- Applicant is a recipient of an EPA Brownfields Area-Wide Planning grant
- Community is implementing green remediation plans.



TAMPA LAYOFFS:

COMPANY NAME	LAYOFF DATE	EMPLOYEES AFFECTED	INDUSTRY
National Gypsum Company	6/16/08	73	Manufacturing
Hapag-Lloyd	6/30/08	50	Transportation and Warehousing
ExxonMobil CORS	10/29/08	196	Retail Trade
Fowler White Boggs Banker P.A.	10/31/08	148	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services
Continental Promotion Group, Inc.	11/19/08	17	Finance and Insurance
RJE Telecom	12/15/08	38	Construction
RJE Telecom, LLC	1/30/09	25	Construction
Spring Air/Consolidated Bedding	5/1/09	206	Manufacturing
GE Money-RCF	6/29/09	265	Finance and Insurance
Scicom	6/30/09	145	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services
Tampa Reservations Center	7/19/09	685	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services
Altadis U.S.A., Inc.	8/24/09	492	Manufacturing
MDI Achieve	12/30/09	7	Information
One Source Landscape & Golf Services	12/31/09	253	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services
DPI Specialty Foods [Mid Atlantic, Inc.]	6/5/10	90	Wholesale Trade
Tampa Bay WorkForce	6/30/10	126	Health Care and Social



COMPANY NAME	LAYOFF DATE	EMPLOYEES AFFECTED	INDUSTRY
Alliance			Assistance
Caye Upholstery, LLC	8/2/10	50	Manufacturing
Spa Chakra Corporation	8/20/10	13	Other Services (except Public Administration)
LifeLink HealthCare Institute, Inc.	9/30/10	81	Health Care and Social Assistance
Enterprise Leasing Company of FL, LLC,	10/1/10	67	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP	12/31/10	280	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services
GAF Materials Corporation	1/18/11	50	Manufacturing
Frontier Communications	5/14/11	68	Information
Westshore Glass Corp.	1/31/08-2/13/08	113	Wholesale Trade
Verizon Wireless	10/1/11-11/5/11	132	Information
Esoterix Genetics Laboratory, LLC	10/14/11-11/30/11	56	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services
JPMorgan Chase	10/21/08-12/20/08	93	Finance and Insurance
TCS Communications, LLC	11/13/08-12/15/08	53	Construction
Citrus Health Care	12/1/10-4/1/11	73	Finance and Insurance
Capital One	12/18/10-1/17/11	66	Finance and Insurance
Thompson Group	12/31/10-	77	Retail Trade



COMPANY NAME	LAYOFF DATE	EMPLOYEES AFFECTED	INDUSTRY
Companies	1/21/11		
Saxon Mortgage	2/13/08- 2/28/08	140	Finance and Insurance
Bank of America	4/1/08- 6/30/11	468	Finance and Insurance
Healthcare Uniform Company, Inc.	4/1/11- 4/15/11	95	Retail Trade
Preferred Home Mortgage Company	4/18/08- 12/31/08	75	Finance and Insurance
LEAR Corporation	6/13/08-- 9/30/09	471	Manufacturing
GE Healthcare	6/27/08- 9/26/08	72	Health Care and Social Assistance
Brandon Honda	7/15/11- 7/31/11	94	Retail Trade
Sun Microsystems, Inc	7/21/08- 8/4/08	4	Wholesale Trade
Apria Healthcare, Inc.	7/22/09- 6/30/10	92	Health Care and Social Assistance
Wachovia Corporation	8/12/08- 11/12/08	57	Finance and Insurance
The H.T. Hackney Co.	8/19/11- 9/2/11	40	Wholesale Trade
ARAMARK Facility Services	8/4/09- 7/16/11	*266	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services
NuAir Manufacturing	9/18/08- 12/8/08	126	Manufacturing



COMPANY NAME	LAYOFF DATE	EMPLOYEES AFFECTED	INDUSTRY
Albertson's	10/19/2011	*78	Retail Trade
Verizon Wireless	10/1/2011	55	Information
PEMCO World Air Services	8/1/2012- 8/15/2012	474	Manufacturing
America's Body Company, LLC	9/8/2012- 9/8/2012	40	Wholesale Trade
ResCare Workforce Services	6/30/2012- 6/30/2012	145	Health Care and Social Assistance
CCS Medical	7/6/2012- 9/30/2012	101	Retail Trade
Hostess Brands, Inc.	7/7/2012- 7/21/2012	33	Wholesale Trade
Hillsborough Kids, Inc.	6/29/2012- 10/31/2012	102	Health Care and Social Assistance
Total		7116	

Data from Florida Department of Economic Opportunity