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2009 Farmers Market Promotion Program

Applications due April 27, 2009

The USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) invites proposals for the 2009 Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP) grant program. The Notice of Funds Available for the FMPP was published in the *Federal Register* on **March 13, 2009**. This is the fourth year of the FMPP grant program, which is authorized under the recently amended Farmer-to-Consumer Direct Marketing Act of 1976.

AMS will award approximately \$5 million in competitive funds for FMPP in Fiscal Year 2009. **FMPP grants are available at levels not less than \$2,500 and not more than \$100,000; no matching funds are required.** Proposal submitted for funding should be designed to assist in promoting, expanding, and improving domestic farmers markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs, agritourism activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities.

Eligible entities for the 2009 FMPP grants include **agricultural cooperatives, producer networks, producer associations, local governments, non-profit organizations, public benefit corporations, economic development corporations, regional farmers' market authorities, and Tribal governments** to consider developing proposals for this grant program. Eligible entities must be owned, operated, and located within one or more of the 50 United States and the District of Columbia. Individuals are not eligible to apply.

Applications must be submitted to AMS and postmarked by **April 27, 2009**. For information on applying for FMPP grant funds, please visit their website at www.ams.usda.gov/fmpp



The Big Deal 2009

The [National Brownfield Associations](#) and its partner, the City of Phoenix, a leader in green building, invite you to [THE BIG DEAL 2009](#), at the Phoenix Convention Center, **March 24 & 25, 2009**.

- [Registration](#) & [Program](#).
- Find out how to be an [exhibitor](#) or [sponsor](#).
- Showcase your property at the [Brownfield Transaction Forum](#).



Stimulus Money Distribution & Initiatives: To Boston and Beyond!

April 7, 2009

10am—12pm

Boston Public Library

Come hear Mayor Menino and a distinguished panel of state experts discuss the challenges of retaining existing businesses while attracting new business to Massachusetts. Discover which types of industries are looking to expand in Massachusetts and how the stimulus money may assist in this endeavor.

Please register for this complimentary meeting by sending an e-mail to Jill Burgos at jillb@brownfieldassociation.org



The "Business of Brownfields" Conference

April 15-17, 2009

The David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA

The [Engineers' Society of Western Pennsylvania \(ESWP\)](#)'s "Business of Brownfields" Conference (BoB) is scheduled for April 15-17, 2009 at Pittsburgh's David L. Lawrence Convention Center (DLLCC). This is the 14th annual event conducted by ESWP on this still-emerging topic that is a very important topic in Western Pennsylvania.

- [Conference Information](#)
- [Registration](#) – Early Bird Closes April 3



**Sustainable Property Transactions:
Doing Contaminated Site Redevelopments in a Downturned Market**
April 6, 7, 8, 2009
Washington, DC

Explore how complex deals involving environmental contamination and sustainable development issues can be successfully managed—how sites get cleaned up and redeveloped. Employing environmental, legal, financial/accounting and risk management tools, the corporate dealmakers have a war chest of alternative environmental due diligence techniques and risk financing methods (institutional and engineered controls, stringent environmental agreements and environmental insurance, etc.) to get the transactions done with the able involvement of in-house and outside counsel, liability buyout and guaranteed fixed price remediation programs, and equity and debt financing firms. There will be sessions that demonstrate green building design, remediation, construction, evolving underwriting standards based on the LEED certification process and monetizing carbon finance assets in real estate transactions.

- [Conference Brochure](#)
- [Program](#)
- [Registration](#)



**Smart Growth Implementation Assistance:
2009 Request for Application**

Applications are due at 5:00 pm EST, April 23, 2009

The Development, Community, and Environment Division in EPA's Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation is seeking applications for technical assistance from communities that want to incorporate smart growth in their future development to meet environmental and other community goals. Eligible entities are tribal, local, regional, and state governments, and nonprofit organizations that have a demonstrated partnership with a governmental entity.

Selected communities or states will receive assistance in the form of a multi-day visit from a team of experts organized by EPA and other national partners to work with local leaders. EPA plans to assist three to five communities over a period of twelve months. The Agency anticipates announcing the selected communities in fall of 2009.

For more information and application materials, visit http://epa.gov/smartgrowth/2009_sgia_rfa.htm.



Brownfields 2009
November 16 – 18, 2009 in New Orleans

- [Call for Ideas](#) is open. Due date is **May 1, 2009**.
- [Exhibitor](#) information.
- Become an [Endorser](#) or [Sponsor](#).
- [Travel](#) & [Hotel](#) Information.
- Visit the [Brownfields 2009 Website](#) to register



Applications are now being accepted for the eighth annual EPA National Award for Smart Growth Achievement. This competition is open to public-sector or private sector applicants that have used the principles of smart growth to create better places. Private-sector applicants are encouraged to submit applications for projects that demonstrate a significant public-private partnership. This year, applications will be accepted in five categories:

- Built Projects
- Policies and Regulations
- Smart Growth and Green Building
- Smart Growth Streets
- Overall Excellence in Smart Growth

Public sector winners will receive support for further implementing smart growth strategies in their communities. In addition, public sector winners will receive one complementary registration to the New Partners for Smart Growth Conference in 2010.

For more information and application materials, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/awards.htm>.

Send your Brownfields-related items for inclusion in this newsletter to Joe Ferrari at ferrari.joe@epa.gov.

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