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NOTE TO: Economic Development Professionals

FROM: Donald P. Mains, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Development

On May 14 HUD announced this year's competition under the Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (**BEDI**) and I encourage you to think about applying. Since 1998 BEDI has provided grants of up to \$2 million for redevelopment activities at brownfield sites. Under current law, BEDI grants must be used for projects or activities also assisted with loans provided under HUD's Section 108-guaranteed loan program.

The 2004 BEDI Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) details the parameters and requirements of the BEDI program. The program is designed to help communities redevelop abandoned or underutilized property where redevelopment is complicated by the presence or potential presence of environmental contamination. Although BEDI is an economic development initiative, BEDI projects can generally include any activities eligible under 24 CFR 570.703, the eligible activity regulations for the Section 108 loan guarantee program.

Each BEDI application will be rated against the selection criteria provided in the BEDI program section of HUD's 2004 SuperNOFA. The 2004 NOFA is available at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). If you have questions or would like further information, please call Bill Seedyke, BEDI Program Coordinator, at (202) 708-3484, extension 4445, or send an email to [william\\_seedyke@hud.gov](mailto:william_seedyke@hud.gov).

Thank you for your attention to this important opportunity. We look forward to working with you to bring new economic opportunity to your community through the return of brownfield sites to productive, economic use.

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Economic Development