Automotive Sector Brownfields Assessment Initiative

An Indiana Finance Authority Program

Introduction

The Indiana Brownfields Program has established an Automotive Sector Brownfields Assessment Initiative (Auto Sector Initiative) to help Indiana communities address the growing problem of idled, abandoned, and closed facilities related to the downsizing of the automotive manufacturing sector. To facilitate redevelopment of such properties which are often hindered by actual or potential environmental contamination, the Program will provide assessment and related activities (excluding remediation) at eligible automotive brownfield sites. An award under this initiative will be for professional services to be provided by the Program and not a grant of funds.

Who can request assistance through the Auto Sector Initiative?

Indiana political subdivisions can request assessments and related activities on behalf of eligible sites in their community. In addition, a private entity or individual can apply for assistance under certain circumstances.

What types of sites are eligible for funding?

Permanently idled or closed auto dealerships and parts/supplier, assembly & manufacturing plants that have actual or potential contamination that is impeding site reuse are potentially eligible. Auto Sector Initiative guidelines outline additional eligibility criteria; for example, privately-owned sites may be eligible under certain circumstances (e.g., imminent property transfer with an identified redevelopment/reuse plan).

What types of activities are eligible for funding?

Funding is available for Phase I & Phase II environmental site assessments, asbestos-containing material & lead-based paint surveys, remediation work plan development, limited demolition, site stabilization, and controlling site access/site security.

How much funding is currently available?

Approximately $25,000 total is currently available for the Auto Sector Initiative to address sites with hazardous substances and/or petroleum contamination, including sites with asbestos-containing materials and lead-based paint. An award of services made to a private applicant will require a match of a percentage of the award amount.

How can I request this assistance?

Applications for assessment and related activities are accepted anytime and will be awarded on a first come, first-served basis. Visit the Indiana Brownfields Program Web site at www.brownfields.IN.gov to view or download the application and guidelines for the Auto Sector Initiative.

At a Glance:

The **Automotive Sector Initiative** provides financial assistance to facilitate the redevelopment of permanently idled or closed auto dealerships and parts/supplier, assembly & manufacturing plants that are brownfield sites resulting from the downsizing of the automotive manufacturing sector.

What is a Brownfield?

A brownfield is an underutilized property where redevelopment or reuse is complicated due to actual or potential environmental contamination.

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