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EPA's Brownfields Pilot Program Competition

EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that has actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment or reuse.

EPA is accepting proposals for Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Pilots until December 18, 2000. The pilots, which are funded up to \$1,000,000, test cleanup and redevelopment planning models, direct special efforts toward removing regulatory barriers without sacrificing protectiveness and facilitate coordinated environmental cleanup and redevelopment efforts at the federal, state and local levels.

Cleanup revolving loan fund programs (each funded up to \$1,000,000 over five years) are designed to capitalize loan funds to make loans for the environmental cleanup of brownfields. These pilot programs are intended to provide EPA, states, tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment. And most importantly, **EZ/ECs are granted special consideration in the competition.**

All competition applications are due by December 18th, 2000. For further information visit the Brownfields website at <http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/html-doc/bcrlf.htm>, or call Barbara Bassuener of the EPA at (202)260-9347.

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