



June 4, 2012

Memo

To: Invited Participants
From: David Less, City Planner
Re: **City of Manitowoc - Brownfield/EPA Services**

The City of Manitowoc was the recipient of two (2) 2011 US EPA brownfields grant totaling \$400,000. Funds under the program are available to support a variety of environmental assessment activities including performing Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESA), Phase II ESA's, upgrading of the City's Geographic Information System (GIS) program to integrate brownfield statistics, as well as area wide planning opportunities. The City has hired Symbiont, an environmental consulting firm, to lead in implementing these grants.

I'd like to invite you to attend a program to learn more about the opportunities under this program. Specifically, to provide you with information that will assist in advising commercial and industrial clients considering sale, purchase, lease or some other property transaction, how to assess the likelihood of contamination at a particular site. Lenders, accountants, financial advisors etc. are important partners for business in most economic development projects, and we want you to be informed of this opportunity. Our program can move lenders and others towards being less cautious in providing financing for the purchase of brownfield properties by delivering more detailed environmental risk assessments.

This is a grant program, so these services would be available at no cost to owners, or prospective purchasers or lessees of commercial and industrial properties, to minimize future liability concerns about potential historical contamination at a property. So, please plan on attending this program:

**Wednesday, June 20th, 10:00am
Common Council Chambers, Manitowoc City Hall**

We will do our best to limit this program to one (1) hour. This invitation is limited to only the "players" that serve to advise and guide private commercial and industrial clients. I hope you can attend, and look forward to seeing you on the 20th.

Sincerely,


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