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ETDD Regional Brownfield Program

On October 16, 2009 ETDD will submit an application to the US Environmental Protection Agency for brownfield program funding in the amount of \$400,000. ETDD is applying for a community-wide assessment grant for the entire 16-county district. The application targets \$200,000 for petroleum sites and \$200,000 for hazardous substance sites. ETDD proposes to fund a minimum of 12 Phase I Environmental Site Assessments and 7 Phase II Environmental Site Assessments with the grant.

ETDD was awarded a Hazardous Substances Community-Wide Assessment Grant in 2007 in the amount of \$200,000. ETDD has performed nine Phase I Environmental Site Assessments and will complete four Phase II assessments. In less than two years, ETDD has spent or has contracted out the entire \$200,000 grant, and additional funds are needed in order to continue the assessment work that was begun in 2007.

The area of eligibility for the new EPA grant will be the entire 16-county ETDD region. It is anticipated that several of the sites to be assessed will be located in the city of Knoxville in a city-designated redevelopment area referred to as the Downtown North I-275 Corridor. This area became a cornerstone of Knoxville's railroad and industrial development in the late 1800's and is now a blighted hodgepodge of underutilized land. The city of Knoxville has shown a strong interest in the last several years to transform this obsolete industrial area into an integrated mixed-use area that will be a gateway to downtown Knoxville.

In addition to the potential sites in Knoxville, there is a wide variety of other potential brownfield sites in the region, including former industrial sites, gas stations, oil distribution facilities, scrap yards, and dry cleaners identified as part of the work performed by ETDD with the 2007 EPA grant. In order to update the brownfield site inventory, a new survey will be sent to all local governments in the region (counties and cities) requesting their assistance in identifying potential brownfield sites. The survey will ask the local governments to identify sites in their community that meet one of the following three site nomination criteria:

1. Potential brownfield sites that are currently under the ownership of the local government;
2. Potential brownfield sites that the local government does not own but is considering acquiring due to unpaid back taxes or redevelopment potential; and
3. Potential brownfield sites where the owner has expressed an interest in selling the property.

As sites are nominated, ETDD will further evaluate the sites based on the following site selection criteria:

1. Potential for contamination or risk of exposure or safety hazard;
2. Developer or end user interest in redevelopment;
3. Proximity of site to population center;
4. Available infrastructure;
5. Public / environmental benefit of the proposed redevelopment; and
6. Access to the property.

The focus of the inventory will continue to be on sites that are eligible and ready for assessment under the EPA program. In addition, ETDD considers local government interest in redevelopment to be an important factor in choosing sites. These sites are preferred because they are targeted by the community for redevelopment, and the local governments could potentially contribute additional public funds for assessment and cleanup.

The EPA will announce grant awards in the spring of 2010. If awarded, the new \$400,000 grant request will involve a continuation of the hazardous material contamination site evaluation program and will add petroleum contaminated sites as a new category of sites that can be evaluated. As greenfield properties become more expensive to acquire and develop, the re-development of brownfield properties is becoming an increasingly cost-effective option for local governments to consider whenever they decide to increase their inventory of developable property.

Economic Development

Economic development grant applications that were submitted since July include an Economic Development Administration (EDA) Public Works application and an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Gems of Appalachia application.

The EDA grant application was submitted by Heritage Center, LLC, a subsidiary of the Community Reuse Organization of East Tennessee. If awarded, the \$500,000 grant will partially fund road and utility infrastructure servicing the 40-acre Parcel ED-5 located at the front of Heritage Center (previously referred to as the East Tennessee Technology Park) on the Department of Energy owned Oak Ridge Reservation. Heritage Center's near term plans are to construct two speculative buildings at Parcel ED-5. At full build-out, it is estimated that Parcel ED-5 will be able to accommodate approximately 350,000 square feet of facility space.

The ARC Gems of Appalachia grant application was submitted on behalf of Scott County. The ARC initiative will provide funding to gateway communities of the Big South Fork National River and Recreational Area to enhance the economic development opportunities associated with the proximity of the recreational area while protecting the region's natural ecosystems, landscapes and cultural heritage. If awarded, the grant will assist Scott County develop a natural/cultural heritage tourism assessment.

North and South RPO meetings

The North and South RPO Technical Committees will meet on Friday, November 13. The North will meet at 10:00 a.m. and the South will meet at 1:00 p.m. Both groups will meet at the office of East Tennessee Human Resource Agency (ETHRA) in Knoxville.

TDOT Executives will be on hand to review the projects that are ready for funding, which are prioritized and considered for each year's Three-Year Work Program.

Complete meeting information will be distributed at least a week prior to the meeting. Please contact Jennifer Lehto at (865) 273-6003 or jlehto@etdd.org if you need more information or if you have any questions.

Other Grant Opportunities on the Horizon

Please be aware that this fall and winter TDOT will again offer the enhancement grant program and the Safe Routes to School grant program. The enhancement application will be due on November 2, and the Safe Routes to School

application will most likely be due in February or March 2010. The enhancement grant application is now available on-line. Please contact ETDD staff as soon as possible if you would like assistance with preparing your application.

The Safe Routes to School program requires that all applicants must attend a workshop to be eligible for funding. The workshop has not yet been scheduled, but it is normally held in December. Please be aware of this requirement if you are interested in applying, and periodically check the TDOT website for the schedule. ETDD staff will also get the word out as soon as the information is available.

Nineteen East Tennessee Bridges Selected for Replacement or Repair

Of 111 bridges selected for repair or replacement in the first year of TDOT's four-year Better Bridges Program, nineteen are located in the East Tennessee Development District area. The program will span a total of four years, and it will be funded with bonds. Two additional projects in the District area were also identified for the second year.

Statewide, the most expensive bridge project for the first year, weighing in at \$20 million, is the replacement of the SR-33 bridge in Union County over Norris Lake. The bridge was constructed in 1936. Citing today's lower construction costs, Governor Bredesen and TDOT Commissioner Nicely said that now is the best time to repair and replace deficient bridges which might otherwise be deferred for several years as costs are expected to rise in the future.

ETDD Transportation Planner Appointed to National RPO Council

Jennifer Lehto, ETDD Transportation Planner, has been officially appointed to serve on RPO America's National RPO Council of Peers by the Board of Directors of the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO). RPO America is a program affiliate of NADO that serves as the only national professional association for rural transportation planners, practitioners and stakeholders. The association provides a national forum for peer information exchanges, training, research and other professional development activities related to strengthening transportation planning and development in small metropolitan and rural regions across the nation. The RPO Council typically meets twice each year and Ms. Lehto will serve on the Council for the next two years.

2009 - 2010 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Each year the District prepares the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) document as a requirement of its planning contract with the Economic Development Administration. In mid-September, ETDD completed the update of the 2009-2010 version of the CEDS and the document is currently available for review by public officials and private citizens. A copy of the document is available for review at the ETDD offices and is also available on ETDD's website www.discoveret.org/etdd.

In compliance with program rules, the CEDS document was reviewed by the District's CEDS Subcommittee on August 18th and their comments were incorporated into the document. There were several new initiatives that were added to the CEDS - an expansion of our regional brownfields assessment program has been added as well as the addition of a new initiative in Jefferson County that involves the development of a multi-modal transportation facility in the New Market area and in Campbell County, the development of a new industrial area near Exit 141 off Interstate 75.

The document was made available for public review and comment on August 20th and was placed on our website the same day. The overall objective of the CEDS is to provide guidance to local leaders so that future investments in economic development projects and programs can best take advantage of regional assets. The document also provides to the Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, a baseline of strategic projects that are acknowledged as primary stepping stones to achieving the region's overall economic development objectives.

Solid Waste Program

Each county in the region is required to prepare a Needs Assessment of their solid waste stream every five years. ETDD has been contracted by the State to prepare these assessments on behalf of our counties. Assessments are prepared on a five year rotation basis. ETDD has performed needs assessments for the following counties to date: Blount, Campbell, Cocke, Grainger, Morgan and Union County. ETDD recently completed a Needs Assessment for Anderson County and will complete Assessments for Hamblen County and Jefferson County by the end of the year.

Each year, every solid waste region is required to submit annual reports by the end of March. The reports cover the time period from January to December of the previous calendar year. ETDD assisted the following counties in 2009 with the preparation of their Reports: Campbell, Cocke, Grainger, Hamblen, Scott and Union County. Please contact Mitch Loomis for assistance - it is not too early to start gathering data.

Recycling Program

The Recycling Grant Program applications are due on October 15, 2009. The recycling equipment grant is an excellent way for local governments and non-profit organizations working with local governments to purchase key pieces of recycling equipment. Items traditionally purchased under this grant include: roll off containers, skid loaders, shredders, scales, assorted styles collection containers, and educational materials used to educate the general public. Communities may apply for up to \$25,000. The matching portion for the grant ranges from 10%-50% and is based on population and ability to pay.

The following communities have asked assistance from ETDD staff:

- Blaine -Brush Chipper
- Caryville-Recycling Containers for Homeowners
- Gatlinburg-Roll-Off Bin for Cardboard
- Huntsville-Leaf Vacuum
- LaFollette-Recycling Truck for door to door collection.
- White Pine-Brush Chipper
- Union County-Recycling Containers for Convenience Centers
- Campbell County-Skid Steer Loader
- Scott County-Plastic Shredder
- Cocke County-Recycling Containers for Convenience Centers
- Monroe County-Brush Chipper and Containers
- Roane County-Paint Recycling
- Cocke County-Recycling Containers for School Classrooms

ETDD Publishes "2009 Annual Utility Rate Survey"

The "Annual Utility Rate Survey" is a comparison of residential utility rates in the East Tennessee Development District. The survey is conducted each August and distributed to the utilities and local officials serving the region. A copy of the complete report can be found on ETDD's web site at <http://www.discoveret.org/etdd> under Research and Demographics. Listed below are summaries from the 2009 survey:

WATER	WASTEWATER	GAS
<i>Monthly (Based on rate at 5,000 gallons)</i>	<i>Monthly (Based on rate at 5,000 gallons)</i>	<i>Annual Usage Cost (Based on 72 MCF on Jan. 1, 2009)</i>
<i>Inside City: 32 rate structures \$22.60 average \$593 - average tap fee</i>	<i>Inside City: 41 rate structures \$29.68 average \$761 - average tap fee</i>	<i>2008 average = \$ 962.58</i>
<i>Outside City: 30 rate structures \$33.82 average \$794 - average tap fee</i>	<i>Outside City: 30 rate structures \$46.18 average \$982 - average tap fee</i>	<i>2009 average = \$1,014.70</i>
<i>Utility Districts & Others: 32 rate structures \$34.26 average \$734 - average tap fee</i>	<i>Utility Districts & Others: 15 rate structures \$39.36 average \$1,148 - average tap fee</i>	<i>change = 5.0% increase 15 different rate structures</i>
<i>Overall Averages: 94 different rate structures \$30.15 average = 5.0% increase \$705-average tap fee = 3.0% increase</i>	<i>Overall Averages: 86 different rate structures \$37.12 average = 7.0% increase \$899-average tap fee = 12.0% increase</i>	

The survey only compares residential rates and does not attempt to survey commercial and industrial rates. Since utility rates can change at any time during the year, anyone interested in a specific utility's current rates should contact that utility directly.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Early Reminder!!! Communities should begin thinking about upcoming CDBG projects for 2010. In anticipation of a grant application deadline in late February of 2010, the closeout of existing projects will need to be completed by the end of January of 2010. A statewide public hearing on the 2010 CDBG Program will be held in Nashville on September 30, 2009.

The State of Tennessee is expected to announce the award of 2009 CDBG funding in early October of 2009. ETDD communities that have 2009 applications under review include Cumberland Gap, Cocke County, Claiborne County, Morgan County, Blount County, Madisonville, Jacksboro, Vonore, White Pine, Jefferson City and Jefferson County.

ETDD staff is currently assisting the following communities with the administration of their projects.

Harrogate Wastewater Line Extension, Jellico Wastewater Line Rehabilitation, Dandridge Water Line Extension, Campbell County Water Line Extension, Rockwood Wastewater System Rehabilitation, Newport Flood Control, Clinton Housing Rehabilitation, Scott County Wastewater Line Extension, Union County Water Line Extension and the Sweetwater Wastewater Line Extension.

Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)

ETDD staff assisted the Arthur-Shawnee Utility District in Claiborne County and Newport Utilities with the submission of full applications to the Appalachian Regional Commission. ETDD also assisted the City of Newport with the preparation of a full application that will be reserved as a back-up project by the ARC.

The ARC has announced that the 2010 pre-applications for funding are due in Nashville on October 1, 2009.

ETDD staff is currently working with the following communities.

Scott County-Wastewater Line Improvements
Winfield-Community Center Upgrade
City of Newport-Stormwater Improvements
ADFAC-Water Filtering System
Newport Utilities-Parrottsville Waterline Extension
Harrogate-Sewer Line Extension
Roane County-Wastewater Plant Upgrade
Monroe County-Water Line Extension
Rockwood-Wastewater Line Rehabilitation
Claiborne County-Walters State Community College Improvements
Campbell County-Industrial Infrastructure

FEMA

The Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant applications that were submitted in April of 2009 are still being reviewed by

the national evaluation committee. Announcements of grant awards are still being made on a periodic basis and the process should continue through the end of the year. The status of a particular application can be checked by going to www.fema.gov/government/grant/index or simply call the ETDD staff for assistance.

The application period for the Fire Prevention and Safety Grant (FP&S) program is now open and runs through October 23, 2009 (5 p.m. EST). The FP&S grants support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. The primary goal is to target high-risk populations, firefighter safety and mitigate high incidences of death and injury. Examples of the types of projects supported by FP&S include fire prevention and public safety education campaigns, juvenile fire setter interventions, media campaigns, and arson prevention and awareness programs.

TDOT Enhancement Grant Program

TDOT has announced the list of projects that were approved for funding from last year's grant round. Within our district there were six jurisdictions that received funding - Anderson County, Clinton, Jefferson County, Knoxville, Scott County and Gatlinburg. Across the State, TDOT awarded thirty-nine grants totaling over \$17 million dollars.

In regard to the 2010 program, The Department of Transportation began accepting enhancement grant applications in August and will continue accepting applications through November 2 of this year. Enhancement grant funds can be used for such things as the construction of walking trails, bike trails, off-road trails, visitor's centers, sidewalks, installing signage, landscaping, historic preservation activities and other activities that relate to improving the state's transportation system. Contact ETDD if you have a project in mind and need assistance with an application.

Environmental Protection Agency Grants

The preparation of funding applications to the Environmental Protection Agency and the subsequent administration of grant awards is an extremely complicated and technical process. Over the past five years, the ETDD staff has developed a specific expertise in the areas of EPA grant application and project administration. ETDD staff is currently assisting the following communities with administration of EPA STAG Congressional Appropriations:

Newport-Newport Utilities-Water Line Extension
Jefferson City-Water Plant Rehabilitation
City of Norris-Wastewater Plant Improvements/Sewer Line Rehab
Morgan County-Plateau UD/Gobey Water Line Extension Project
City of Harrogate-Sewer Line Extension Project
Claiborne County-Water Line Extension Project
Anderson County-Park Lane Water Line Extension Project
Union County-Hwy 61 Water Line Extension Project
Campbell County-Tri-Utility Water System Connection

Lindsay Johnson Joins ETDD Staff*Lindsay Johnson*

Lindsay Johnson joined the ETDD staff on September 21, 2009 as historic preservation/housing planner. Lindsay previously worked for the Middle Flint Regional Development Center (a regional planning organization) in Americus, Georgia. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Anthropology and Art History from Vanderbilt University and a Master's Degree in Historic Preservation

from the University of Georgia in Athens. She was raised in the small rural community of Lafayette in northern middle Tennessee. ETDD welcomes Lindsay to the staff!

Douglas Cherokee Receives Grant

Douglas Cherokee Economic Authority has received a \$699,120 grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to fund a YouthBuild Project in Hamblen County. The program will enable young high school dropouts, ages 18-24, to obtain their GEDs and receive training in construction skills, especially in the energy-efficient, "green" skills needed in the future. These youth will be put to work on Habitat for Humanity homes. The program will serve 20 people the first year and 20 more the second year.

Rockwood Airport Manager Honored

Danny Collins, Rockwood Municipal Airport Manager, was recently named airport manager of the year by the Tennessee Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division. Collins has been the airport manager since 2003 and has been flying out of the airport for 15 years. ETDD congratulates Mr. Collins!

Sevierville Bridge Named For Doug Bishop

A dedication ceremony was recently held for the Douglas P. Bishop Memorial Bridge. Bishop, who served as the city administrator for Sevierville from 2002 until his death last year, had a vision for the city's future prosperity that was centered on development of the Central Business Improvement District, stretching from downtown to I-40. Doug is greatly missed by everyone who knew him.

Wiggins Renamed To State Board

Kenny Wiggins, Alcoa Director of Public Works, was recently reappointed by Governor Phil Bredesen to the Tennessee Water and Wastewater Financing Board for a three-year term. He has been on the board the longest of any of the members, having first been appointed in October 1997.

Mr. Wiggins said that when a water or wastewater utility is having financial problems it must contact the state comptroller. The utility and the comptroller get together and come up with a plan. The Water and Wastewater Financing Board then reviews the plan.

Morristown Footwear Manufacturer Brings New Jobs

Wellco Enterprises, a manufacturer of footwear for military, tactical, industrial and outdoor use, will open its new plant in the former BOS Automotive Inc. building. This will create more than 100 new jobs when it opens in the Morristown Airport Industrial District. The company said that the project will have a capital investment of \$8 million in building and equipment. Wellco is a wholly owned subsidiary of Tactical Holdings Operations Inc. of Knoxville.

Oak Ridge Mayor Appointed To Bond Fund Board

Oak Ridge Mayor Tom Beehan was recently appointed to the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund Board for a three-year term.

Founded in 1985 and based in Nashville, the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund creates and administers various types of loan programs for the benefit of Tennessee cities. As an entity of the Tennessee Municipal League, TMBF works closely with city officials to structure cost-effective and flexible borrowing options. Any governmental purpose project qualifies for financing through the TMBF programs.

Alcoa Announces \$500 Million Redevelopment Plans

The City of Alcoa recently announced the purchase of 363 acres from the Alcoa Inc. West Plant property and intends to use the property to redevelop the city's downtown area. The site is very close to McGhee Tyson Airport. The plans include housing, retail, entertainment, restaurants, medical facilities and churches in a pedestrian friendly design. The City expects to help with the infrastructure needs for the site; however, a private developer is in charge of developing the site. The project will take at least 10 years to complete and will create thousands of jobs.

New METTC Board Officers

The Middle East Tennessee Tourism Council (METTC) recently announced its new officers for the 2009-2010 fiscal year:

Chair: Tim Knight, Campbell County Chamber of Commerce
 Vice-Chair: Erin Burns Freeman, Knoxville Tourism and Sports Corporation
 Treasurer: Stephanie Wells, Anderson County Tourism Council
 Secretary: Maria Fisher, Morristown/Hamblen County Chamber of Commerce

Also, if anyone is interested in purchasing advertising space on the new 16-county motorcycle / scenic drives' brochure and map, please email vacationeasttennessee@yahoo.com.

In Remembrance

Park M. "Parky" Strader, 64, former State Representative from the 14th District of Knox County, passed away on August 19th from liver cancer. He was elected Knox County Property Assessor in 1972 and served for 28 years until 2000. In 2004, Strader was elected to the State House of Representatives and served until 2008.

Marion Lynch, 71, father of Anderson County Mayor Rex Lynch, passed away suddenly over the Labor Day weekend. Lynch graduated from Greenback High School, served in the U.S. Air Force, retired from National Cash Register Company and was a former owner of Clinton Printing Business.

Laura E. Joines, 91, of Alcoa passed away on August 30th at Morningview Transitional Care Center. She was the mother-in-law of Don Mull, Mayor of Alcoa.

ETDD extends its sincere condolences to each of these families!

Housing Summit Scheduled

The Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA) will hold its 2009 Governor's Housing Summit on October 19 and 20 at the Marriot Nashville Airport Hotel. The Summit will convene with lunch at 11:00 a.m. (CST) on October 19

and will have its last session at lunch on October 20 beginning at 11:15 a.m. After the last session, THDA will sponsor a bus tour from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. For questions about Registration, please contact Sharon Chatman at 615-815-2184. Attendance is capped at 550 persons.

GSMNP Welcomes Large Crowd For The 75th Anniversary Event

On Wednesday, September 2nd approximately 2,000 federal, state, and local officials along with special guests attended the 75th Anniversary Event for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GSMNP) held at Newfound Gap. They came to honor the past as well as to look to the future. The ceremony was held at the same site that the original dedication of the Park was held in 1940 and attended by then President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

New Assistant Secretary Of Commerce For Economic Development Announced

The U.S. Senate recently confirmed John R. Fernandez as the new Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development. He is a former mayor of Bloomington, Indiana.

The Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration supports the economic development needs of distressed communities throughout the United States. Its mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness and preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy.

Terry Bobrowski Elected To NADO Board

Terry Bobrowski, ETDD Executive Director, was elected to the National Association of Development (NADO) 2009-2010 Board of Directors on September 1, 2009 at NADO's annual business meeting. The meeting was held in conjunction with the association's 42nd annual training conference in Chicago, Illinois.

The NADO Board of Directors oversees the association's budget and operations and develops policy on issues affecting regional development organizations. The organization was founded in 1967 to provide training information and representation for regional development organization throughout the United States.

ADC Annual Meeting

Areawide Development Corporation members heard State



Senator Doug Overbey describe a new initiative to provide venture capital for small business firms, elected officers for the 2009-2010 fiscal year and heard reports on loan activity during its annual meeting and golf tournament, held Tuesday, Sept. 22, at Egwani Farms Golf Course in Rockford.

Senator Doug Overbey

Overbey described the Act which he and State Representative Charles Sargent of Williamson County filed last January and which was enacted by the Tennessee Legislature June 18.

The Act enables the state to sell \$120 million in future tax credits to insurance companies in exchange for their investing money in six venture capital funds, called "TNInvestcos." These, in turn, will invest in small businesses. Funds will be obtained from participating insurance companies during the first year of the program, he said, while they will get tax credits of 10 to 15 percent in each of the third through 10th years of the program.

He added when a small business invested in by a TNInvestco is sold or goes public; the state will receive 50 percent of the profit from the transaction. "If this works the way we think it will work, once the general fund is paid back, profits will go into the state's Rural Development Fund," for further economic development efforts, he said.

Officers Re-elected

David Verble, president of Citizen's National Bank of Sevierville, was re-elected president of the Areawide board; Kent Bewley, Bewley Properties, Inc., Greenville, was elected vice president; Teri Braham, executive director of Pellissippi State Technical Community College's Business and Community Services



Teri Braham, Secretary

Division in Knoxville, was elected secretary, and Jim McBrearty, McBrearty Capital Management of Knoxville, was elected treasurer.

Also elected to the board of directors at the annual meeting were Letitia Campbell, president of Small Business Resources, Inc., Elizabethton; Greg Davis, chief lending officer at Smart Bank, Pigeon Forge; Donald Hurst,

President of the Cocke County Partnership, Newport; Steve Jones, semi-retired from Home Federal Bank, Knoxville, and Harvey Mitchell of State of Franklin Savings Bank, Greenville.

Loan Activity

Don Woods, Areawide's director, noted that the number of SBA section 504 loans made during the 2009 fiscal year were down due to the slumping economy. Areawide made six such loans, totaling \$7,020,000 in loan volume for the year, which was down from 11 loans, totaling \$8,765,000, for 2008. Although smaller in number, he noted the loans made were for larger amounts, averaging \$1,070,000 for 2009, up from \$796,000 for 2008. Four loans are in process, waiting to be closed, he added.



Don Woods, Director

He acknowledged two borrowers had gone out of business, a car dealership and a home builder.

He added that loan rates are currently very favorable: 10 year debentures carry a full term rate of 4.8% and 20 year debentures carry a full term rate of 5.6%.

He continued that Areawide closed two loans under the Rural Development Intermediary Lending Program for a combined loan volume of \$303,500.

Terry Bobrowski, Areawide's executive vice president, added that \$165,000 is available to be loaned from the Small and Minority-Owned Businesses loan program, which targets very small businesses and those with minority ownership or that are in rural areas. Four such loans were made in the 2009 fiscal year, totaling \$193,000. It has another in the works for \$53,000, he said. "If you have leads, let us know," he told the corporation membership.



Don Woods & Clinton Smith, Retired SBA District Director

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Calendar of Events

October 2009

- 1 Appalachian Regional Commission Pre-application deadline
- 7-9 TCSA Fall Conference, Chattanooga
- 8 East Tennessee Regional Council of Fire Chiefs
- 12 Columbus Day, ETDD offices closed
- 13 ETDD Executive Committee & ETHRA Policy Council Meetings, ETHRA Offices
- 15 Recycling Grants deadline
- 16 EPA Brownfields Application Deadline
- 19-20 Governors' Housing Summit, Nashville
- 22-23 Association of Tennessee Valley Governments (ATVG) Annual Conference, Gatlinburg
- 23 FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Deadline
- 28-30 Rural Transportation Peer Learning Conference, Savannah, Georgia

November 2009

- 2 Transportation Enhancement Grants deadline
- 10 ETDD Executive Committee & ETHRA Policy Council Meetings, ETHRA Offices
- 13 North and South RPO Technical Committee Meetings, ETHRA Offices
- 26-27 Thanksgiving Holidays, ETDD offices closed

December 2009

- 1 Preserve America Application deadline
- 3 North and South RPO Executive Board Meetings, ETHRA Offices
- 8 ETDD Executive Committee & ETHRA Policy Council Meetings, ETHRA Offices
(*may cancel*)
- 24-25 Christmas Holidays, ETDD offices closed