

Nomination Received by Council on Environmental Quality, Executive Office of the President
For the CEQ NEPA Pilot Project Program
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PART I. NOMINATOR

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Project Title:	Tri Region Green Innovation for National Connectivity
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PART II. SHORT ANSWERS

I. What Federal agency or agencies will be involved in this pilot project?

"U.S. Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration (EDA), in partnership with the U.S. Departments of Agriculture and Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the National Science Foundation, and the Commerce Department's National Institute of Standards and Technology, and U.S. Patent and Trademark Office"

II. What is the Federal action to which this NEPA pilot project applies?

"This project has many objectives that apply to NEPA; environment, clean air, clean water, climate change. Executive Order 13514 President's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness (PCJC), Executive Order 13514 accountability, transparency, and reporting requirements, and Executive Order 13562 Recruiting and Hiring Students and Recent Graduates"

III. How will this pilot project reduce the costs and time needed to complete the NEPA process?

This project will showcase the environmental needs and show the steps taken to steam line and create transparency, will showcase environmental impact and actions taken for improvement based on the above Executive Orders, and project planning procedures to reduce time lines and cost

IV. How will this pilot project ensure rigorous environmental protection?

This project will set clear policy targets, which include access to clean water, remediation, recycling plan development, create indicators for needed protection,

V. How will this pilot project improve the quality and transparency of agency decisionmaking?

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This project has numerous corporate, not profit , and community partners, which require openness to communicate effectively. We believe this project will allow new assessment in accountability using some of the latest technology for systematic monitoring and evaluation needs.

VI. Will this pilot project develop best practices that can be replicated by other agencies or applied to other Federal actions or programs? Please describe?

This project will develop best practices that can be applied to other federal agencies, and projects for replication to accomplish numerous task and action items. These practices apply to technology, water and energy efficiency, accountability, green job creation, education and educational tools, student participation, community empowerment, economic foundations, and the methodology required for maximum achievement.

PART III. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

(See attachment on following page.)

NEPA Pilot Program Nomination:

Tri Region Green Innovation for National Connectivity

The i6 Green Challenge is a federal opportunity to create a Proof of Concept Center to showcase goals that can be achieved from new green innovation strategic plans, and implementation. There are several federal partnering agencies for the i6 Green Challenge; the Department of Commerce EDA, DOE, USDA, USPTO, and EPA.

Nor-Cal FDC a non profit organization is the applicant for this project with BMB Construction Properties as there primary strategic community partner.

Within this project an economic platform will be created that will provide attendees with educational tools that will be beneficial for long term personal and business growth. Through these steps they will develop skills that move individuals from workforce, to management, to business leaders / entrepreneurs. We expect this will magnify skilled, educated labor, increase manufacturing in the US, stir the economy, reduce the unemployment rate, and align business needs, and workforce demands. The goal is to create sustainable connectivity to strengthen community economic foundations, and to create paths for creative output, and restore manufacturing in the US. We will maximize our network of corporate relations, business relations, non profit organizations, educational institutions, community relations, city and state. This type of infrastructure will be developed in such a way that it can be replicated any where in the country. These essential components are needed; educational institution, financial capability pipelines, technology infrastructure, business community, employment needs, and manufacturing needs. The initial regional geographic area for the pilot is located in the Western Region in Alameda, California connecting numerous counties for the first phase of the project. We currently have collaborative relationships with New Orleans, Louisiana, and Jacksonville, Florida which are also suffering high unemployment, a rise in crime, and economic hardships. These relationships/ partners will participate in the second phase of the project for national job creation, and manufacturing creation. A Proof of Concept Center is a much needed asset for all communities that desire sustainability.

This project is currently being reviewed by the EDA for a funding request of \$1,571,500.00. There are components of the project that have been implemented successfully. If we are selected by the EDA this will give the project the first opportunity to implement all phases under one umbrella. The proposed timeline is July 2011, and this plan has been under development for several years to create green sustainable economic platforms. The initial phase is for 2 years, but the goal is long term sustainable growth.

- Community & Economic Revitalization
- Water Efficiency
- Energy Efficiency
- Renewable Energy Resources/ BioFuels

- Green Technology
- Green Manufacturing
- Remediation
- Waste Management
- Abatement
- Climate Change Initiatives
- Green Education
- Recycling Plans
- Small Business Capacity Building
- Small Business Technical and Financial Assistance

Nature of Project

This project will further the goals of the Obama Administration placing it under Executive Orders 13564, 13562, and 13514, which will assist with reducing the current unemployment rate. We have provided economic development services to underserved markets and small disadvantaged businesses in the form of access to information, education, water and energy efficiency, sustainability, green technology, access to capital, job creation and technical assistance. We have successfully teamed with community partners to develop custom programs to provide small business support services, and green innovation. This will support participants gaining access to green educational tools that lead to real opportunities.

Goals and Objectives

Goals are as follows:

- Functionality, usability, and security
- Jobs creation
- Provide this platform on a national basis in communities rural, and urban
- Sustainable lifestyle practices
- Green education
- Healthier Communities
- New technology creation
- Economic Development
- Financial capacity builders program
- New connectivity
- Strengthen the Business Community
- Green Technology Innovation Platforms

Previously it had been a challenge to get entities engaged at understanding the benefits of these goals and objectives of a project such as this. Due to the numerous communities facing economic hardship this has become a more common realization, and necessity. Previously many of the project goals where self-

funded to show the importance of strategic alliances, and economic platforms . With the support of the federal government this can and will be accomplished on a national scale. We have had conversations regarding these goals with the US DOT, EPA, GSA, and DOE. We seek be an asset to assist in the goals of the Obama Administration.