

## BDC Pre-Qualifies Environmental Consulting Firms

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Baltimore, MD (May 10, 2007) – The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) today announced that in response to a recently issued Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for environmental services, it has pre-qualified six environmental consulting firms to carry out environmental site assessments and other services in connection with the city's Brownfields Initiative and other redevelopment projects.

The six firms are:

- Arc Environmental – Baltimore, MD
- ARM Group, Inc. – Columbia, MD
- Chesapeake GeoSciences, Inc. – Columbia, MD
- Geo-Technology Associates, Inc. – Laurel, MD
- EA Engineering, Science and Technology – Sparks, MD
- KCI Technologies, Inc. – Hunt Valley, MD

The Brownfields Initiative is partially funded under co-operative agreements with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Current agreements involve a \$200,000 Brownfields Site Assessment grant, \$400,000 in targeted Brownfields Cleanup grants, and a \$1 million Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund. U. S. EPA requires a competitive bidding process prior to awarding any contracts under these programs.

Since BDC also uses local bond funds and state brownfields funds to carry out site assessments, cleanups and other related activities, the pre-qualification process was designed to apply to sites funded through these sources as well.

Earlier this year, BDC issued an RFQ for environmental consulting firms and received 13 proposals. A five-member panel unanimously recommended the six selected firms after short-listing the respondents and interviewing them.

With each firm possessing a great deal of experience with brownfields sites, the group is well suited to guide projects through the Maryland Department of the Environment's Voluntary Cleanup Program. Firms will be selected for a specific project depending upon expertise, availability and workload.

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