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## **ADEQ Officials Announce \$11,500 Brownfields Grant to Chicanos Por La Causa for Environmental Assessment**

PHOENIX (March 3, 2014) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that an \$11,500 Brownfields grant has been awarded to Chicanos Por La Causa of Phoenix for a phase one environmental site assessment on a vacant, 14-acre parcel in downtown Phoenix intended for housing development.

A partnership between Chicanos Por La Causa and Urban Sol Development Company is hoping to build 520 new affordable residential dwellings on the land, south of West Lincoln Street between Fourth and Sixth Avenue. Additionally, the master plan anticipates the construction of 171,000 square feet of commercial office space and 15,000 square feet of retail space.

A phase one environmental assessment identifies any potential or existing environmental contaminants. It will also identify cleanup options and estimates of cost.

“This is an excellent example of how our Brownfields program makes communities better by analyzing if there are environmental problems as, in a case like this, where much needed affordable housing can be built in an urban center,” said ADEQ Director Henry Darwin.

A Brownfield is an abandoned or under-used property with an active redevelopment potential that suffers from known or perceived environmental contamination. More information on Brownfields is available at:

<http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/waste/cleanup/success.html>

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