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## **ADEQ Announces \$21,000 Brownfields Grant Awarded to Somerton for Abating Asbestos in Structure to be Demolished**

PHOENIX (June 16, 2014) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that a \$21,000 Brownfields grant has been awarded to the City of Somerton for asbestos abatement in a downtown building slated for demolition in preparation for construction of a new city hall complex.

The Brownfields work and demolition are part of the southeast Arizona city's downtown redevelopment plan, which was adopted by the Somerton city council to revitalize the central part of the city of about 14,000 residents.

The new city hall is expected to improve the level and convenience of service to city residents and become an aesthetic hub to assist in the development of a business district in the Yuma County city, located 13 miles north of Arizona's border with Mexico.

"This is an excellent example of how our Brownfields money improves communities in Arizona," said ADEQ Director Henry Darwin. "This asbestos abatement funding is a vital element in the city moving forward with downtown redevelopment."

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>