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## **ADEQ Awards \$75,000 Brownfields Grant to Tombstone to Address Environmental Issues at Historic City Hall**

PHOENIX (Aug. 21, 2014) – A \$75,000 Brownfields grant has been awarded to City of Tombstone, the popular Wild West tourist destination, to address environmental issues at its historic, 19<sup>th</sup> Century city hall, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today.

The Arizona State Response Grant (SRG) funding will be used to assess the potential danger posed by environmental hazards such as lead-based paint and asbestos at the building, located at 315 E. Front Street. The original structure was built in 1882 during Tombstone's heyday and has been utilized as a fire station, jail and city offices but is now vacant.

The building, placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972, was designed by Architect Frank Walker and is noted for its late Victorian style. The Brownfields grant, along with the city's application and anticipated funding for a Rural Development Community Facilities Aid Grant would allow for essential city service offices to return to the building.

ADEQ Director Henry Darwin said the funding will play a large role in helping Tombstone achieve one of its main goals, the revitalization of the Fremont Street area. Refurbishing the historic building is an integral part of that process.

"This is a prime example of how our Brownfields program makes Arizona communities better while going hand in hand with attracting more tourism dollars to popular destinations like Tombstone," Darwin said.

A Brownfield is an abandoned or under-used property with an active redevelopment potential that suffers from known or perceived environmental contamination. Funding for Arizona's State Response Grants is provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. For more information on Brownfields: <http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/waste/cleanup/brownfields.html>.

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