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Miamisburg Mound Community Improvement Corporation To Receive \$1.3 Million Grant

WASHINGTON, DC — The Department of Energy (DOE) today announced that it will award \$1.3 million to the Miamisburg Mound Community Improvement Corporation (MMCIC) to transition the Mound site from a former weapons production facility to the economically viable Mound Advanced Technology Center. MMCIC is the community reuse organization (CRO) for the department's Mound Site in Ohio.

"The Energy Department is a good neighbor to the communities surrounding our sites," Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham said. "We will continue to work with the Miamisburg Mound Community Improvement Corporation and other community reuse organizations around the country to retain, expand, or create new jobs for workers affected by restructuring efforts."

Three hundred thousand dollars will be used to modify and update the marketing plan for the Mound Advanced Technology Center. The grant will also provide the MMCIC with the tools to market existing and proposed office space, warehouse and light-manufacturing space in the short term. In the long term, the marketing plan will be critical to position the property in ways that maximize its advantages to attract quality tenants.

A CRO is an organization recognized by the Energy Department that can apply for funding for projects that can modify the impacts or workforce restructuring at its facilities and reduce community dependence on the department's activities.

The announced closure of DOE's Mound facility initiated new roles and responsibilities for the Energy Department and led to the establishment of the MMCIC. The MMCIC was established to redevelop and reuse the Mound site as well as to transfer Mound assets for reuse. The MMCIC was chartered with the vision of establishing the Mound Advanced Technology Center to generate new job opportunities that will be available to dislocated DOE contractor workers.

The Energy Department and the MMCIC have created or retained 575 new economy jobs, and estimate that 1,130 jobs will be created or retained by 2005.
