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NCICG Helps City of Ottawa Secure a \$1.98 million EDA Grant



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October 19, 2011: Ottawa IL - The North Central Illinois Council of Governments assisted the City of Ottawa in securing a grant of \$1.98 million from the U.S. Department of Commerce - Economic Development Administration. This grant will be utilized by the City of Ottawa to make infrastructure improvements to City owned property in the Ottawa Industrial Park. The total project cost is \$3.96 million. The project will make the city owned property ready for private sector investment.

They project will prepare approximately 78 acres of city owned property with the construction of approximately 1,600 l.f. roadway, 5,500 l.f. of sanitary sewer main, 8,000 l.f. of watermain, 3,100 l.f. of stormwater main, stormwater drainage and detention facilities, and 2,800 l.f. of railroad spur. Sanitary sewer and water lines will be bored under the CSX railroad and the I & M Canal and connect to the existing system on Canal Road. The project also includes the purchase of approximately 8.71 acres of private property for the installation of the rail spur.

The City of Ottawa is looking to attract downstream users of titanium powder being produced in the industrial park by International Titanium Powder (ITP). ITP's Ottawa plant has the first in the world plant of producing titanium powder using the Armstrong Process™.

The NCICG, EDA designated, Economic Development District serves the counties of Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall and Putnam. EDA leads the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness and helping to prepare American Regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy.