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Jim Doyle, Governor
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October 29, 2004

Bishop's Creek Community Development Corporation
c/o Drake Environmental, Inc.
D.J. Burns
6980 North Teutonia Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53209

Dear Mr. Burns:

The Wisconsin Department of Commerce enthusiastically supports the Bishop's Creek Community Development Corporation's application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to obtain funding from the Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund and the Cleanup Grant. The site exceeds 5 acres and suffered from an unforeseeable fire that required immediate corrective environmental actions to reduce and minimize health risks. A positive funding decision from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will help to convert a dangerous contaminated blighted property into a successful \$40 million redevelopment that will anchor and attract future development efforts in the community.

The cleanup of a significant industrial site in Milwaukee would be of immeasurable benefit to Southeastern Wisconsin due to the resulting increase in property values and employment opportunities. Commerce is extremely pleased to provide assistance to a project that will offer an innovative mixed-use redevelopment in a county where the unemployment rate is 30% higher than the state average. Please keep Commerce informed of the progress of this project to enable the agency to actively explore ways in which we can assist in the future.

The unwavering commitment to turn brownfield properties into opportunities for economic and social redevelopment has been clearly demonstrated by Bishop's Creek Community Development Corporation. The Department of Commerce will continue to support your redevelopment efforts. Thank you for your leadership, vision, and substantial investment of resources that will convert brownfields into productive properties that will increase tourism, economic development, and provide new attractive housing for the community encompassing the redevelopment.

Sincerely,

David K. Sforzo
for: Cory L. Nettles
SECRETARY, Deputy

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