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BROWNFIELDS



Providence Engineering Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Showcasing a Brownfields property to do work for grantees on Brownfields sites

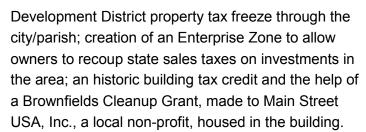




Barnes Buick Company building had been abandoned since the 1980s and featured approximately 20,000 square feet that was in a state of ill repair. Located in an historically suburban hub, it was separated from downtown Baton Rouge in the 1960s when I-10 was constructed. 40% of the area residents live below poverty level and 84% are minority.

Providence Engineering saw the facility as a "gem in the making" although it was suspected that there were a number of environmental concerns, such as mold, asbestos tiles, lead-based paint, petroleum and paint containers and animal waste. They wanted to be close to the organizations with whom they do business; they wanted to help revitalize the mid-cities neighborhood and they felt an environmental company could and should headquarter on a former Brownfields site.

This project was made financially feasible through the use of several incentives including an Economic



Providence was able to convert the property into its headquarters, along with a substantial investment of materials purchased for the building. The mixed-use space accommodates approximately 60 workers, in retail, art studio, and office space.











