



ECA is the US-based national, non-profit organization of local governments adjacent to and/or impacted by U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) nuclear activities.

The mission of ECA

“To bring together local government officials to share information, establish policy positions, and promote community interests to address an increasingly complex set of constituent, environmental, regulatory, and economic development needs.”

ECA Organization

- 30 years of experience working with DOE, Congress, and state and federal regulators on missions critical to US national defense and energy security.
- Formed by local communities – not the US Government
- Membership includes 40+ city and county governments, port authorities, community reuse organizations, chambers of commerce, economic development councils, universities, school districts, etc.
- Represents current and potential host communities of national laboratories; interim and permanent nuclear waste storage facilities; EM cleanup sites; nuclear power facilities; etc.



Federal Community/Site Assets

Land

People -

Highly trained and
experienced workers
(e.g., engineers,
craftspeople)

**Supportive Host
Communities**

Facilities

Roads

**Port/River/Rail
lines**

**Electricity
transmission
facilities / grid
connections**

**Natural resources
(e.g., surface water,
ground water)**

Technology

Energy resources

Equipment

Security


**Site environmental
characterization
data**

Safety culture

**Incentives (e.g., loan
guarantees,
purchase
agreements, tax
credits)**



Economic Reuse of Federal Facilities – It Should Be Simple

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- Develop a Use (why do you want the property?)
 - Identify Property
 - Identify Needs – Transfer/Conveyance
 - Request the Property (770 Request)/Other Process
 - Negotiate Terms with DOE/NNSA/DOD
 - Acquire/Convey Property



Cleanup Goals

“Completion”

- President – Resource Availability \$
- Congress – Mission Success
- Contractor – Financial Reward
- Community – Remediated Site
- Workforce – Job Loss
- Regulators – Reassignment / Job Loss
- DOE – Reassignment / Job Loss

Who will have reached their objective?



Cleanup Pressures

“End State”

- Contractor – Scope of Work
- DOE – Contract Management Tool
- Community – Expected Outcome

Interpretation of the “End State” can vary significantly. Does your definition align with the others?



Remember

Cleanup family members have significantly different objectives and definitions of success, which makes for a messy cleanup business.

Federal Facility Reuse is about harnessing the groups and giving them consistent goals



Lessons Learned

Set Your Goals –

what do you want? What does federal government want (the parties that control decisions and appropriations)?

Economic Dev., Workforce, Cleanup, Reuse

Know the Rules -

The laws define what the federal agencies can do at the site

Actions –

Education –process is fluid at all levels

Local federal presence facilitates cleanup



Federal Agency leadership sets the tone

Lessons Learned

Communications

Feds must engage
the community
(and vice a versa)

Know the other
parties goals

Define acceptable
risk

Build a working
relationship and
provide regular
meetings

Be Organized –
strive to speak
with one voice

Ensure you have
the resources to
engage in the
process

Following the
minimum law is
not enough





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Local concerns. National impact.

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