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## **Governor Doyle Announces \$550,000 Grant to Help Clean Up Brownfields Site in Racine**

***Award Will Help City Redevelop Contaminated Property into Modern Industrial Park; Project is Expected to Create 200 New Jobs***

RACINE – Governor Jim Doyle announced today a \$550,000 Department of Commerce award to the City of Racine to clean up a contaminated 14-acre brownfields site and help create up to 200 new jobs for southeastern Wisconsin. The Governor made the announcement at the Racine City Hall.

“With this grant, we will help the City of Racine clean up this contaminated brownfields site and develop a modern industrial park that is expected to create 200 jobs for the community,” Governor Doyle said. “I am pleased that the state is able to help Racine revitalize its downtown.”

“I want to thank Governor Doyle and the Department of Commerce for their support of this project,” said Racine Mayor Gary Becker. “It is this type of leadership and vision from the Governor that will keep Racine and Wisconsin moving ahead to be able to help private industry expand and create jobs for our citizens.”

The grant will help clean up a 14-acre site in Racine that was used by the Jacobsen Textron Company for 35 years to manufacture lawn care equipment. The City of Racine purchased the land in 2002 and will create a modern industrial park within the city that will yield as many as four industrial sites. The project includes demolishing and improving the infrastructure of the site in order to make way for the new industrial sites. The project is expected to create 200 jobs and the total project investment is \$4.6 million.

The grant is part of Commerce’s Brownfields Program, which provides grants to municipalities, local development corporations, and the private sector to support assessment, remediation, and return of contaminated lands to productive use. Brownfields are abandoned, idle, or underused industrial or commercial properties where redevelopment is hindered by real or perceived contamination.