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PETER C. ANASTOR

Peter Anastor is the Manager of Community and Urban Development for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). In this position, Peter is responsible for developing and implementing urban and community revitalization strategies for the MEDC, including oversight of the Brownfield Redevelopment Program, the Community Assistance Team and the Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) tax credit programs. Peter also serves as the Secretary to the Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) Board, which administers the MEGA and Brownfield tax credit programs. Prior to his current position, Peter held several positions at the MEDC where he was involved with allocation of brownfield redevelopment tax credits, tax increment financing, and structuring incentive packages to secure new jobs and investment for the state of Michigan. Prior to joining the MEDC, Peter served as a Budget Analyst in Michigan's Office of the State Budget where he developed budget recommendations for various state departments. Peter earned a Bachelors degree from James Madison College at Michigan State University and a Master's degree in Public Administration from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University.

CATHY BRUBAKER-CLARKE

Cathy Brubaker-Clarke is Director of Community & Economic Development with the City of Muskegon. As Director, Ms. Brubaker-Clarke oversees economic development, zoning, environmental inspections, historic districts, property disposition, Federal CDBG and HUD grants for the City and Leisure Services. Ms. Brubaker-Clarke has served as Director for twelve years. Prior to that she was the Planning Director for the City of Muskegon. Projects that she is involved directly with include brownfield redevelopment, downtown regeneration and industrial park development. Ms. Brubaker-Clarke received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Albion College and a Master of Urban Planning from the University of Michigan.

BRYAN J. CROUGH

Bryan J. Crough is Executive Director of the Traverse City Downtown Development Authority. A former Mayor of Traverse City, Bryan was employed as the Executive Director of the Old Town Playhouse for nine years, and served on the city commission for six years before resigning to assume the position with the DDA, in the fall of 1990. The Traverse City DDA not only heads the city's efforts in downtown development, but contractually administers the programs of the Downtown Traverse City Association, the Traverse City retailer's organization. In addition, the DDA, through a contract with the City, administers the City's parking system. Bryan oversees combined annual budgets in excess of \$5.4 million. The DDA has recently contracted with the City to allow Bryan to serve of assistance to the City in providing Community Development leadership beyond downtown for a period of one year. He has served as the Emcee for numerous Grand Traverse Area Organizations and Statewide Organization events. Bryan serves on a number of Traverse City Area boards and commissions. He has consulted for a variety of non-profit and downtown organizations throughout Michigan.

JEAN DERENZY

MATT DIDIER

Matt Didier is a brownfield project manager in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Region 5 offices in Chicago. Since 1999, Matt has been working with Chicago, Milwaukee and other municipalities in the Great Lakes region in their efforts to revitalize abandoned properties. Matt has worked extensively with local governments, spending three years on assignment to the Chicago Department of Environment and, previously, working on-site with the East Chicago (IN) Waterway Management District.

Prior to his brownfields assignments, Matt held positions in the Region 5 Water Division, managing grants to state and local governments and working on the establishment of drinking water revolving loan programs.

Matt has also worked in the Fairfax County, VA Office of Management and Budget and began his career with EPA in Washington, D.C. in 1989. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in public administration from Indiana University, Bloomington.

KARL DORSHIMER

Karl Dorshimer is Vice President of the Lansing EDC, where he has played key roles on many development projects both big and small over his 10 years there. From small home based micro-enterprise start-ups to multi-million dollar redevelopment projects and a billion dollar GM manufacturing plant. During this time Karl has become an expert in Brownfield Redevelopment, Tax Abatements, Tax Increment Financing, Business Retention and Attraction and dozens of other skills and tasks associated with economic development in Lansing.

Prior to coming to the Lansing EDC, Karl was involved in Economic Development in the Lansing Area, including working for 8 years with the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission and for 2 years with the Capital Area Michigan Works! Agency.

Along the way, Mr. Dorshimer has earned many honors and professional certifications including: Economic Development Finance Professional, American Institute of Certified Planners, Graduate of the Economic Development Institute, an Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement from MSU and the Most Outstanding Theses Award from the International Economic Development Council. He was also elected President of the Lansing Regional Economic Development Team and a 20 year member of the Michigan Economic Developers Association. Karl holds a Bachelor's degree in Resource Development with an emphasis in Economic Development from Michigan State University and a Master's of Science in Economic Development from the University of Alaska.

JOE DUFFICY

SUSAN ERICKSON

Susan Erickson is the Chief of the Brownfield Redevelopment Grants and Loans Unit in the Remediation and Redevelopment Division of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). She has over 20 years experience with the Department of Natural Resources and the DEQ in water quality and grant and loan programs. She has been involved in a number of

environmental programs, including the Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program, the Great Lakes Remedial Action Plan/Lakewide Management Plan Program, Fish Contaminant Monitoring Program, and Storm Water Permit Program. She manages the Brownfield Redevelopment Grant and Loan Program which provides approximately \$10 million annually in grant and loan funds to local units of government in Michigan.

Susan graduated from Michigan State University Honors College and has a BS in Biology and Zoology.

BRAD HANSEN

Brad Hansen is an Environmental Program Coordinator for Oakland County's Waste Resource Management Unit since 2001. He has been the coordinator for the Oakland Brownfield Initiative (OBI) upon his hire to the County. Among his responsibilities under the OBI are the administrations of the Oakland County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (OCBRA) as well as six separate United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) grants totaling over three million dollars. Brad has a bachelor's degree from Oakland University in Rochester Michigan.

MARC HATTON

Mr. Marc Hatton is the Redevelopment Project Manager for the City of Kalamazoo. He has lived in the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek, Michigan area for over 35 years and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Field Hydrogeology from Western Michigan University in 1992. Marc has over 16 years experience in the environmental profession both as a private consultant and in management of the City of Kalamazoo's Brownfield Redevelopment Initiative where he has been employed since March of 2000.

ERIC HELZER

CHRISTINA L. KELLY, M.U.P., M.S.

Christina Kelly is the Lead Planner for the Genesee County Land Bank Authority (GCLBA), where she directs the planning staff and works with partner organizations in Flint to clean up, green, and return abandoned and tax foreclosed properties to productive use. As the Executive to Genesee County's Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, she has helped to secure more than \$16 million in brownfield funding to demolish blighted structures and remediate contaminated properties. Ms. Kelly also serves as the Executive Vice President of the Genesee Institute where she directs research on urban abandonment, brownfields, greening and neighborhood planning. From May 2003 through July 2007, she worked as a Researcher and Lecturer in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Michigan where she conducted research on regional planning and land banking and taught applied graduate planning courses.

Prior to joining the Land Bank's planning team, Ms. Kelly worked as a brownfield policy consultant for the Traverse Group in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She received a Masters in Urban Planning and a Masters of Science in Environmental Policy from the University of Michigan in 2001. Ms. Kelly spent 2 years in the Urban Programs Office of the United States Agency for International Development after graduating from DePauw University

with a B.A in Political Science and Spanish in 1994.

BRETT LENART,

Brett Lenart, AICP, is the Community Planning Supervisor with the Washtenaw County Office of Strategic Planning. At the County, Brett is responsible for administration of the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Program, including the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority which provides assistance to 23 local jurisdictions. Previously Brett worked at the City of Ypsilanti. Brett is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University.

FLO McCORMACK

Flo McCormack is the Director of the Grant Services Program of the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC), Service Corporation. She joined the MAC in April of 2005 to develop and manage the Grant Services Program. Flo has been involved in the writing, management and implementation of grants for most of her career in both the public and private sectors. Prior to joining the MAC, Flo worked at the State level for the Michigan legislature as non-partisan staff, and at the Departments of Commerce, Natural Resources and Environmental Quality. She left the state to become the environmental administrator for Wayne County and then worked in the private sector as a consultant for 9 years. Flo earned her Bachelors and Masters Degrees from the University of Michigan.

JIM MILLS

Jim Mills of the Michigan Department of Treasury is the manager of the Accounting and Auditing Section in the Local Audit and Finance Division. He oversees the collection and audit of property taxes levied by the State of Michigan. Since revenue captured by authorities using tax increment financing is a large reconciling item when balancing projected revenue against actual receipts, he is the "go-to" person in Treasury for questions regarding the calculation of tax increment revenue.

CARRIE LEWAND-MONROE

Carrie Lewand-Monroe was appointed by Governor Jennifer M. Granholm as the Executive Director of the Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority in December of 2007. The Authority, created by Public Act 258 of 2003, has a mission of returning blighted tax reverted properties to productive and economically viable use. As Executive Director, Lewand-Monroe is responsible for developing strategies for turning these blighted properties into a productive state.

Ms. Lewand-Monroe was formerly with the Wayne County Land Bank in Detroit, Michigan. As Executive Project Manager, she was an integral part in establishing the infrastructure for and implementation of various programs of the Wayne County Land Bank, including Project SAVED II and the Home Sale Program. Prior to that, she worked as an Attorney for Allen Brothers, PLLC in Detroit and as Lead Law Clerk analyzing legal issues and creating public policy for the Office of the Governor. Ms. Lewand-Monroe received her Jurist Doctorate, Cum Laude in 2006 from the University Of Detroit Mercy School Of Law

TURKIA AWADA MULLIN

Turkia Awada Mullin, an Assistant Wayne County Executive, is also Director of the County's Economic Development Growth Engine (EDGE). Mullin, a 13-year attorney and University of Detroit-Mercy Law School graduate, has extensive background in real estate development. She is also a veteran of the U.S. Army, where she was honored with the Army Commendation Medal and Army Achievement Medal

Known for her no-nonsense approach, Mullin made her mark in the county as Executive Director of the Wayne County Land Bank. She also played a significant role in creating the county's exclusive TURBO (Transforming Underdeveloped Residential and Business Opportunities) program, which provides economic incentives to encourage new developments and improvements to properties in Wayne County.

Thanks to Mullin's leadership, the county has completed several complex deals that have saved taxpayer dollars, attracted new business and created thousands of jobs. She was instrumental in negotiating the COB0 Hall renovations, the purchase of the Guardian Building and the construction of Pinnacle Race Course. She was also key in putting together a deal that allowed Ford to retool its Wayne plant, where it will build the European version of the Focus as well as the electric Focus. And she recently lead the way in attracting advanced hybrid battery manufacturer A123Systems Center of Energy Excellence, as well as GE's new Global Research Center to Wayne County.

MELANIE PIANA

Melanie joined the Suburbs Alliance in 2004 as research assistant and now serves in the role as Associate Director. Melanie manages the Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC), a program that helps inner-cities transition to more efficient and effective redevelopment practices to become more attractive and to developers and businesses. Prior to the Suburbs Alliance, Melanie worked at Ross Roy/BBDO Detroit and Organic, Inc., two advertising and marketing agencies that service Daimler-Chrysler and as project management consultant at ISMI working on the Ford Focus powertrain program. She serves the Ferndale Downtown Development Authority (DDA) on the business development committee, and is an appointed member of the Board of Zoning Appeals. She is currently a Ferndale City Council candidate seeking to win a seat in the November 3, 2009 election.

Melanie is a Project Management Professional, certified by the internationally recognized Project management Institute and earned her Project management certificate from University of Phoenix. She holds a bachelors degreee in German and Communications from Albion College and a Masters of Urban Planning from Wayne State University.

SARAH RAINERO

THOMAS P. RUSSOW

Thomas Russow is a principal in the law firm of Braunlich, Russow & Braunlich located in Monroe, Michigan and has more than 30 years of experience in working with local governments as general counsel and in the area of economic development related to public-private real estate transactions and financing public infrastructure and brownfield activities through various tax increment revenue financing programs. He currently serves as legal counsel for various

units of local government, including: Monroe County Road Commission; Port of Monroe; Village of Dundee; City of Petersburg; City of Monroe Civil Service; Metropolitan Wastewater Control Board (Multi-jurisdictional); Brownfield Authorities for Monroe, Dundee, and Petersburg

Tom is an original member and current chairman of the Downriver River Community Conference Brownfield Consortium located in Southgate, Michigan. The DCC Brownfield Consortium consists of more than 12 different jurisdictions in Southeast Michigan and is the current recipient and serves as administrator for more than \$7 Million in EPA grants for site assessment and revolving loan fund projects principally located within those communities.

Thomas P. Russow holds graduate and professional degrees in education and law from Eastern Michigan University and the University of Toledo.

RON SMEDLEY

Ron Smedley Jr. is the Brownfield Redevelopment Coordinator for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's Remediation and Redevelopment Division, assisting community economic development and planning agencies and private developers with identifying brownfield sites and incentives for investigation and remediation at contaminated sites. He has managed five EPA brownfield grant projects, including assessment and cleanup grants for petroleum and hazardous substances sites and a revolving loan fund grant. Ron's background is in environmental planning, water and wastewater infrastructure planning, real estate marketing and finance, and natural resource management. He is a graduate of Michigan State University, and holds a Master of Public Administration from Indiana University-Bloomington

DIANE SMITH

Diane Smith is the Executive Director of the Ionia County Economic Alliance, an Economic Development Educator for MSU Extension, and serves as the Administrator for the Ionia County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. On a yearly basis, Diane is responsible for business attraction, business retention, community development and entrepreneur development in Ionia County. In 1998, Diane traveled to China as part of MSU's Food and Agriculture Study Tour and, in 1999, participated in MSU's International Training Program in India. Diane has an undergraduate degree in Psychology and will finish her Masters Degree in Community Development from Iowa State University in December 2009.

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AMY L. TORRES

Amy Torres is the Director of Economic Development for The Enterprise Group of Jackson, Inc., the county-wide economic development agency. In her capacity, Torres holds the titles of Executive Director of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority of Jackson County, and the Jackson County Economic Development Agency; and provides staffing assistance to two Local Development Finance Authorities, (including the Jackson Technology Park SmartZone), and two Downtown Development Authorities. She administers the County's Business Success Program, which customizes business services via annual retention visits to the manufacturing and high-tech industries. Torres packages incentives for existing and new businesses, promotes Jackson County for business attraction, and is experienced in project management.

Amy has been involved in economic development since 2003, previously serving as Economic

Development Project Manager for the City of Jackson. In that capacity, Torres staffed the City's Historic District Commission and developed and administered the program for the City Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. Earlier positions included CDBG Administrative Analyst and Principal Planner for the City of Jackson, employed by Region 2 Planning Commission.

She holds a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree, cum laude, from Michigan State University, and an Associates of Science degree from Jackson Community College. She is currently pursuing economic developer certification through the University of Oklahoma's Economic Development Institute program.

BOB TREZISE, JR

Bob Trezise has been President and CEO of the Lansing EDC, as well as manager of both the Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) and the Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (LBRA), since 2006. During this time, Bob also became the interim manager for the Principle Shopping District and re-organized that agency into a Main Street organization and oversaw the development of Mayor Bernero's nationally recognized Linking Lansing and "U" program, linking Michigan State University and the knowledge class with the city, as well as creating other innovative programming.

Bob has enjoyed a long career in economic development. He started and ran the economic development program for Delta Township for five years, became VP of Capital Choice for the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce that operated an economic development program for Ingham, Eaton and Clinton counties, started and ran for five years the MEDC's Community Assistance Team (CA Team) which focused on downtown development across the state of Michigan, and also created and operated the Michigan Main Street program and the BluePrints for Michigan's Downtowns.

Bob holds a bachelors degree from James Madison College (Michigan State University) and a graduate degree in Public Administration from Western Michigan University.

DARLENE VAN DALE

Darlene Van Dale has served as the DEQ's statewide coordinator for the Act 381 Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act program since 2000. In addition to Act 381 work plan review, she coordinates policy/consistency issues regarding implementation of Act 381 and provides general brownfield redevelopment assistance.

Ms. Van Dale has worked for the DNR/DEQ since 1982 and has experience in the air, groundwater, state-funded cleanup, and brownfield grant programs. Ms. Van Dale has bachelor of science degree in both Resource Development and Agriculture and Natural Resources Communications from Michigan State University.

LAREINA WHEELER

Ms. LaReina Wheeler has more than 7 years of professional experience with the city of Detroit Department of Environmental Affairs as an Environmental Specialist. Ms. Wheeler is responsible for designing, developing, implementing and managing contract procurement policies and procedures; and programs, projects, processes, and procedures for environmental

assessment, response and remedial activities. Other responsibilities consist of grant management, public speaking, community outreach, oral presentations, reviewing quotes and managing technical writing; identifying, analyzing and resolving complex organizational and operational problems and leading the work of technical and professional staff. Ms. Wheeler also communicates with various city, state, and federal agencies to coordinate and perform site investigations, abatement, remediation, hazardous waste removal, and demolition activities. Ms. Wheeler has received a Masters of Science in Administration with a focus in Health Services from Central Michigan University (May 2006) and a Bachelors of Science Degree in Human Biology from Michigan State University (May 2001).

KARA WOOD

Kara Wood is the Economic Development Director for the City of Grand Rapids where she has hands-on responsibilities with administering the Economic Development Corporation, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, SmartZone Local Development Financing Authority and Corridor Improvement Authorities. She interacts with and guides community business leaders in the positive advancement of the city's economic growth, and assists developers in implementing a wide variety of programs, including: brownfield redevelopment, and other economic revitalization incentives.

Ms. Wood also worked for the City of Lansing EDC, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority where she served in several capacities including Community Assistance Team Specialist coordinating a multi-disciplinary team providing State-based economic development services to a 12-county region.

She serves on a variety of professional boards and associations such as the Michigan Municipal League Land Use and Economic Development Committee, Michigan Magnet Fund Board of Directors, Michigan Economic Development Association Education & Advocacy Committees, West Michigan Alliance International Convention of Shopping Centers Planning Committee and the Michigan Chapter of the National Brownfield Association, Events Committee. She holds a Bachelors of Arts in Business Administration from Michigan State University and an Economic Development Finance Professional Certification from the National Development Council. She also holds a Masters of Public Administration from Western Michigan University.