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## **Brownfields Symposium and Matchmaker's Fair Scheduled**

BATON ROUGE -- The Louisiana Brownfields Symposium and Matchmaker's Fair will be held Nov. 18-19 at the Sheraton Hotel at 500 Canal St., New Orleans. The symposium is being held to raise awareness of brownfields redevelopment opportunities in Louisiana and promote the reuse of these valuable properties.

A brownfields site is one that has been abandoned or underused because of contamination from past uses. Redevelopment of such a site allows for opportunities to bring environmental and economic improvements to the property.

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, the University of New Orleans Center for Brownfields Initiatives, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development and the United States Environmental Protection Agency are playing host to the event.

The symposium will be unique because it will help match commercial realtors, lenders developers and economic development coordinators with properties that are ready for development. Attendees will learn how to recognize and take advantage of opportunities to redevelop and reuse brownfields in their communities. This will result in economic and quality of life benefits for the communities.

The conference also will feature brownfields properties from local programs in Louisiana in a matchmaker poster session.

To register for the symposium, call Phyllis Lewis with UNO at 504-280-1237 or email [plewis@uno.edu](mailto:plewis@uno.edu)  
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