# Mound Opportunities and DOE Processes





# HOW DOES DOE MEET THE GOALS WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT FUNDING -

# PARTNER WITH COMMUNITIES UTILIZE DOE ASSETS

## Primary Assets to Use Mound

- Primary types of assets:
  - Land/Property Based
  - Technology Based
  - People Based

**COMBINATION** 



### **Mound Story**

- A unique site
- Community Created a vision
- Fought for the vision
  - Were told no 100 times
  - Turned the no's into yes
  - Created a success story



#### **Assets**

- Land
- Buffer zones
- Supportive Host Communities who have assets and financing capabilities to contribute to projects
- Facilities
- Roads
- Rail lines
- Electricity transmission facilities / grid connections
- Natural resources (e.g., surface water, ground water)
- Energy resources
- Equipment
- Security
- Site environmental characterization data
- Highly trained and experienced workers (e.g., scientists, engineers, craftspeople)
- Safety culture
- Incentives (e.g., loan guarantees, purchase agreements, tax credits)

#### **What Do Communities Want?**

- Assets Use Existing Policy/Law and Models
  - Land
  - Technology
- Support and Commitment
  - DOE taking steps to implement this program
  - Corporate Buy-in
- Business Support
  - PPAs with utility providers
  - Grants if they exist (Planning and Implementation)
  - EERE/FEMP Support models for clean energy development on these sites
- DOE to be a model for other federal agencies on energy issues
- Clarity From DOE



### **Land Transfer**



"Get your facts straight first, then you can distort them as you please."

-Mark Twain



#### **Process – It Should Be Simple**

- 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**
- **Convey Property**



## DOE Issues – Mound is the Model

- What assets should be made available?
- Under what conditions should the assets be made available?
- How to ensure that processes are transparent & equitable?
- How to ensure that processes are efficient and timely?
- Indemnification?
- NEPA coverage?
- How to structure the procurement process?
- How to balance sole-source proposals with desire for competition?
- How to ensure the best return for taxpayers?



### Benefits - DOE/NNSA

- CERCLA 120(h) Protections
- Indemnification from DOE
- Subsequent developer's needs for site preparation if on-going cleanup
  - Grading
  - Coordinating the cap
  - Location of pump and treat system
  - Location of monitoring wells
- DOE support for other missions/activities
  - Energy
  - ARPA-E
  - Etc



# Redeveloping the Property

Long-term issue
Success occurs over time



### Questions

