The City of New Orleans owns approximately 48 acres of light industrial property near the intersection of Higgins Blvd. and Almonaster Ave. in eastern New Orleans. Zoned light industrial, the property has convenient access to I-10, high visibility from Almonaster Ave., nearby electrical substation, and proximity to the community college job training programs.

The City of New Orleans is interested in selling the property for private light industrial development or other suitable use.

The State of Louisiana has some of the most aggressive economic development incentives in the nation. Depending on the use, the project may gain access to the state’s Quality Jobs or Enterprise Zone Incentives.
Site History

The property is part of the Agriculture Street Landfill Superfund Site, which operated as a municipal landfill before 1965. In 1997, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducted a cleanup that included removal, grading and placement of clean soil above a layer of geotextile filter fabric. Future plans should be coordinated closely with EPA Region 6 to ensure consistency with the consent decree which specifies that the cover must be maintained.

Liability Protections

The 2002 Brownfield Amendments to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) provides important protections that could apply to prospective purchasers of parcels within the Agriculture Street Landfill Superfund site. Prospective purchasers who meet certain statutory criteria and comply with ongoing obligations at the site can be granted liability protections. EPA can provide additional information to interested parties. For additional information on Bona Fide Prospective Purchaser liability protections, see:

http://www2.epa.gov/enforcement/bona-fide-prospective-purchasers

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