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KI BOIS Community Action Foundation Receives Grant for Environmental Cleanup

A ceremony will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, November 2, 2015, to award KI BOIS Community Action Foundation a Brownfields cleanup grant from the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The event will take place at The Oaks Rehabilitation Facility located at 628 E. Creek Avenue in McAlester, Oklahoma.

The grant will be used for asbestos and lead-based paint abatement within The Oaks Rehabilitative Services Center, located in McAlester. The asbestos in portions of the building has prevented The Oaks from expanding their operations. The Oaks Rehabilitative Services Center provides substance abuse treatment services, including addiction assessment, residential treatment, and outpatient counseling.

The Brownfields cleanup grants finance shovel-ready brownfields cleanup projects, encourage redevelopment, and create local jobs in communities across the state. The funds may be used to clean up contaminated properties. Low-interest loans are available to public entities and "for profit" organizations.

For more information on DEQ's Brownfields Program, visit <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/lpdnew/brownfindex.html>.

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