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New Markets Tax Credits



Since the New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) program's inception, our practitioners have been involved in major NMTC projects that have benefited at-risk communities. Craft3, formerly Enterprise Cascadia, chose Coblentz as representation for their loan to an affiliate of the Oregon Coast Community Action (ORCCA) program to fund their new Child and Family Resource Center, which includes Head Start classrooms and

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administrative offices. The center construction totaled approximately \$8 million dollars and was funded through private foundations, a USDA Business & Industry Guarantee Loan provided by Craft, and New Markets Tax Credits. The facility will house 150 of the children (and their families) that Head Start serves and provide for 15,000 people who receive emergency services through ORCCA each year.

We also worked with Craft3 with respect to a \$16,283,000 qualified NMTC investment to AGP-GHP, LLC, a farmer-owned cooperative with headquarters in Omaha, NE. AGP will use the funds to construct a grain and bulk commodity product storage facility at the Port of Grays Harbor Terminal 2 in Aberdeen, WA, a low-income community. In addition to the numerous jobs created for the construction, the Port projects that the increased volumes of export product should result in up to 60 full-time positions being created within three years of the project's completion and will save an additional 31 full-time positions.

Coblentz represented Craft3 again in the Coast Energy Project: Coastal Community Action Program (CCAP) of Aberdeen, WA. The Coastal Energy Project is the one of the first deals to combine NMTC and Renewable Energy Grant funds available under Section 1603 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Coastal Energy Project is a six megawatt wind development that includes a four-turbine wind system anticipated to produce 13.5 million kilowatt-hours of electrical energy annually, potentially generating as much as \$500,000 annually for 20 years to fund CCAP's programs to assist low-income communities located in Grays Harbor and Pacific counties in Washington. The project received a Development of Distinction Award for Renewable Energy from the Novogradac Journal of Tax Credits based in its positive impacts on job creation and energy footprint. The project was placed in service in November 2010.

Coblentz served as counsel for Coastal Villages Region Fund, which provided the tax credit financing for the Alaska native fish processing plant in Platinum, Alaska, a rural low-income community with a poverty rate of 25%. The fish processing plant has or will provide 669 new permanent jobs, 210 construction jobs, and a network base for local fishermen. The Goodnews Bay Regional Processing Plant was awarded Non-Metro Qualified Low Income Community Investment (QLICI) Deal of the Year by Novogradac Community Development Foundation. The award acknowledges Community Development Entities (CDE) for their well-executed vision, measurable community impact and commitment to establishing positive change by bringing more people and places into the economic mainstream.

Locally, we're also proud to have represented the YMCA of San Francisco in two NMTC financing transactions for improvements to the Bayview-Hunter's Point and Chinatown YMCA branches.