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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR MURRAY HIGHLIGHTS THE FORMER SILICON TRANSISTOR CORPORATION PROPERTY AS BROWNFIELDS SUPPORT TEAM INITIATIVE RECIPIENT**Lieutenant Governor Murray and local officials celebrate partnership that will spur brownfields cleanup and economic revitalization in Chelmsford**

CHELMSFORD - Tuesday, October 5, 2010 - As part of the Patrick-Murray Administration's continuing efforts to promote long-term economic recovery, Lieutenant Governor Timothy P. Murray today highlighted the former Silicon Transistor Corporation property in the Town of Chelmsford selected for assistance in Round II of the Patrick-Murray Administration's Brownfields Support Team (BST) Initiative. Lieutenant Governor Murray joined Town Manager Paul Cohen of Chelmsford, as well as BST agencies to visit the site and celebrate this partnership that will lead to brownfields cleanup and economic revitalization. First launched in 2008, the BST is an interagency initiative that emphasizes collaboration across agencies and with communities to help clean up challenging and complex contaminated sites, and prepare them for redevelopment. Round I of the BST achieved measurable results at all five sites, including the commitment of more than \$8 million in funding by participating agencies for assessment, cleanup, demolition and infrastructure improvements. Given the pilot's tremendous success, the Patrick-Murray Administration recently selected six brownfields sites for Round II, including the former Silicon Transistor Corporation Property in Chelmsford, which will lead to job creation and increased tax revenues for cities and towns. "As we continue to focus on job creation and economic recovery, the Brownfield Support Team is a leading model that brings together the right resources and tools to assist communities in their redevelopment initiatives," said Governor Deval Patrick. "The first round of this pilot program proved very successful and we look forward to working with more cities and towns in their efforts to turn blighted sites into opportunities for future job growth and economic development." "Our Administration is committed to partnering with cities and towns across the state as we work together to support the Commonwealth's economic recovery," said Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray, who leads the Brownfields Support Team. "Redevelopment of these selected sites will lead to the revitalization of housing and economic development in transit-oriented locations, spur business growth in key downtown areas and boost local and regional economies." As part of the BST Initiative, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development (EOHED) and the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency (MassDevelopment) will work with the Town of Chelmsford to identify specific issues that hinder redevelopment of the selected downtown properties. The Town of Chelmsford has prioritized cleanup and redevelopment of the former Silicon Transistor Corporation property located on Katrina Road. By partnering with the Town of Chelmsford, the BST will assist the town in their efforts to eliminate public safety concerns posed by its current, dilapidated condition, and promote economic development through its re-use. This municipally-owned property was formerly used for manufacturing, which resulted in chlorinated volatile organic compound contamination to soil and groundwater. The BST model emphasizes interagency collaboration with municipalities to solve problems impeding the redevelopment of contaminated properties. BST agencies include MassDEP, MassDevelopment and EOHED, as well as the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT). Other state and federal agencies will also participate on these teams depending on the project needs. Additional agencies may include the Office of the Attorney General, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. "For more than 20 years, Massachusetts has witnessed how brownfields can provide a solid return on investment by transforming formerly contaminated, dormant and abandoned sites into redevelopment success stories," said MassDEP Commissioner Laurie Burt. "We look forward to working with our state and federal partners to achieve several more victories at these recently selected locations." "This unique type of redevelopment is beneficial not just to local communities but to the Commonwealth as a whole," said Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Greg Bialecki. "The collaboration between agencies in moving the Brownfields initiative forward will provide a clear and coordinated path to long term economic development for municipalities throughout Massachusetts." "Initiatives that promote sustainable economic development and enhance the quality of life are a priority of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor," said Massachusetts Department of Transportation Secretary and CEO Jeffrey Mullan. "We look forward to continued active participation in the Brownfields initiative and using our transportation network and services to assist in the redevelopment of these sites." "This structured approach to redevelopment streamlining programs and services created a decade ago fits well with the mission of MassDevelopment to eradicate blight and promote economic development throughout the Commonwealth," said MassDevelopment President and CEO Robert L. Culver. "We enjoy strong working relationships with our partners on the Brownfields Support Team and look forward to bringing more of these promising sites to

their highest and best uses." The Brownfields Support Team (BST) will work with communities to provide technical and financial assistance, such as expedited site inspections, reviews, and approvals by MassDEP; technical assistance on expedited permitting from EOHED; funding for assessment and cleanup from MassDevelopment; financial and technical assistance from MassDOT; and coordination with the Attorney General's Office on liability issues. "This brownfields initiative is a win-win situation for Chelmsford. It's a win for our economy because it prepares old commercial property for new development, which means new jobs. It's a win for our environment because it cleans up a potentially hazardous site, which means clean soil and safe drinking water. I am delighted to support this initiative," said Representative Cory Atkins. "The redevelopment of the brownfields Silicon Transistor Corporation site will bring construction and permanent jobs, as well as an increase to the Town's commercial tax base. This partnership with federal and state agencies illustrates the Town of Chelmsford's efforts to "get it done." I appreciate the Commonwealth's assistance to promote economic development and preserve the character of the community," said Town Manager Paul E. Cohen. Round II of the BST Initiative also includes the former Uniroyal/Facemate sites in Chicopee, the Mill Street Corridor in Gardner, the former Kiley Barrel site in Somerville, the Downtown Redevelopment Project in Attleboro and a new city-wide brownfields assistance pilot in Brockton. To learn more about the Brownfield Support Team Initiative, visit www.mass.gov/dep/cleanup/brownfie.htm#bst.

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