Elements of a Successful Project
Public Works
Public Works Program

Public Works program helps distressed communities revitalize, expand, and upgrade by investing in their physical infrastructure to

• Attract new industry
• Encourage business expansion
• Diversify local economies
• Generate or retain long-term, private-sector jobs and investment through the development of land
• Generate or retain long-term, private-sector jobs and investment through infrastructure improvements needed for the successful establishment or expansion of industrial or commercial enterprises
The development of key public infrastructure, such as technology-based facilities that utilize distance learning networks, smart rooms and smart buildings

- Multitenant manufacturing and other facilities
- Business and industrial parks with fiber optic cable
- Telecommunications and development facilities
- Traditional public works projects, including water and sewer systems improvements, industrial parks, business incubator facilities, expansion of port and harbor facilities, skill-training facilities, and brownfields redevelopment
Helpful Hints

• Project periods depend on the scope of work and nature of the project.
• Projects must be completed within 5 years of award.
• Public Works awards typically range from $500,000 to $2,000,000.
• Applicants must demonstrate capacity to implement the project quickly and effectively.
• Economic Distress: Distress criteria include: high unemployment, low per capita income, or special need. One of these criteria must be met to qualify for a Public Works grant.
• Match: Assume 50%. Match must be available and committed to the project at the time of award.
• The next application deadline is October 17, 2014, and projects generally are considered on a quarterly cycle.
Evaluation Criteria

• Benefits areas of severe economic distress
• Leads to near-term generation or retention of private sector jobs
• Documents strong local support in both financial commitment and public/private leadership
• Leverages a significant private sector investment
• Consistent with EDA investment priorities
• Consistent with the area CEDS or another local economic development planning document
• Feasible given the assets of the area in which it is being proposed—i.e., other fundamental assets are in place to support the new EDA investment