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Governor Dannel P. Malloy, joined state and local officials today to announce the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) has awarded the town of Stratford a \$2,850,000 grant to remediate and demolish the 10.5 acre Contract Plating site which lies within Stratford's Transit Oriented Development District (TOD) for mixed use / TOD development.

"This grant award is a direct result of the focus, hard work and due diligence by the office of economic development and other pertinent town staff. These funds will allow the Town to clean up a long-vacant and contaminated property without placing an additional burden on the property taxpayers of Stratford. I'd like to thank DECD for its continued support of economic development in Stratford." Mayor John A. Harkins

In May 2014, Governor Malloy announced that DECD would be accepting applications for up to \$20 million of brownfield remediation and redevelopment funding in the form of loans and grants to municipalities and developers, with applications due on June 30, 2014. Based on an extremely strong group of applications and available funding, DECD awarded 20 remediation and redevelopment projects for \$27 million.

Mayor Harkins and Karen Kaiser, Director of Stratford's Economic Development met with State of Connecticut Commission Catherine Smith of Department of Economic and Community Development to discuss several priority projects for economic growth in Stratford. This meeting was in Hartford in May of 2014.

In June of this year Mayor Harkins and staff welcomed the Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Robert Klee to Stratford and took Mr. Klee on a tour of Stratford's Brownfield properties including Contract Plating. Also on the tour was Tim Sullivan, the Director of Waterfront, Brownfield and Transit-Oriented Development for the Department of Economic and Community Development.

In addition Mayor Harkins' team travelled to Hartford in July for a special interview with the DECD to apply for this State grant for Contract Plating.

For more information about DECD's Brownfield Remediation and Redevelopment Program or other state brownfield redevelopment programs, visit [www.ctbrownfields.gov](http://www.ctbrownfields.gov).