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## **New Hope for the Future of Haiti**

*Haiti Works Incorporated to Build the Future of Haiti*

Newly formed Haiti Works! is a non-profit organization which has been incorporated to work closely with local governments in Haiti to identify needs and long term strategies for growth and to facilitate partnerships with private industry to implement the vision of building a sustainable future for Haiti.

Furthering the efforts to rebuild Haiti after the June 12, 2010 earthquake, it is the goal of Haiti Works! to work closely with Haitian government officials to identify those infrastructure improvements including roads, utilities and waste management that will most quickly address many of the problems that currently exist and to rapidly fund and execute these projects.

In the short-term, Haiti Works! will work closely with the cities to create and execute a master plan for infrastructure, development and administration so that all new projects fit within a framework of planned sustainable development. Some of the initiatives identified in the Master Plan include:

**“Rubble to Roads” cleanup:**

Haiti Works! will employ a private entity to clear rubble throughout the metropolitan area, and process the material into graded inspected material which will be used for future construction projects and will conform to modern engineering requirements. This work will utilize heavy modern equipment to expedite the process; however, local Haitian labor shall be used to every extent possible in all operations.

**Upgrading of raw materials for construction:**

It is our goal to engage private entities to work with local sand and stone quarries and mines to create graded, tested materials for incorporation into construction projects for proper concrete and mortar mixtures and other purposes. This will ensure that completed projects meet the requirements of modern international codes for materials and practices. In addition, all new projects can be built in a way that prevents future loss of lives and property. This will include capital investment and the import of specialized machinery and equipment to accomplish this task. It will also involve the education and training of Haitians to perform the materials testing and certification required.

**Immediate creation of permanent relocation housing:**

It is our intent to engage private firms for the design and construction of housing within the cities in pocket parcels which are made available as areas are cleared of debris and rubble. These projects will be low cost and built with local labor, and will incorporate many of the latest ideas that apply to the local situation including rainwater capture, low and no water use facilities, and renewable energy. They will be designed to fit in with the local culture and expectations for housing. In addition to the in-city parcels it is our intent to also develop neighborhoods in outlying areas for additional housing to fill the needs of those displaced by the earthquake damage.

In addition to the above items, Haiti Works! is also engaged in a number of other activities, including:

- Identifying businesses and industry opportunities for partnerships with private entities to induce capital investment in Haiti for new economic development and job creation

- Training for the workforce. This includes scholarships and sponsorship for students and workers, working closely with existing educational institutions to provide required training, as well as creation of new technical training facilities as required.

**Adopt-a-City Program:**

Haiti Works, Incorporated was organized to work with various Connecticut municipalities in their efforts to adopt sister cities in Haiti and provide necessary aid to that adopted city. To date, the City of Bridgeport has confirmed its adoption of Haitian city, Petion-Ville, the City of Waterbury has adopted the City of Carrefour, the City of Norwalk has adopted the City of Leogane, and the City of New Haven has adopted the City of Port-au-Prince.

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**About Haiti Works, Incorporated**

*Haiti Works! ([www.haiti-works.org](http://www.haiti-works.org)) is a not-for-profit organization formed for the purpose of aiding Haiti in its long term recovery and rebuilding efforts following the devastation caused by the January 12, 2010 earthquake. Leaving aid and relief efforts to the many other organizations that specialize in such work, Haiti Works! focuses on the development of long term strategies, planning, projects, and partnerships that will help to rebuild Haiti as a modern country with a vibrant economy.*

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