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NJIT TAB Participates in Creation and Launch of the Central Appalachian Brownfield Innovation Network (CABIN) at the Central Appalachian Region Brownfields Summit

With the assistance and leadership of NJIT TAB, the Central Appalachian Brownfield Innovation Network (CABIN) was officially launched at the inaugural Central Appalachian Region Brownfields Summit (CARBS) on September 8, 2016, in Charleston, WV.

NJIT TAB played a key role in the Network's development by coordinating, facilitating, and documenting the partnership among the member states, federal agencies, and non-profits to develop CABIN, which is a new network filled with resources to connect communities to each other and to public and private resources to help redevelop Appalachian communities. CABIN works with stakeholders across Appalachia through face-to-face and a virtual platform for peer exchange of best practices and tools by facilitating redevelopment experience-sharing between brownfield-impacted communities in Central Appalachia. CABIN matches redevelopment leaders and stakeholders from across the region with communities facing similar opportunities and challenges, allowing communities to learn from the best practices and experiences of their peers.

In addition to activities related to the creation and launch of CABIN, the NJIT TAB Team coordinated development of the Central Appalachia Region Brownfields Summit (CARBS) agenda, session topics, speaker identification, and outreach activities. NJIT TAB also developed and moderated a breakout session titled "Show Me the Money Part 1: Government Programs Providing Funding and

Financing Opportunities" that included presenters from EPA Region 4, U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. General Services Administration, and Appalachian Regional Commission. NJIT TAB also provided table facilitator services for the "Revitalizing Central Appalachia Through Brownfields to Healthfields" session conducted by EPA's Office of Environmental Justice, the goal of which was to explore transforming remediated brownfields and vacant properties into healthy end uses that contribute to creating healthier communities.

Feedback from this event included statements such as "the CARBS and CABIN development groups' collective efforts were spectacular, informative, and energizing. Due to your efforts, there is heightened awareness and enthusiasm for advancing individual and community health, economic vitality, and environmental protection through brownfields redevelopment. We appreciate you and the time you dedicated to the vital goal of promoting healthy, sustainable, resilient and equitable communities."

