

Portfields

Revitalizing Port Communities



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What is Portfields?

- A NOAA led interagency effort to address brownfields in port and harbor areas.
- Emphasis on development of environmentally-sound port facilities.
- Originated from the *Brownfields Federal Partnership Action Agenda*.



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Portfields Federal Agencies

Department of Commerce

- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Economic Development Administration

Environmental Protection Agency

- Office of Brownfields Cleanup and Redevelopment
- Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Department of the Interior

Department of Labor

- Employment and Training Administration

Department of Transportation

- Maritime Administration

US Army Corps of Engineers



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Why Portfields?

- 95% of U.S. foreign trade travels through our Nation's ports.
- Waterborne commerce contributes \$742 Billion to GDP, and employs 13 million people.
- Volume expected to double by 2020.
- Open space is limited in many ports areas.
- Brownfields cleanup can facilitate port redevelopment, and provide economic, environmental, and social benefits.



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Portfields- Phased Approach

- Interviewed representatives from ports that have successfully incorporated brownfields redevelopment into port activities.
- Partnered with the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) to develop a report from information gathered through interviews.
- Portfields Phase I Report
(http://www.brownfields.noaa.gov/htmls/portfields/port_resources.html)



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Portfields Implementation

- Portfields Pilot Ports: *New Bedford, MA; Bellingham, WA; Tampa, FL*
- Federal agencies will work in close partnership to provide targeted resources to the Pilot Ports.
- Federal agencies will partner with port communities, state programs, and other stakeholders to help:
 - Redevelop brownfields
 - Revitalize waterfront areas
 - Improve marine transportation systems
 - Restore and protect coastal resources
- Portfields will build on the Port's existing efforts to be both an engine of commerce and a good steward of the environment.



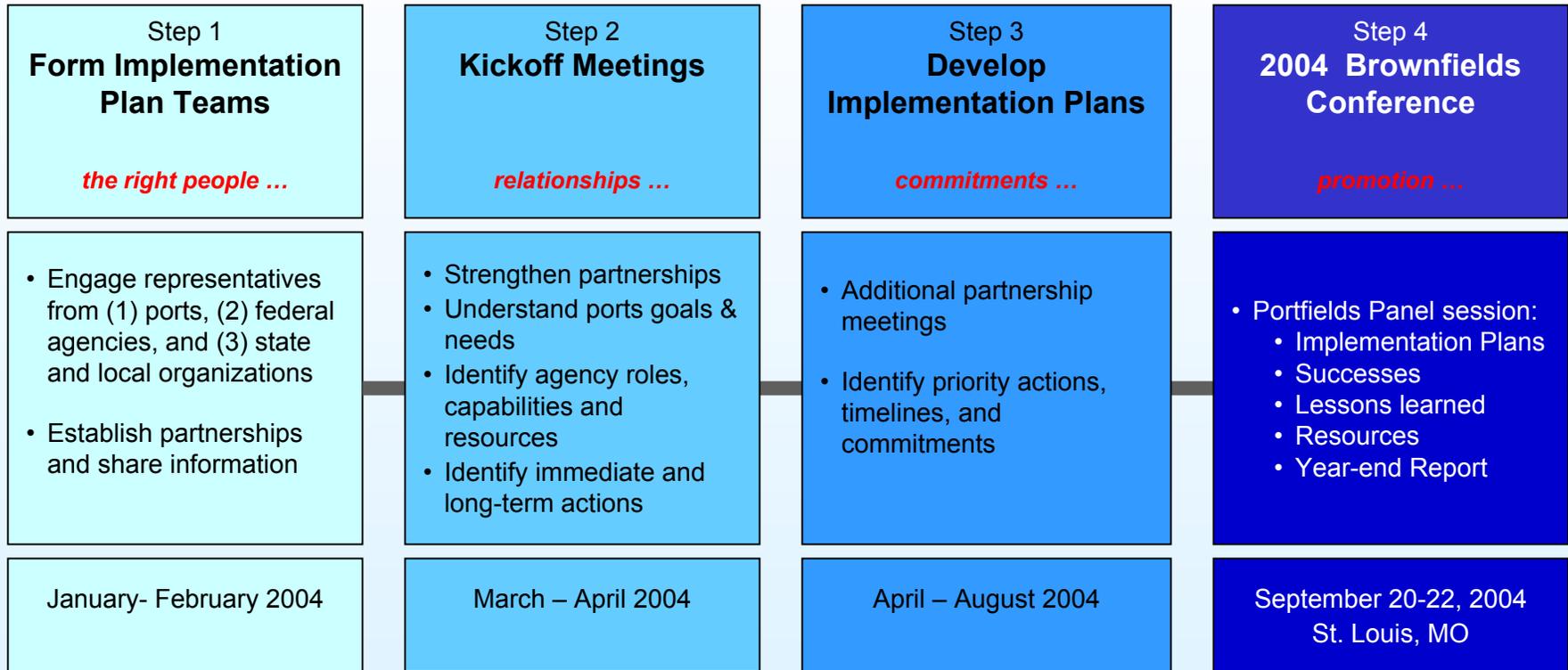
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Portfields Implementation (cont.)

- Kickoff Meetings will be held in each port.
 - Will include port representatives, federal and state partners, and other stakeholders.
 - Strengthen partnerships, understand Ports goals and needs, and identify agency roles, capabilities and resources.
 - Bellingham (March 25); New Bedford (April 7); Tampa (April 15-16).
- Develop port-specific Implementation Plans for completing Portfields projects in FY04 and beyond.



Portfields FY04 Milestones



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