What’s Happening?
The former Ogden Union Stockyards site is being redeveloped as the Ogden Business Exchange, a lifestyle business park. The business park has been carefully designed to incorporate unique outdoor recreation amenities, the rich history of the stockyards, and low impact design principles. The project will also include the development of publicly accessible open space along the Weber River. For this redevelopment project to proceed, it was necessary to conduct environmental remediation activities.

Why Is This Needed?
Environmental remediation is needed due to the site’s history as a stockyard. Historic stockyard activities introduced possible contaminants, such as arsenic used in “sheep dips” to treat the livestock. Additionally, numerous rail lines once crossed the site. Finally, after the stockyards were closed, the site was used for storage of various materials, some of which were thought to have introduced contamination on-site. Phase I and II ESAs were conducted, and Ogden City entered the site into the State of Utah’s Voluntary Cleanup Program.

Then What?
As environmental remediation activities near completion, the site has been cleared and new infrastructure has been constructed. New infrastructure ranges from roads and waterlines, to bioswales and dedicated bicycle lanes. These pre-development activities, conducted by Ogden City with critical support from state and federal funding partners, have made the site into an economically viable development project. The first two tenants of the business park, both bicycle companies, are constructing new facilities on the site.

Who’s Benefitting?
The Ogden Business Exchange project is expected to create an estimated 400 jobs, many of which will be high-quality manufacturing jobs. It is also expected to generate over $100 million in private investment. The development of the project would not have been feasible without RLF funding for environmental clean-up. Additionally, the community will benefit from the redevelopment of a blighted area. The project will serve as a catalyst for the revitalization of West Ogden. Finally, residents will have improved access to open space and access to the Weber River.

This project will:
- Revitalize a blighted and underutilized area at the former Ogden Union Stockyards
- Contribute to the recruitment and retention of businesses to Ogden
- Enable the creation of ~400 jobs, including high-quality manufacturing jobs, and attract significant private investment
- Catalyze the revitalization of West Ogden
- Create new open space and improve access to the Weber River

Questions?
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