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Mike Flint serves private, government and non-profit clients by acting as a project manager for economic development related projects. His focus has been on innovative and complex federal, state, and local economic development incentive procurement and related project financing for various levels of economic development and infrastructure projects.

With over 25 years of project management, Mike has worked on procuring of all levels of public funds, project procurement, project funding, tax credits, loan guarantees, TIF financing, incentives and financing along with assisting with regulatory hurdles. His primary sector of focus is on real estate development (affordable housing, student housing, single-family and commercial), business relocations and expansions resulting in new capital investment, job creation, workforce training initiatives; agriculture, transportations, brownfield – redevelopment and re-investment; expanded research and development investment; energy efficiency and renewable energy project investment.

Mike's diverse strengths and abilities include assisting developers, communities and authorities in locating, securing and implementing several types of economic development type of funding from federal, state, local and private funds. His vast experience contributes to his overall flexibility and natural capacity for matching up financial support for projects, whether securing a separate line item, obtaining federal, state, local or private grants, or achieving access to funding through a particular designation in the federal budget.

Mike has been featured in *The Wall Street Journal* in addition to several business journals and newspapers around the country. He has also served on the boards including the Jefferson County Tourism Tax Board; Blue Ribbon Economic Development Committee – Madison, Indiana; National Panel on Sustainability; Lide Memorial White Boys and Girls Club; Rivertrace Associates; Lodge Building LLC.

Education

- Indiana University (B.A., 1988)
 - Political Science

Awards & Honors

- Main Street Inc. Award for Adaptive Reuse for Historical Structure in Madison, Indiana

Community Involvement

- Lide White Boys and Girls Club – Madison, Indiana

Key Matters

Representative Transactions

- Assisted with United States Army Corp of Engineers permitting for largest organic dairy in US.
- CRED application (similar to DINO) for an international company with a local processing plant in Anderson, Indiana. The company is the largest chicken fertilizer manufacturer in Europe.
- Several Brownfields projects, including assisting with comfort letters or no further action letters from IDEM.
- Drafted and secured \$125,000 Department of Energy grants to develop a digester capable of creating electrical power from animal waste. Assisted with securing \$1,476,000 Department of Energy Appropriation and provided administration of project.
- Facilitated release of funds and administrated 2.4-million-dollar appropriation through the Department of Energy for alternative energy project. Project encompassed over 30 dairies in the Pecos Valley area and totaled over 4.8 million dollars.
- Prepared, submitted and administered a successful application to USDA for a REAP Feasibility Study grant on behalf of the dairy cooperative.
- Researched and evaluated the potential for a solar power station and an anaerobic digestion project for a port.
- Facilitated and assisted with a feasibility study regarding the development of a community-based approach to manure management and methane recovery.
- Provided structure and oversight of redevelopment of the former Madison Plaza. Assisted with environmental issues and develop structure to utilize local TIF funds to assist with demolition.
- Assisted with obtaining EDGE tax credits of up to \$1 million related to job creation. Acted as project manager in assisting with negotiation with local government and TIF district. Managed process in securing comfort letter from IDEM on former Industrial site. Provided additional services related to financing of new building, inventory and equipment. Acted as a liaison between new and former owner of property in related to environmental concerns and site improvements.
- Assisted with applying for and negotiating several small revolving loan funds for startup to existing manufacturer and other commercial types of developments.
- Submitted FEMA project worksheets for schools, local governments, and hospitals, housing authorities and others during Hurricane Katrina and during the floods in Columbus, Indiana. Also assisted with applying for other follow-up funding sources such as EDA, Delta Regional Funds, and HRSA to complete projects located in Gulf Coast.
- Acted as governmental relations director during the BP Oil Spill for the Plaintiffs Steering and Executive Committee. Acted as the liaison with Congressional delegation, local / state officials and industry associations. Assisted with non- legal strategy and coordinated efforts with public relations team. Provided updates to other members on the plaintiffs team.
- Assisted with all levels of economic development and incentive projects in Puerto Rico, Tennessee, Louisiana, Kentucky, New Mexico, California, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, and Michigan.

Types of Projects

Below are examples of the types of projects and sources of funds:

- Quality of life projects
- Theatres
- Wellness centers
- Multi-family projects
- Retail
- Commercial
- Infrastructure
- Re-use projects
- Brownfields reuse
- Manufacturing
- Comfort letters for Brownfield projects
- Adaptive reuses
- DOT – interchanges and other types of improvements
- Bio-gas – digestors – dairy industry
- CNG fuel stations
- Manure management projects
- Large Agricultural
- Multi-purpose development
- Hospitals
- Airport and River Port Authorities
- Bridges

Success Stories

Ice Miller Represents EVE Energy in a \$3B Joint Venture for Battery Cell Production in the U.S.

Ice Miller is representing EVE Energy Co., Ltd. (EVE), a global lithium battery company, in a joint venture with Accelera by Cummins, Daimler Truck and PACCAR to build a manufacturing plant in the United States, which is expected to have a range of \$2 to \$3 billion in total investment. This strategic joint venture will manufacture battery cells for commercial vehicles to help transition into clean energy.

Ice Miller Business Group partners Sean Kim and Edward Braum represent EVE as external counsel, with Sean as lead counsel responsible for overseeing the structuring and negotiation of the transaction. The deal team also includes Simone Park, Huidi Shu, Cody Laska, Josh Borean, Daniel Corsaro, Safet Metjahic, Ming He, Anthony Aaron, Dale Stackhouse, Grace Dahm, John Pence, and Mike Flint.

The location of the manufacturing plant is to be determined.