THE PROJECT:
The City of Boston is launching the Mattapan Economic Development Initiative ("MEDI"), a community based initiative that seeks to bring this energetic and diverse neighborhood to its fullest potential.

The goals of this intra-agency collaborative project are:

- enhanced commercial districts,
- job creation and
- increased capital investment for this neighborhood.

The MEDI City Team and Community Advisory Group will work with Mattapan’s residents, business and property owners, civic leaders and institutions to capitalize on existing success and to craft recommendations that set the stage for the MEDI’s Economic Action Agenda and the implementation of short-, mid-, and long-term projects to improve quality of life and economic conditions. In addition, members of the CAG will be involved with activities related to business development, youth/family empowerment, and community interaction.

Community Advisory Group:
The Community Advisory Group is comprised of representatives from a broad spectrum of the Mattapan community, veteran activists, business leaders, institutional heads, and young professionals. This group will help form recommendations for the Economic Action Agenda for reaching the goals of this project.

Paula Bonney-Haughton (Resident) Fr. William “Bill” Joy
Real Estate Professional Pastor, St. Angela’s Church

Eva Clarke Gareth Kinkead (Resident)
Consultant to Mattapan CDC Chair, Colorado Street Association
(former Executive Director)
Principal, Clarke Solutions

Dawn Greenidge David Lopes (Resident)
Commercial Lines Underwriter, One Beacon Chief Officer, Habitat for Humanity
Board Member, Big Sisters of Boston Chair, Mattapan Task Force

Verita Pitts Deolores Richardson (Resident)
Officer ~ Area B-3 Police Department Retired Teacher

Russell Holmes (Chair) (Resident) Stuart “Stu” Rosenberg
Financial Advisor, American Express Business Development Officer
Chair, Gooddale Road Association Mattapan CDC
Mattapan Organizer, BOSTON SHINES 2004

Lillie Searcy Nicholas Souffrant, Jr (Resident).
Executive Director Customer Service Representative
Mattapan Family Svc. Center Sovereign Bank

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Executive Director Executive Director,
Mattapan Community Health Center Mattapan CDC

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THE TEAM:
An interdisciplinary City Team has been formed, comprised of staff members with expertise in the various functions and services provided in Boston: economic development, housing, workforce development, planning, transportation, human services, policy development & research. This team along with Abt Associates, Inc. will collaborate to bring considerable staff resources to bear in guiding the creation and execution of the MEDI Economic Action Agenda.

**Boston Redevelopment Authority**
Dana Whiteside (ECD) ~ Team Leader
Linda Wells (Citizen Schools Fellow)
John Avault/E. Selvarajah (Research)
Linda Brandon/Dave Bassett (JCS)
John Dalzell (Urban Design)
Armando Goncalves (ECD/Development Review)
Krystal Ardayfio (ECD)
Alan Gentle (Career Resource Ctr)
Jeremy Rosenberger (Planning)
Jim Alberque (GIS/Mapping)
Kristen Keefe (EcD/Retail)
Frank Tocci/Bill Nickerson (EcD/Finance)

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**Transportation Department**
Ralph Denisco

**Office of Human Services**
Aldaberto Teixeira

**Inspectional Services Department**
Darryl Smith

Consultant Team:
Abt Associates, Inc. (Scott Hebert, Principal) in collaboration with
- ICON Architecture, (Steve Heikin)
- Planners Collaborative, (Joe Brevard)
- Guzman Architects; (Jose Guzman) and
- Dr. Dennis Derryck of New School University, NY

GOALS & PROCESS:
To reach the goals of enhanced commercial districts, job creation and increased capital investment in Mattapan, an Economic Development Action Agenda will be created through the collaborative work of the Community Advisory Group, Consultant Team, City Team and incorporating residents, business and property owners, and institutions in the neighborhood.

Priorities for best practices and benefits to all stakeholders in the neighborhood will be generated through a series of public forums, charettes and workshops.

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