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Over the past twenty years, his focus has been on brownfield and community redevelopment/reuse strategies and financing, and he is recognized as one of the nation's leading authorities on these issues. He has provided training and technical assistance support in more than 200 communities in over 40 states. He has written numerous reports and other publications on these issues, including the pioneering *Coming Clean for Economic Development; New Life for Old Buildings; Coping with Contamination: Industrial Site Reuse and Urban Redevelopment*; and two annual reference resources, *Brownfields "State of the States"* and the *Guide to Federal Brownfield Programs*. He most recently co-authored *Financing Strategies for Brownfield Cleanup and Redevelopment, Recycling America's Gas Stations, and Financing Renewable Energy Projects on Contaminated Properties – Strategies and Options*. Charlie often testifies before Congress on issues of economic development, most recently on HUD brownfield financing innovations and brownfield tax incentives.

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