BERWICK INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (B.I.D.A.) SEeks to assess, remediate and develop ACF (AMERICAN CAR AND FOUNDRY) BUILDINGS FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND JOB CREATION WITH U.S. EPA BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT GRANT

The 69-acre industrial complex located within the heart of Berwick, PA, along the Susquehanna River is the original home of the American Car and Foundry (ACF) which employed thousands of people during the start of the 20th century. ACF built tanker cars for the railroad, then Stuart tanks for WWII, moving on to build passenger cars for the NYC subway system. This site has served Berwick Borough and Columbia County, Pennsylvania for more than a century as a key site for manufacturing due to its ideal location (proximity to Philadelphia, PA and NYC), access to river, rail and road transportation networks that is still a draw to the area today.

Berwick, throughout history has been a manufacturing community. ACF was nationally recognized for the manufacturing of the Stuart Tank during WWII, approximately 15,000 tanks were produced in Berwick, PA. At its peak, with ACF being the largest employer in the region, the B.I.D.A. Complex was home to over 5,000 jobs. However, following WWII, ACF struggled to maintain the level of production and the Berwick plant was slated for closure and over 2,800 people became unemployed. Management from ACF founded the Berwick Forge and Foundry in the hopes of saving jobs and continuing to produce railcars with a smaller clientele. However, it was not enough and as time went on, sales and production continued to decline.

Berwick Forge, with their valiant efforts to maintain sales and production, was sold to Whittaker Corporation of Los Angeles. In 1983, assets were then purchased by Blue Falcon Forge Company which continued minor operations, began employee layoffs in 1998 and then closed its doors late 1999. With each change of hands of the business in the complex, many jobs were lost and when new business came in, only a portion of the jobs were brought back.

B.I.D.A. was formed as a not-for-profit economic development organization which acquired the ACF (American Car Foundry) Industrial Complex, in 1958. Berwick Forge and Foundry did not have a need for the entire complex and the buildings that existed. Therefore, B.I.D.A. purchased the entire complex and leased space to Berwick Forge and Foundry. Although the original project was not as successful as planned, B.I.D.A. became a sustainable industrial development organization through the purchase and sale of industrial/commercial real estate and leasing contracts with manufacturers, warehousing, and distribution centers throughout the years.

Target Area and Brownfields

Following the war, Berwick, PA was at its peak in population with 14,010 people residing in the borough, today there are 9,848 people: a decrease of 4,162 people. “Berwick is currently declining at a rate of -0.78% annually and its population has decreased by -6.00% since the most recent census, which recorded a population of 10,477 in 2010. Berwick reached its highest
population of 14,010 in 1950. Spanning over 3 miles, Berwick has a population density of 3,202 people per square mile.

The average household income in Berwick is $51,555 with a poverty rate of 21.75%. The median rental costs in recent years comes to $730 per month, and the median house value is $102,200. The median age in Berwick is 42.5 years...” (https://worldpopulationreview.com/us-cities/berwick-pa-population)

The B.I.D.A. Industrial Complex is located at 3rd and Oak Streets in downtown, Berwick, just off route 11 and only five miles from the access point to interstates 80 and 81. The complex is also located less than one mile from the Susquehanna River. The complex is home to 6 businesses, 4 of which own their facilities and two lease space. There are three empty buildings within the complex two of which B.I.D.A. owns (originally purchased from ACF (American Car & Foundry), circa. 1958). These two buildings referred to as building 121 and 384, are too small to accommodate manufacturing or warehousing and distribution, are old and contain asbestos containing materials (ACM) and lead based paint (LBP).

Beginning calendar year 2020 (pre-COVID), B.I.D.A. invited members of the community to participate in our strategic planning sessions, determining needs of employers and of the community at-large. During the initial SWOT (Strengths, Opportunities, Weaknesses and Threats) during our strategic planning for both B.I.D.A. and the Berwick Borough community at-large, the group listed the top concerns for our region as workforce development and inability to grow within the borough: being “land locked.” The lack of workforce was most evident in the skilled trades which included but were not limited to welding, HVAC, carpentry, plumbing and machine technology (mechatronics).

The present home of the B.I.D.A. Industrial Complex is in the heart of Berwick Borough and is a great economic resource for the Borough and the school district by providing a large portion of the tax base. The complex overall covers approximately 3 million square feet of area which includes the following businesses: G&B Specialties (division of Wabtec); Deluxe Homes; Cheetah Chassis; IG Design Group; Eagle Warehousing; Crispin Valve and surrounding the complex are: K Fab; Patriot Metals; FEC Trucks (Columbia Industries); Specialty Rollers; Altium Packaging; Team Green; and more.

The interior of the complex is home to approximately 315 jobs, which include but are not limited to: welding, packaging, manufacturing, building & trades, machinists, shipping, and handling, and CDL Class A drivers. Employers are presently looking to grow their business and bring together more than one department. IG Design Group is one of those employers. Presently they have their operations scattered in various locations in and around the Greater Berwick Region and more recently needed to go outside of our immediate area looking for one hundred thousand (100,000) square feet of warehousing space.

Workforce development and physical space for growth are the top concerns. Through B.I.D.A. and being the owner of the targeted area for brownfield development, B.I.D.A. will
work with the employers located within the complex for phase one and the educational institutions for phase two, developing the vocational training model with our local community college (Luzerne County Community College), a state school (Bloomsburg University) and our local secondary vocational high school (Columbia-Montour Vocational Technical School).

B.I.D.A. has identified the brownfield sites as buildings 121 & 384 both of which have been assessed as having contaminants that are asbestos and lead paint; however, we will need to do a complete assessment and would be part of the first phase of development for this grant proposal. The goal of a new facility would ensure a historic tenant can grow their business and bring the jobs back to the complex; while working with the educational partners to create a vocational trades instructional facility within the complex at an existing facility that presently exists and can be converted and developed while working on the brownfield project.

1.A. Target Area and Brownfields

Background and Description of Target Area

Berwick Borough has a population of 9,848 and has been steadily declining in population since 2010, at an average rate of 0.78% per year (https://worldpopulationreview.com/us-cities/berwick-pa-population). B.I.D.A.’s strategy is to bring the growth of the businesses and the jobs within the complex as one way in which we can draw people back to Berwick as a convenient location in which to live, work and play. Berwick Borough struggles in many areas. Berwick’s crime rate is higher than 68.5% of U.S. cities. Within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the crime index is 14.9 per 1,000 people; Berwick’s crime index is 18.1%, 4% higher than the state. When examining the crime rate by land area: Berwick Borough at 3.25 square miles and 67% criminal activity while the state having 46,000 square miles and a crime rate of 43% per square mile, Berwick is 24% higher than the state crime index. The major increase is shown in larceny/thefts and burglary; which is relative to lack of sustainable wage jobs and drug use (https://www.cityrating.com/crime-statistics/pennsylvania/berwick.html).

Berwick has historically struggled with drug use and criminal activity and although there has been a decrease over the last ten years. Studies show that with sustainable wage employment near residential neighborhoods, decreasing the need for transportation, crime rates decline. Research studies show a correlation between low unemployment rates and the crime index of a region. The theory of having accessible employment and sustainable wage can have a direct effect on the decrease of criminal activity (http://criminal-justice.iresearchnet.com/crime/employment-and-crime/). The current unemployment rate in Berwick, PA post COVID-19 is now 14%; which is seven points higher than the national unemployment rate of 7.9%, and four points higher than the state rate of 10% comparable for the rates released for August 2020 (https://www.media.pa.gov/pages/labor-and-industry-details.aspx?newsid=485).

B.I.D.A. is working with numerous other economic development agencies on related projects to also affect the population decline which includes development of an entrepreneurial incubator focusing but not limited to industry and manufacturing, industrial training facility and
collaborating with our counterparts in community development for improved housing options that are affordable.

1.B. Revitalization of the Target Area - Redevelopment Strategy and Alignment with Revitalization Plans

B.I.D.A. is in line with its partners and the initiatives they are working on for the overall improvement and development of job creation, housing opportunities, community engagement and early childhood development by not only getting information from those organizations but by also playing a role and being engaged in the discussions and becoming a member or participant in their activities. In the past three (3) years, B.I.D.A. has created partnerships with the following organizations:

- Community Strategies Group (CSG) – Housing organization for Columbia County
- Rural Business Innovation Corporation (RBI) – Economic development specific to entrepreneurship activities
- Pennsylvania Economic Development Association (PEDA) – Advocacy Committee for economic development in the Commonwealth
- Penn’s Northeast – Marketing organization for the Central Northeast region of Pennsylvania
- Berwick Next Step – Task force working on downtown development for Berwick Borough
- NEPA Alliance – PREP Program Partner – business retention program and development – newly formed partnership for an angel investment network
- Joint Rail Authority – with SEDA-COG one of our LDDs serving the railroad throughout northeastern and central Pennsylvania
- SEDA-COG Engage program – Business retention program specific for central Pennsylvania
- Local Advisory Committees for Berwick Area High School; Columbia Montour Vo-Tech, SUN Area Tech – working on the needs of employers for curriculum development at the secondary schools in the region

B.I.D.A. had created a scholarship fund promoting vocational education and training following high school. The scholarship funds also include the medical fields and health care. Two $1,000 scholarships are awarded each year, which now includes adult education for unemployed or under-employed individuals.

1.B.1. Outcomes and Benefits of the Redevelopment

B.I.D.A.’s work has been for the most part self-funded. Grants have been received in the past for the development of the B.I.D.A. Eagle Building in 2010, covering a portion of the costs for the development and construction of a workforce development center in the amount of $2,000,000.00 from EDA. This was a successful endeavor, and the Eagle building is home to the Luzerne County Community College, Berwick Center and continues to maintain their
operations; with B.I.D.A. continuing to provide in-kind space for the College in return for Columbia County residents receiving the in-county discounted tuition rate while attending classes in Berwick.

B.I.D.A. will enable the growth of an existing employer to add more jobs directly into the community and give us the ability to expand the physical footprint for additional growth and development by way of clearing out facilities that are currently inhabited by business looking for additional space.

Benefits are direct to the community in the availability and proximity of jobs and training programs that create qualified applicants.

1.C. Strategy for Leveraging Resources
   1.C.1. Resources Needed for Site Reuse

   B.I.D.A. plans to utilize the EPA’s assessment grant to get the project off the ground and self-fund the remaining project on its own. However, we will research any possible funding opportunities that exist and that B.I.D.A. is eligible for. Presently, the estimated cost of the total project is anticipated to run $3.5 million dollars from assessment to construction. The $195,712.00 being requested from the EPA in this assessment grant would cover the first step in improving the environment of the complex in question.

   B.I.D.A. has a solid history of successfully applying for, receiving, and carrying out all grant funded programs and is prepared to meet the match of $40,000. B.I.D.A. currently has the $40,000 as a set aside for the start of this program to ensure we have the match funds. B.I.D.A. plans to hire the necessary certified contractors to conduct the assessment, clean up and demolition of the facilities listed in this proposal as buildings 121 & 384. B.I.D.A. has a network of small businesses that are qualified to bid on the project and the necessary means to have the project carried through to completion.

   B.I.D.A. as a nonprofit would utilize this grant to start the project without delay and enable the organization to create a path to utilize existing space to develop and grow business. B.I.D.A. is continuing to research possible funding sources, including but not limited to Department of Community and Economic Develop of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. B.I.D.A. will also examine opportunities for private financing from our local banking institutions to complete the new construction portion of this application.

2. Community Need and Community Engagement
   2.A. Community Need

   Once a thriving community, heavy into industrial manufacturing and utilization of the railroad, Berwick is now losing its population to more urban areas. Compared to the overall 13.1% of Pennsylvania’s population living below poverty, Berwick is listed at 23.6%.
This number shows that Berwick, PA has significantly more residents in poverty than the national and state averages.

Another disadvantage of the community is transportation. Berwick is a rural area with no public transportation services. This assessment grant would provide B.I.D.A. with the necessary seed funding to take the first steps in implementing their strategic plan to expand the physical capacity within the B.I.D.A. Complex giving more people the ability to get to work without relying on mass transit or the expense of having and maintaining a personal vehicle.

The EPA assessment grant allows B.I.D.A. to take existing facilities that are slightly smaller in square footage within the B.I.D.A. Complex for industrial development. This project will also provide great opportunity for residents of Berwick and allow employers to reward their incumbent workers local, sustainable wage jobs with career options. Employers will have access and ease with investing in their employees effectively and efficiently for training in walking distance from their facilities and improve communications between private sector business and educational providers.

The community of Berwick Borough, a designated Federal Opportunity Zone, will directly benefit from this project. The FOZ will provides for-profit developers that are looking to invest in the Berwick community through real estate, new and improved, a tax credit program directly tied to the capital gains of their investment dollars. This will provide the foundation of an economic catalyst for additional industrial properties to be developed as well as new housing investment opportunities.

2.B. Community Engagement

B.I.D.A. has (pre-COVID) hosted a strategic planning work session with members of the community to engage them in the analysis of the needs and wants, strengths and weaknesses of the region and existing services and employers.

Following the work session, and due to COVID-19, meetings with individuals and groups were held virtually. These meetings determined the possible solutions and projects B.I.D.A. would begin to work on. Therefore, through continued discussions with Community Strategies Group, Ben Franklin Technology Partners of NEPA, Rural Business Innovation Corporation, Wilkes University’s Small Business Development Center, Berwick Borough Council Members, employers previously mentioned, Luzerne County Community College and others, the projects included: virtual incubator to be followed by physical facility; expanding physical space opportunities for employers; and expanding physical space for and creating the opportunity for vocational training expansion.

Community outreach is vital to the success of the projected outcomes. B.I.D.A. is scheduling the meetings for several groups for this year and going into 2021. First step, is the educational partners and having them tour the B.I.D.A. Complex, meet with existing employers and create the implementation plan for the workforce development component.
Community outreach meetings for the public will be scheduled in 2022 as we evaluate and develop the implementation plan to ensure the population not only knows of the intentions but also continues to support the program and timeline for implementation. B.I.D.A. will post meeting schedules on social media outlets, include in our published newsletters, utilize our local printed newspaper (ads in classified section and press releases informing the public of the events), and utilize our network of other economic development organizations that service the region.

All meetings will be held both in person and virtually. B.I.D.A. will record sessions and allow for future viewing. Members of the community that are unable to attend in person or attempt to register following our meeting the physical capacity requirements for COVID19 guidelines can participate via Zoom videoconferencing. Recorded sessions will be linked on the B.I.D.A. website and social media pages.

B.I.D.A. will include a comment section for public viewing and ability to respond on the social media pages. There will also be a form on the B.I.D.A. website for anyone to submit a question, concern, or suggestion for B.I.D.A. regarding this project and any concerns, questions and/or comments as they relate the B.I.D.A., its activities and the complex. Presently, B.I.D.A. publishes in writing and electronically, a semi-annual newsletter in which we will provide updates and the schedule of meetings planned.

3. Task Description, Cost Estimates and Project Management

Buildings 121 & 384 have multiple contaminants in the building itself comprised of asbestos and lead paint. To begin the process a full assessment must be conducted again utilizing the grant funding to begin the assessment process. During the initial inspection, the estimate for TCLP testing, demolition, and removal of debris is estimated at the $202,003.

Wherein, removal of any contaminants is not achievable due to extensive costs, or regulations and requirements as stated in Pennsylvania’s Land Recycling Program, all actions will be managed through a risk-based assessment and will follow all regulations required by both the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This will ensure that site re-use can take place safely and any remaining contaminants are properly managed and contained.

3.A. Description of Tasks and Activities

Task 1 – Project Planning and Assessment – During year one of the Project period, B.I.D.A. will put out for competitive bid process and select a Pennsylvania environmental contractor to carry out the assessment, testing and cleanup. (Pending funding and final determination of Task 1, the following tasks are anticipated.)
**Task 2 – Demolition** – During year one of the Project period and following Task 1 – the full demolition of site containing building 121 & 384 will begin with full removal completed before end of year one of the Project period.

**Task 3 – Planning & Construction** – During year two of the Project period, B.I.D.A. will put out for competitive bid process and select a Pennsylvania licensed architectural engineer to create the necessary plans for the new warehousing/distribution center.

**Task 4 – Construction** – Following the planning and acceptance of the building plans, and within year two of the Project period, B.I.D.A. will put out for competitive bid process and select a Pennsylvania licensed contractor for the final piece of Project, construction of the new facility.

All phases and tasks will be managed and given oversight by B.I.D.A.’s Director of Facilities and will be the point person for all compliance concerns with the contractors and specialized services, while providing the required monthly and quarterly reporting data and overall project management.

### 3.B. Cost Estimates, Task Description and Project Management

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All costs were compiled using the estimates provided by Forrester Environmental Inc., Professional licensed construction contractors that have worked in the B.I.D.A. complex in the past and our Director of Facilities who has the most complete knowledge and experience at the site. The Director of Facilities will serve as the physical project manager at a rate of $28/hour and will work approximately 320 hours through the course of the project. The Executive Director will serve as the administrator of the program and assist with the project management at $36/hour with an estimated 270 hours, not including the planning and labor of this application process and the reporting to follow. The estimated 270 hours only accounts for
direct engagement with the physical project and does not include the labor conducted for the application process or trainings, conferences and events that may arise upon approval of this grant application.

Equipment line item is to cover the costs of the necessary IT equipment and software to conduct videoconferencing meetings with partners and the community-at-large for continued communications, updates and feedback related to the project. Costs cover a full unit which includes monitor, computer and subscription costs for the software to enable open forum discussions, recording features for future playback and upgrades for the necessary web-based tools to continue to support the recorded video and other updates directly from the B.I.D.A. website.

Supply costs are to cover the expense of the physical printing and postage for the semi-annual newsletter that will supply the public tangible materials for three years, covering the length of the project and for in-person attendees at the community meetings.

Contractual costs are estimates that B.I.D.A. has solicited for this application from an environmental professional remedial service and those of a reputable general construction contractor. Upon award of this grant, B.I.D.A. will utilize a competitive bid process to identify and award the contracts for Phase 1- Assessment and Testing, Phase 2- Demolition and Encapsulation and Phase 3- Construction.

3.C. Measuring Environmental Results

The facility will be utilized by a for-profit business bringing jobs into the community, an internal estimate projects approximately twenty (20) new employment opportunities will be created. B.I.D.A. will utilize the ACRES to manage the progress and reporting of the project to EPA. B.I.D.A. will work with our EPA Project Manager and submit quarterly reports as required under the Assessment grant program.

Future outcomes and additional funding to be leveraged in could potentially include the development of the industrial training facility and physical location for entrepreneurship activities, a regional initiative. B.I.D.A. is researching additional funding sources for the program which include the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s, Industrial Sites Reuse Program (ISRP). The ISRP could potentially allow B.I.D.A. to apply for up to $200,000 for covering remediation. This program could become especially useful should we identify any unknown environmental factors in the assessment portion of the project.

4. Programmatic Capability and Past Performance

4.A.1. & 2. Organizational Structure and Experience

B.I.D.A. is a leader in economic development organizations in our region. B.I.D.A.’s leadership team is comprised of the executive team and overseen by a Board of Directors. The executive team includes Executive Director, Kelly O’Brien; Director of Facilities, Will Hixson; and
Controller (Financial Director), Stacy Whitmire. Ms. O’Brien has been in economic development and successfully administered grant programs within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and has assisted in the start-up and development of many highly successful business ventures. Mr. Hixson has been in construction and project management his entire working career and has a personal connection to the B.I.D.A. industrial complex. Stacy has been an employee of B.I.D.A. for eleven (11) years and has successfully managed compliance for grants received from both federal and state agencies, maintaining fiscal integrity and responsibility.

4.A.3 Acquiring Additional Resources

B.I.D.A. will procure professional environmental companies through a competitive bidding process for the assessment, remediation, and demolition phases of the project. B.I.D.A. will procure a highly skilled and professional construction company for new building construction through the same competitive bidding process.

Based on the determination and recommendations from the environmental contractors following the start of Phase 1; B.I.D.A. is prepared to address and adjust any new environmental factors that could potentially come to light because of the assessment and testing phase. All findings, adjustments and alterations of any plans throughout the project will be reported in a timely manner to B.I.D.A., B.I.D.A.’s Board of Directors, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s DEP and the EPA, along with proper request for any necessary reallocation of funding.

Depending upon funding, as the first two phases of the assessment and clean-up portion project are underway; B.I.D.A. will continue to identify potential funding sources and apply for additional funding. To date, B.I.D.A. has identified the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Department of Community and Economic Development’s Opportunity Grant Program; however, amounts vary and must offer a substantial economic impact. B.I.D.A. will submit a letter of intent (LOI) following the assessment and testing of Phase 1.

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THRESHOLD CRITERIA
Berwick Industrial Complex, Berwick, PA

1. Application Identification:
   a. Berwick Industrial Development Association (B.I.D.A.)
      107 S. Market Street, Suite 5, Berwick, PA 18603
      B.I.D.A. is a nonprofit organization 501(c)(6).
      Organization non-profit status documentation is attached.
      DUNS: 060503372    EIN: 24-0861693

2. Previously Awarded EPA Grants:
   a. B.I.D.A. has not previously received an EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant.

3. Site Ownership:
   a. B.I.D.A. is the sole, fee-simple owner of the brownfield site.

4. Site Information:
   a. Site Name: Building 121 & 384, B.I.D.A. Industrial Complex
   b. Address: 425 W. Third Street, Berwick, PA 18603
   c. Owner: Berwick Industrial Development Association (B.I.D.A.)

5. Status and History of Contamination at the Site:
   a. Site Contaminants: Hazardous substances
   b. Site History: Buildings 121 & 384 were used by ACF a manufacturer of military tanks,
      gun carriages, suspension sets for tanks, armor plating, tractors, finish work on bombs,
      anchor chains for Navy, kitchen rail cars, power trains, caboose cars and miscellaneous
      rail parts and products.
   c. Site Use: Specific to Buildings 121 & 384 used specifically for offices, training events,
      inventory, storage and the molds used by the forge (that we have evidence of).
   d. Contaminant History: Asbestos materials used in building materials and lead paint in the
      construction process of the buildings.

6. Brownfield Site Status:
   a. National Priorities List: This site is not listed on the National Priorities List
   b. CERCLA: This site is not subject to unilateral administrative orders, court orders,
      administrative orders on consent, or judicial consent decrees issued to or entered into
      by parties under CERCLA.
   c. Site Jurisdiction, Custody or Control Status: This site is not subject to the jurisdiction,
      custody, or control of the U.S. Government.
7. Environmental Assessment Information:
   a. There has been no official assessment done at this time, as it is part of this grant request. Forrester Environmental, Inc. has provided B.I.D.A. with the initial assessment on buildings 121 & 384, as of September 12, 2020. All information is subject to change based on the results of formal assessment and testing as part of this grant request.

8. Enforcement / Other Actions:
   a. There are no known ongoing or anticipated environmental enforcement or other actions related to the site.

9. Property-Specific Determination:
   a. This site does not require a Property-Specific Determination.

10. Threshold Criteria Related to CERCLA/Petroleum Liability:
    a. Property Ownership Eligibility - B.I.D.A. is the sole owner of the property and has held ownership since 1963, prior to the formation of the EPA and qualifies for EPA grant funding as Innocent Landowner Status.

11. Cleanup Authority and Oversite Structure
    a. B.I.D.A. will contract with a licensed and insured environmental specialist contractor to manage all removal and disposal of all hazardous materials as well as all TCLP testing in compliance with DEP/EPA.
    b. B.I.D.A.’s Director of Facilities will be assigned as the overall project manager and maintain communications with the environmental contractor and our state and federal DEP/EPA field offices to ensure compliance.

12. Community Notification
    a. B.I.D.A. will conduct an open to the public meeting once the official contaminant testing results are received as part of the EPA’s Multipurpose grant. At that time, we will advertise in the local newspaper and post on our website, social media and electronic newsletter the final plan created following the official results.
    b. The meetings we held early in 2020 were well attended and all were in support of the proposed projects for expansion of existing business and vocational/industrial training center.
    c. Community meeting was held on February 28, 2020. Meeting sign in sheet is attached.

13. Statutory Cost Share
    a. B.I.D.A. is prepared to financially cover the statutory cost share of $40,000.00; 20% of the requested funding totaling $205,000.00