

PRESS RELEASE

The **Enterprise Village Ecosystem USA** team engages **Village Green Global Inc** as Director of Sustainable Practice at **The Historic 18th & Vine JAZZ District, South Vine Corridor** - KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

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Today the **Enterprise Village Ecosystem USA (EVE)** Development announced the engagement of a California Company, **Village Green Global (VGG)** to direct, provide and facilitate an education framework based on sustainability for the **18th & Vine Historic area redevelopment**. VGG has been involved in sustainable education for 20 years in the United States and abroad through lecturing, curriculum design, and supporting sustainable development.

On the horizon for the redevelopment is the introduction of an academic institution focused on sustainable development. It will engage individuals in learning endeavors that will enrich and empower their lives and communities. Once empowered students will be capable of taking on environmental challenges, generating opportunities to foster vibrant, sustainable and socially responsible societies. The yet to be named institute will be within a short walking distance from one of the top 100 high schools in the United States, Lincoln College Preparatory Academy.

Enterprise Village Ecosystem USA (EVE) is being earmarked as a leader in the region for its innovation and community inclusion and will be the 1st of its kind, locally to align to the United Nations Sustainable Design Goals for Quality Education, Sustainable Cities and Partnerships to name a few of the sustainable design goals.

EVE Founder, Vewiser Dixon states *“Our Vision is to create a sustainable African American community where the residents and families can thrive. The Village will be safe, well-kept and energy-efficient. Most importantly this community will be both affordable and attainable. Our team wants to see decision making in our community include full participation and cooperation. There will be a strong emphasis on entrepreneurial education and workforce development training for all residents. The concept is that all activity in the Village will promote enhanced quality of life without jeopardizing the opportunities for improvements of future generations”.*

Richmond McCoy, Urban America Founder states *“It’s an honor that we share our commitment to a centric bottom-up approach to a development that creates a shared collaborative vision with city officials, economic development planning and community stakeholders. I am most impressed with the engagement of the local community and their participation to create sustainable live, work, play, and worship communities. Our company’s focus has always been on empowering communities, increasing minority vendor participation in contracting projects and educating entrepreneurs while redeveloping community”.*

Doug Smith, CEO - Founder, Village Green Global Inc states *“VGG is looking forward to working with the EVE development team to showcase a framework on how new developments can be constructed with sustainable principles in mind and how local communities can participate and prosper through education, job growth, and environmental responsibility”.*

About Village Green Global Inc.

VGG designs, implements and in some cases, arranges funding for the most technologically advanced energy efficiency projects in the marketplace. Additionally, VGG has designed and implemented proprietary software for natural resource management in our urban environments. To complement core business, VGG has developed workplace training courses and provided lectures with curriculum for elementary, high school, college and university campuses. (www.villagegreenglobal.com).

About Urban America

A minority-owned real estate development, investment management, and services company launched in 1998 that has raised more than \$780 million of institutional equity from many of the country’s largest public pension funds,

banks, and insurance companies and leveraged that to over \$2 billion in real estate nationwide. These projects encompassed corporate offices, housing, hospitality, retail, charter schools, YMCA's and industrial spaces. Created over 27,000 jobs for low-income residents in urban markets through consisting contracting of over 30% of the dollars spent with local and minority firms. (www.urbanamerica.com)

About Enterprise Village Ecosystem USA

Enterprise Village Ecosystem USA (EVE) is a mixed-use Urban Technology & Research Park development located in Kansas City's world-renowned 18th & Vine Jazz District. The historic African American residential and business district gave birth to Jazz and demonstrated the power of a thriving economy. The Village is within the greater Downtown Area plan, 1.8 miles southeast of the center of Downtown Kansas City, 1.7 Miles northeast of Crown Center, and 1 mile east of Hospital Hill, totaling approximately 21 acres along US Highway 71 and contains a main east-west artery, the East 23rd Street Corridor. The properties are referred to as the South Vine Corridor in the KCMO 2013 Vine Street Economic Development Plan.

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