

PROJECT FINANCE

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Project Name	Niemann's Foods
Location	Decatur, Illinois (Metro)
Total Federal QEI	\$8 Million
Total Project Cost	\$9.7 million
No. of Community Development Entities ("CDEs")	Two
Closing Date	April 25, 2014
Tax Credits Used	Federal NMTCs

On April 25, 2014, CWM attorneys, Delphine Carnes and Harriet Reynolds, closed on a transaction that utilized New Markets Tax Credits ("NMTCs") to finance the construction of a new grocery store and affiliated convenience store and gas station in a low-income community in Decatur, Illinois (the "Project"). CWM represented Hampton Roads Ventures, L.L.C. ("HRV"), a Virginia-based Community Development Entity ("CDE"), in this transaction which combined Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000) of HRV's Round 10 NMTC allocation with a Two Million Dollar (\$2,000,000) NMTC investment from a CDE affiliated with PNC Bank. The grocery store, which will be operated by Niemann's Foods, Inc. under its "County Market" brand, will bring fresh, affordable food choices to a USDA-designated Food Desert. In addition, the Project will create one hundred twenty (120) construction jobs and over one hundred (100) permanent positions which will generate significant employment opportunities for residents of the surrounding low-income neighborhood.