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Updates from Washington

Congratulations to newly-funded programs

Assistant Administrator, Mathy Stanislaus, announced that EPA is awarding \$3 million to fifteen grantees through the Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training (EWDJT) program. The grants will recruit, train, and place unemployed individuals in jobs that address environmental challenges in their communities. The fifteen grantees are:

- North Star Center for Human Development, Inc., CT – Plans to train 60 students, and place at least 54 graduates in environmental jobs.
- Groundwork Providence, RI – Plans to train a minimum of 54 students, and place at least 45 graduates in environmental jobs.
- City of Glens Fall, NY – Plans to train 100 students, and place 90 graduates in environmental jobs.
- City of Durham, NC – Plans to train 60 students, and place 42 graduates in environmental jobs.
- City of Toledo, OH – Plans to train a minimum of 75 students, and place at least 60 graduates in environmental jobs.
- City of Milwaukee, WI – Plans to train a minimum of 80 students, and place at least 64 graduates in environmental jobs.
- Arkansas Construction Education Foundation, AR – Plans to train 90 students, and place 72 graduates in environmental jobs.
- City of Camden, AR – Plans to train 45 students, and place at least 36 graduates in environmental jobs.
- Limitless Vistas, Inc., LA – Plans to train 40 students, and place at least 32 graduates in environmental jobs.
- Iowa Western Community College, IA – Plans to train 100 students, and place 80 graduates in jobs.
- Cypress Mandela Training Center, Inc., CA – Plans to train a minimum of 80 students, and place at least 60 graduates in environmental jobs.
- Los Angeles Conservation Corps, CA – Plans to train 60 students, and place at least 48 graduates in environmental jobs.
- The Hunters Point Family, CA – Plans to train a minimum of 54 students, and place at least 43 graduates in environmental jobs.
- Nye County, NV – Plans to train a minimum of 54 students, and place at least 43 graduates in environmental jobs.
- Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc., OR – Plans to train a minimum of 30 students, and place at least 23 graduates in environmental jobs.

For more information, please visit http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/pilot_grants.htm or join our next PLC session.

Working with Tribes

Thanks to Steve Price for his insights in working with Tribes. Additional information may be found at their Web site at http://www.yritwc.org/Departments/Solid_Waste.aspx.

The Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council (YRITWC) is an Indigenous grassroots organization, consisting of 70 First Nations and Tribes, dedicated to the protection and preservation of the Yukon River Watershed. The YRITWC accomplishes this by providing Yukon First Nations and Alaska Tribes in the Yukon Watershed with technical assistance, such as facilitating the development and exchange of information; coordinating efforts between First Nations and Tribes; undertaking research; and providing training, education, and awareness programs to promote the health of the Watershed and its indigenous peoples.

The Backhaul Program was started in 2004 to address pressing solid waste issues in the Yukon River Watershed. As of 2008, the Backhaul Program has processed over 10 MILLION POUNDS of solid waste material. The environmental program is continually expanding. In 2008, they initiated recycling used anti-freeze in their own Anti-Freeze Recycling Center based in Nenana. The Backhaul Program has also branched into providing solid waste handling trainings to Tribal workers such as HAZWOPER, DOT HAZWASTE regulations, CPR, First Aid, Freon Removal, Emergency Response, and Incident Command. While the main target area is within the Yukon River Watershed, the Backhaul Program has also helped communities around the state of Alaska and as far away as Russia and Greenland.

This Tribal program relies heavily on partners including community members, Crowley Marine Services, Alaska Railroad, Total Reclaim Northland Services, Inland Barge, AirLand Transportation, Lynden Air Cargo, Weaver Brothers, ABS Alaskan, Interstate Batteries, Arctic Wire and Rope, C&R Pipe, ALPAR, Alaska Metal Recyclers, Northern Air Cargo, Grant Aviation, Everts Air Cargo, Frontier Flying Service, Arctic Transportation Services, Wright Air, Pen Air, Hageland, ERA Aviation, and Alaska Cargo Express.

Some of the training provided at YRITWC includes:

- 24-hour HAZWOPER
- Emergency Response
- Confined Space
- First Aid / CPR
- DOT (3 days)
- Oil Spill Awareness with hands-on exercises and written final exam

YRITWC is not currently funded by EPA, and has not yet applied for an EPA Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training (EWDJT) grant.

YRITWC Backhaul "How To" manual – available to all

In 2007, the YRITWC Backhaul Program received an Alaska Tribal Multi-Media grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency to build capacity among Tribal IGAP and environmental workers. One of the components of that grant was to provide a Backhaul "How-To" Manual with the goal of helping other communities develop or enhance their own Backhaul programs. In 2008 the YRITWC Backhaul Manual was completed and can now be downloaded from the YRITWC Web site at <http://www.yritwc.org/>. Since things are constantly changing in Backhaul across the state of Alaska, they will be updating the manual regularly with new information as it comes in.

YRITWC is also taking suggestions from anyone to add to the manual to make it as comprehensive as possible. If you would like to add anything to the manual, please contact Stephen Price at sprice@yritwc.org. For additional information about this outstanding Tribal program, contact Stephen Price at sprice@yritwc.org or 907.258.3337.

Upcoming Events

National Brownfields Conference, Atlanta, GA, May 15-17, 2013.

Call for Ideas – Now open until August 3, 2012

Organizers of the 15th National Brownfields Conference want your ideas! The program for this annual conference is intended to motivate brownfields stakeholders to share knowledge and expertise and learn from each other's experiences. Venues for over 100 educational sessions include panel and plenary presentations, discussion-based roundtables and town hall meetings, business development opportunities such as the Economic Redevelopment Forum and exhibit hall, mobile workshops, and redevelopment walking tours. Abstracts are due by August 3, 2012. For more information and to submit an abstract, see <http://www.brownfieldsconference.org>.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Next PLC Session: June 27, 2012
 2:00pm EDT

Topics: Who, how, and why did the fifteen grantees get selected for funding
 Qualities of winning proposals
 Helpful hints – open discussion

Feel free to invite a guest! Send your contact information to Mike Senew at msenew@aol.com.

Visit our *Brownfields Toolbox* Web site at <http://www.brownfields-toolbox.org> for more information on Brownfields Job Training programs.