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Notes from Brownfields Professional Learning Community (PLC)

Topics:     Delay in issuance of EPA Job Development and Training RFP  
              Status of the EPA grant review process  
              Program planning and scheduling  
              Brownfields Renewal Job Bank and other national job placement resources

### **Announcements**

Upcoming environmental workforce related conferences:

- NAWB Forum 2012 Dialogue for Workforce Excellence  
March 10 – 13, 2012  
Hilton Washington  
The program is posted online at:  
[www.nawb.org/forum/](http://www.nawb.org/forum/)
- Oklahoma Brownfields Conference 2012  
The program is posted online at:  
[www.oklahomabrownfields.com](http://www.oklahomabrownfields.com)
- Ohio Brownfields Conference 2012  
May 23 - 24, 2012  
Columbus Convention Center  
Attendee registration coming in Jan/Feb 2012
- New Partners for Smart Growth Conference  
February 2 - 4, 2012  
The program is posted online at: [www.epa.gov/tp/calendar/conferences.htm](http://www.epa.gov/tp/calendar/conferences.htm)

Links to the Good Jobs, Green Jobs Conferences can be found at [www.epa.gov/brownfields/job.htm](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/job.htm).

Registration for the Green Jobs Regional Conferences is now open:

- Southern Good Jobs, Green Jobs Conference  
February 23 & 24, 2012  
Atlanta, Georgia
- Western Good Jobs, Green Jobs Conference  
March 15 & 16, 2012  
Los Angeles, California
- Eastern Good Jobs, Green Jobs Conference  
April 3 & 4, 2012  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Midwestern Good Jobs, Green Jobs Conference  
May 10 & 11, 2012  
Detroit, Michigan

## **Delay in issuance of EPA Job Development and Training RFP, Status of the EPA grant review process, Program planning and scheduling**

Brownfields Renewal Job Bank and other national job placement resources:

- Program planning and scheduling (assuming a January RFP release) – an example schedule
- Requests for proposals – January 2012
- Proposals due March – April 2012
- Preparation of proposals and review on various levels
- Initial screening of proposals (qualifying criteria) (rejected proposals notified in 2-3 weeks)
- Intensive review of proposals (ranking criteria)
- Grant awards July – August 2012
- Annual All-Grantee Meeting – Alexandria, VA August 2012
- First training cycles begin late 2012 – Early 2013
- Optimal placement opportunities – First quarter 2013

### **Brownfield Job Development and Training Grantee Schedule Review**

Each year HMTRI scans EPA grantee programs collecting and compiling updated information regarding the following job development related information:

- Training calendars
- Scheduled graduation dates
- Estimated number of graduates available for employment
- Certifications earned by program graduates
- Core curriculum
- Placement coordinator contact information (for interested employers)

The compilation is made available to potential employers, and for use at gatherings of potential employers.

### **Brownfields Renewal Job Bank and other national job placement resources**

#### **National Job Placement Resources**

In past sessions, the PLC discussed available job placement resources. During this session, we continued that discussion with Miles Ballogg who described job placement efforts by the Florida Brownfields Association and their statewide conference held November 14th. At the conference, Pam Scherer described the Florida State, Jacksonville job development and training program and their placement efforts. Workshop presentations including Pam's presentation can be viewed at the Florida Brownfields Association Web site ([www.floridabrownfields.org](http://www.floridabrownfields.org)). The Florida Brownfields Association Web site also has a link to the Brownfields Renewal Job Board available free of charge to all job training graduates.

#### **Brownfield Renewal Job Board**

As Environmental Job Development and Training program graduates post resumes on the Brownfield Renewal website, employers will have a dedicated place to fill environmental workforce needs. There is no cost or obligation to post a resume that can be revised, updated, or removed easily at any time by any program participant, graduate, or post graduate alumni.

Using the Brownfield Renewal Job Board:

1. [www.brownfieldrenewal.com](http://www.brownfieldrenewal.com)
2. Under the banner in the black menu click on Job Board

3. Under Candidates – Register - program participants, graduates or past participants can register
4. Establish your Log in and post your resume
5. Keep you information up to date

There is no charge or obligation. Resumes can be revised or removed any time. Employers can access this resource as a ready source of trained, certified technicians. Also explore job openings on the main page. While many of these jobs are for professional positions, technician openings are also posted for specific jobs and locations. Program graduates can also use the Brownfield Renewal job board as they gain experience and additional training.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Next PLC Session:       December 21, 2011  
                                  2:00pm EST

Topic:                     Establishment, implementation, and sustainability of Environmental Job  
                                  Development and Training Programs

Feel free to invite a guest! Send your contact information to Mike Senew at [msenew@aol.com](mailto:msenew@aol.com).

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