

August 18, 2010

Notes from Brownfields Jobs Training Professional Learning Community (PLC) Session #27

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Topic: Student placement, tracking, and program sustainability

NOTES FROM SESSION 27

Session 27 is the last PLC session in this series (cycle 2). Thank you for participating in either or both of our PLC groups. PLC Cycle 3 will begin on Wednesday, September 15th at 2:00 p.m. EDT. We will resume our 30-minute conversations on the development, implementation, and sustainability of Brownfields Job Development and Training Programs. Cycle 3 will focus on new issues related to the expansion of EPA's Brownfields Job Training program.

Per our discussion, a roster of PLC participants for the first two cycles has been uploaded to the *Brownfields Toolbox* at www.brownfields-toolbox.org. This roster represents organizations interested in Brownfields Job Development and Training programs. Feel free to contact, partner, or request additional information from former PLC participants. The roster is in Excel allowing sorts by geographical location.

In a separate email, a roster from the All-Grantee Meeting will be sent which may also be of interest to those interested in developing a program in their community. Grantees are eager to share and mentor new and developing programs.

Most noteworthy is the FY11 EPA Job Training RFP to be issued in October with a due date in January 2011. EPA will conduct two call-in conferences to review the new application guidelines. The first conference (August 30th) is for Tribes, HBCUs, and minority academic institutions. The second (September 2nd) is for everyone else. Everyone is invited to attend either of these telephone events. Registration details are:

CLU-IN #1:

Understanding the FY11 EPA Job Training Grant Application Guidelines

- US EPA Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR)
- Specifically geared towards tribes, tribal colleges, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), and other minority academic institution applicants
- 08/30/10 from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM EDT
- Call-in number: 866-299-3188, conference code: 2025662772#
- This seminar will provide an overview of the FY11 application guidelines for the Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants – formerly known as the "Brownfields Job Training Grants." Eligibility and ranking evaluation criteria will be covered, as well as information on formatting and key building blocks of a successful proposal.

CLU-IN #2:

Understanding the FY11 EPA Job Training Grant Application Guidelines

- Specifically geared toward all other applicants
- 9/2/10 from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM EDT

- Call-in number: 866-299-3188, conference code: 2025662772#
- This seminar will provide a similar overview of the FY11 application guidelines for the Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grants
- To register for either or both of these conferences, please visit <http://www.clu-in.org/training/#upcoming> and click on the appropriate date you'd like to attend and submit the appropriate registration information via the link.

PLEASE NOTE:

Those interested in developing or expanding their Brownfields Job Development and Training Program need to contact the people getting ready to submit an EPA Assessment, RLF, or Cleanup grant proposal. You should announce your intentions to submit or expand a job training proposal at public hearings. Partnering with these proposals will give your program incredible visibility and credibility as you begin to write your proposal.

FY2011 Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grant Guidelines – Request for Proposals are out.

These grants may be used to address sites contaminated by petroleum and hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum). Opportunities for funding are as follows: Brownfields Assessment Grants (each funded up to \$200,000 over three years; coalitions are funded up to \$1,000,000 over three years), Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grants (each funded up to \$1,000,000 over five years) and Brownfields Cleanup Grants (each funded up to \$200,000 over three years). The proposal deadline is October 15, 2010.

For the entire announcement and links, go to <http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/applicat.htm>.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Next PLC Session: September 15, 2010
 2:00pm EDT

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