

April 14, 2010

Notes from Brownfields Professional Learning Community (PLC) Session #18

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Topic: Brownfields Job Development and Training

NOTES FROM SESSION 18

Goals and objectives of the Brownfields PLC include:

- An opportunity for those interested in starting new programs to discuss issues, resources, and receive advice from those with successful existing programs.
- An opportunity for those with existing programs to assist others and discuss new issues and resources that may improve their programs.
- An opportunity to have an open dialog with others with common interests.
- An opportunity to express concerns and policies related to green jobs and Brownfields job development and training.

Orientation to Brownfields Job Training

Beginning in 1991 with Cuyahoga County Community College, environmental job development and training has matured with over 160 grants awarded as part of the EPA Brownfields Job Development and Training program and over 3,000 participants trained. Each year EPA awards ten – twelve startup grants to communities, academic institutions, and nonprofit organizations focused on green jobs in Brownfields communities.

Additional background information and reference materials related to green jobs and Brownfields job training can be found at www.brownfields-toolbox.org and www.ateec.org.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the newly announced EPA Brownfields grant recipients. These grants were submitted in December 2009 and funded at approximately \$200K each. (See grantee awards below.)

From this, we might conclude that requests for proposals may be released by EPA in the summer of 2010 (June) with a due date of late fall (December 1) followed by awards being announced in spring 2011. This may change depending on EPA's workload and scheduling.

This gives us an opportunity to plan for the grant submission process. Start as early as possible in planning your job development program. Other suggestions:

1. Contact your EPA Regional Brownfields Coordinator as soon as possible regarding your interest in Brownfields job training. See contact list below.
2. Start working within your community to establish support and potential partners. This will be the topic of our May 12 PLC session.
3. Begin to research local, state, and potential federal resources. This will be the topic of our April 28 PLC session.
4. Connect with others who are interested in green job training in your community and nationally.

2010 EPA Job Training Grantees

- City of Cincinnati, OH
- Community Development & Improvement Corporation, Aiken County, SC
- City of Durham, NC
- Groundwork Providence, RI
- Harrisburg Area Community College, PA
- Heritage Community Initiatives, Allegheny County, PA
- JFYNetWorks, Boston, MA
- King County, WA
- Limitless Vistas, Inc., New Orleans, LA
- Research Foundation of the State University of New York, Buffalo, NY
- Tulare Redevelopment Agency, CA
- Workforce Investment Board of Herkimer, Madison, and Oneida Counties, NY

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Mark your calendar

Next PLC Session: Wednesday, April 28, 2010
2:00 p.m. EDT

Topic: Funding sources available to communities for job training, sustaining Brownfields job training programs, technical and non-financial resources

Feel free to invite a guest!