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Notes from the Environmental Workforce Professional Learning Community (PLC)—Cycle 20, Session 1.

This series of bi-weekly phone calls examines effective Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training (EWDJT) strategies from experienced grantees. PLC calls share ideas among successful grantees and prepare interested organizations for the next EPA Request for Proposals. Calls will be a mix of open discussion, workforce development news, resources, and presentations from current grantees.

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1. NEWS FROM WASHINGTON AND HMTRI

EPA Happenings:

EPA Multipurpose, Assessment and Cleanup (MAC) grants must be submitted to grants.gov by January 31, 2019. As discussed in the last PLC call (Questions from PLC members), MAC grants relate to assessment and cleanup of Brownfield sites and can be productive partners employing EWDJT graduates.

During a lapse in federal appropriations, the Grants.gov system will remain in an Operational status. Additionally, the Grants.gov Support Center will remain available to provide assistance to applicants.

As far as the Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training (EWDJT) grants, specific timelines for the competition are still up in the air. News from Washington is slim right now, due to the shutdown. Based on conversations before the shutdown, this is what we think the timetable might look like.

- Request for Proposals may be issued - February-March 2019
- Proposals would be due- April-May 2019
- Proposal evaluations will take place – June-July 2019
- Awards and work plans –August-September 2019
- Authorization to spend funds – After October 1, 2019 (when the new federal fiscal year begins)
- 1st year training cohorts – winter 2019 and spring 2020 for summer placements

We will keep PLC participants informed as we learn more.

HMTRI News:

HMTRI has completed a scan of EWDJT grantees for graduation dates, curriculum, and background information. The compilation allows employers, EPA, and stakeholders an opportunity to learn more

about EWDJT programs. Information provided includes the availability of certified graduates and program contact information. The updated [Certified Employee Finder](#) is available on the Brownfields Toolbox and will be shared with prospective national employers. See section six of these notes for current EWDJT programs.

For questions regarding the scan, additions, or revisions, please contact Bruce Diamond at bdiamond@eicc.edu or (563-441-4082).

2. QUESTIONS FROM PLC MEMBERS

If you have questions you would like addressed, send it to Heather Ballou at hkballou@eicc.edu.

What are MAC grants and why are they important to EWDJT programs?

Multipurpose, Assessment and Cleanup grants (MAC) help encourage and support Brownfields remediation efforts. Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training programs provide local residents an opportunity to participate in those cleanup efforts. It is important that EWDJT grantees partner with local MAC grantees. In fact, coordination between EWDJT and MAC should be considered as part of the assessment and cleanup grant proposals. Here is a summary of this year's MAC grant program:

- **Multipurpose Grants**
EPA will provide funding to conduct a range of eligible assessment and cleanup activities at one or more brownfield sites in a target area. These multi-purpose grants (assessment and cleanup combination) are available up to \$800,000. EPA anticipates selecting 10 proposals.
- **Assessment Grants**
A combined total up to \$300,000, with a maximum of \$300,000 for either hazardous substances or petroleum. Assessment Coalition Applicants may apply for up to \$600,000 in hazardous substances or petroleum funding. There will be an expanded focus on conducting planning activities under Assessment grants. EPA anticipates selecting 114 proposals.
- **Cleanup Grants**
Cleanup grant funding has been increased to \$500,000 per site. Only one application per community will be awarded. EPA anticipates selecting 40 proposals.

The proposal submission deadline for these grants is January 31, 2019. We encourage prospective EWDJT grantees to check out the guidelines (especially for cleanup grants). In the past, EWDJT requests for proposals followed similar formats and information requests as cleanup guidelines.

[FY 2019 Multipurpose Grant Guidelines](#)

[FY 2019 Assessment Grant Guidelines](#)

[FY 2019 Cleanup Grant Guidelines](#)

[Additional MAC Grant Application Resources](#)

3. UNDERSTANDING EWDJT – CRITICAL ISSUES AND BEST PRACTICES

The EPA Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training program (EWDJT) is not related to Department of Labor employment grants. EWDJT grants are small, specialized efforts targeted at underserved communities that have endured high levels of environmental degradation and low employment. EWDJT is limited to specific types of remediation skills primarily related to the cleanup of local Brownfield sites.

A quick review, Brownfields are sites that have or are perceived to have contamination that may pose a hazard to public health and welfare. They are not as dangerous as EPA Superfund sites, but not safe to

develop. While Superfund sites number in the hundreds, there are over 450,000 Brownfield sites across the US. Many of these sites are located in poor communities where community residents have limited resources to improve their environment (hence the term Environmental Justice).

Brownfields job training evolved from the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), which specifically allowed EPA to provide environmental training. By 1997, EPA was providing pilot training grants to see if assisting environmental justice community could successfully provide environmental jobs to community residents. In 2002, the Brownfields Revitalization Act formalized Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training (EWDJT) in EPA. Moving forward to March 2018, the Brownfields Utilization, Investment and Local Development (BUILD) Act updated the old law and guides the current Brownfields program. While the new legislation is just now being implemented, it appears that it will influence the EWDJT grant program.

As previously noted, EPA's next round of EWDJT grants will be funded out of the federal fiscal year 2020 budget, which begins October 1, 2019. Due to the time required to request, submit, evaluate, and select proposals for funding, the process is expected to begin this February or March. The number of awards has not yet been determined but it is expected that the number of proposals submitted will increase. All current, previous and prospective grantees will be eligible to apply.

Evaluation guidelines are designed to award merit such that preferential treatment will not be given to those with previous experience. For these reasons, it is important that all applicants begin preparations early. Ranking criteria are designed to separate those who have prepared well and those who have quickly whipped together a proposal in the 60-day response time. Fortunately, the next several months provide sufficient time to properly establish relationships and build the partnerships required to write a successful proposal. Observing past performance, the following traits appear to provide successful outcomes:

- **Strong partnering**
- **Extensive leveraging and a path to sustainability**
- **A grant proposal that fully addresses critical issues associated with EWDJT**

Eight critical issues have been identified as necessary for environmental workforce development program success. Critical issues encompass broad activities that must be addressed to be successful. Best practices identify strategies on how critical issues can best be addressed. For detailed information on critical issues, go to the [July 2018](#) issue of CONNECT news.

Critical issues we have identified that grantees must address include the following:

- Community and labor market assessments
- Building partnerships
- Leveraging for additional support
- Student recruitment, screening and assessment
- Developing a curriculum
- Life skills, remedial training, support services and retention
- Placement and tracking
- Program sustainability

This cycle of PLC calls will investigate Best Practices discovered by experienced grantees for each of the critical issues presented above. We will use Best Practices to address ranking criteria used to evaluate and select proposals for funding.

4. HMTRI, ATEEC, THE ENVIRONMENTAL WORKFORCE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY, AND AVAILABLE RESOURCES

What to expect from The Hazardous Materials Training and Research Institute (HMTRI)

The Hazardous Materials Training and Research Institute has worked with various EPA programs for over 30 years under a variety of cooperative agreements. Grants have included technician training, curriculum development, capacity building, and technical assistance to communities interested in establishing local environmental workforce programs. The HMTRI effort has been leveraged with assistance from the Advanced Technology Environmental and Energy Center (ATEEC) - funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), the Partnership for Environmental Education (PETE) supported by the National Institute of Environmental Health Science (NIEHS) and Eastern Iowa Community College (EICC).

Since the beginning of the Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Program, HMTRI has assisted communities establish, deliver, and sustain quality environmental training to community residents. Here are some of the strategies HMTRI uses to engage and support the EWDJT effort:

- Brownfields-Toolbox.org – A website and repository for all things related to workforce development and job training.
- [Annual Environmental Job Development All-Grantee Meetings](#) – Networking grantees for peer-to-peer idea exchange. Held in Alexandria, VA each year after new grantees have been selected.
- [Annual Environmental Job Development All-Grantee Update Webinar](#) – Updating communities on the latest developments and best practices of successful EWDJT programs.
- [CONNECT News - a bimonthly e-publication](#) – CONNECT is HMTRI's acronym for Community support, networking, and assistance for environmental career training. Each issue of CONNECT News features contentious issues faced by EWDJT programs.
- [Grantee and Community Outreach Listserv](#) – The HMTRI listserv is a communications link for current announcements and request for information regarding environmental training and job development. Email hkballou@eicc.edu to be included in the listserv.
- [Grantee Scans \(The Certified Employee Finder\)](#) – Collecting and sharing EWDJT information regarding program competencies, training schedules and graduate certifications with potential employers and other grantees.
- [EWDJT Social Media Directory](#) –Grantee websites, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and Google + social platforms are “hot linked” for easy navigating.
- [Best Practices Guide](#) – A compilation of best practices and strategies from successful EWDJT programs.
- [Environmental Workforce Development Professional Learning Community \(PLC\)](#) – Biweekly informal conference calls featuring successful grantees and discussions on EWDJT topics of interest.
- **Individualized Technical Assistance** – one on one assistance regarding EWDJT issues.
- Visitors to the brownfields toolbox may also want to look at the [Start a Program](#) section. Click on the Start a Program tab along the top. Many components regularly updated, so check back often.

What to expect from the Environmental Workforce Professional Learning Community (PLC)

The objective of the PLC is to promote and share innovative strategies among Brownfields job training communities and provide assistance to new communities interested in developing environmental job training programs.

PLC calls feature informal 30 minute discussions with EPA Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training (EWDJT) grantees, alumni, and new interested stakeholders. Participants highlight their programs and provide an opportunity for others to learn from their experience. It also gives those interested an opportunity to discuss critical issues faced by prospective, new and experienced grantees.

The last cycle of the PLC (cycle 19), focused on organizing programs to enhance sustainability and longevity. The EPA Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Program is based on the premise that with limited EPA start-up assistance, communities can establish sustainable community environmental job training programs by leveraging local resources. Once established, successful programs continue to operate using local partnerships and leveraging local resources.

In cycle 20, the PLC will focus on critical issues and best practices in response to the anticipated EPA Workforce Development and Job Training Request for Proposals.

PLC sessions include news from Washington, helpful hints, and an idea exchange. There is no cost or obligation to participate in PLC calls. We ask participants to join us when they can, ask questions, and stay in touch. If you are not on the PLC distribution list, email your contact information to hkballou@eicc.edu. Participants on the list receive post-session notes for each session before they are posted to the [website](#).

5. TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ACRES training for EWDJT grantees

EPA will offer the following online training to aid Brownfields Cooperative Agreement Recipients in reporting their grant-funded activities using ACRES:

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

1pm Eastern Time

[WebEx Session EXIT](#)

To join the session there is no need to pre-register for training, however it is recommended that you [test your computer](#) to ensure compatibility prior to the training. On the day of training, follow the instructions below (you will need to join BOTH a conference call and a virtual meeting):

Phone: Dial 1 (408) 650-3123

Phone: Enter the conference code 958-346-757

Phone: the Audio Pin is not needed

Click the Join Meeting link next to the training you would like to attend, enter the meeting password: ACRES

For additional information go to <https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfields-online-acres-training>.

The Community and College Consortium for Health and Safety Training

The Community and College Consortium for Health and Safety Training (CCCHST), administered by the [Partnership for Environmental Technology Education](#) (PETE) can training components for EPA EWDJT trainers. CCCHST consists of 120 partners offering hazardous materials instruction (HAZWOPER and related Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 CFR 1910.120) in most states of the

nation. CCCHST uses a curriculum developed by the Hazardous Materials Training and Research Institute (HMTRI) through a train-the-trainer model program. CCCHST instructors, prepared by PETE and HMTRI, annually train 10,000 workers, technicians, and supervisors to protect themselves and their communities from exposure to hazardous materials encountered during waste site clean-up, disaster site cleanup, Brownfields redevelopment, transportation of hazardous materials, and in response to spills and releases of hazardous materials. Here is the schedule for upcoming CCCHST professional development opportunities:

..... **Now accepting applications**

The GreatEST Institute

June 3-14, 2019

Davenport, Iowa

OSHA Health and Safety Instructor Training

The Community College Consortium for Health and Safety Training (CCCHST)

Instructors are prepared through a 10-day Train-the-Trainer Program called the GreatEST Institute (Great Environmental Safety Training Institute) to deliver required certifications for public and private responders and workers including:

- 40-hour Waste Site Worker Health and Safety
- 24-hour Industrial Emergency Response
- DOT Haz Mat Awareness
- Confined Space Non Entry Rescue
- Hazard Awareness and Communication
- Disaster Site Worker Awareness

Applications can be found at <https://nationalpete.org/events/> and are due **February 28, 2019**.

PETE Instructor Professional Development Conferences

-*March 27-29, 2019 – Arkansas Environmental Training Academy, Little Rock, AR

- April 23-25, 2019 – Northampton Community College, Bethlehem, PA

- July 16-18, 2019 – South Central College, North Mankato, MN

***PETE & NESHTA Specialty Instructor Training Opportunity**

March 24-26, 2019

NESHTA Designing & Delivering Effective Training Pre-Conference Workshop

Applications can be found at <https://nationalpete.org/events/>.

6. CONTACT ACTIVE EWDJT GRANTEES

Are you interested in contacting current environmental workforce development and job training grantees? EWDJT grantees are happy to assist other grantees and prospective applicants to share their experiences with interested organizations. Contact information is available from the [2018 All Grantee Meeting participant list](#).

New and Refunded Grantees	Region	State	FY Award
Alaska Forum, Inc.	10	AK	2016, 2018
Auberle	3	PA	2016
Civic Works, Inc.	3	MD	2016, 2018
Cypress Mandela Training Center, Inc.	9	CA	2016
Earth Conservancy	3	PA	2017
Energy Coordinating Agency	3	PA	2016
Essex County Division of Training and Employment	2	NJ	2018
Florida State College at Jacksonville	4	FL	2017
Fortune Society, Inc., The	2	NY	2017
Full Employment Council, Inc.	7	MO	2018
Glens Falls, City of	2	NY	2016
Great Lakes Community Conservation Corps, Inc.	5	WI	2017
Groundwork Rhode Island	1	RI	2018
Hunters Point Family	9	CA	2018
King County	10	WA	2018
Lawson State Community College	4	AL	2016
Limitless Vistas, Inc.	6	LA	2016, 2018
Los Angeles Conservation Corps	9	CA	2016, 2018
Merrimack Valley Workforce Investment Board	1	MA	2017
Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board, Waterbury	1	CT	2016
Nye County	9	NV	2016
OAI, Inc.	5	IL	2017
Oregon Tradeswomen Inc.	10	OR	2017
PathStone Corporation	2	PR	2017
People United for Sustainable Housing, Inc.	2	NY	2017
Pittsburg, City of	9	CA	2016, 2018
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe	10	WA	2016
RecycleForce	5	IN	2018
Redevelopment Authority of Cumberland County	3	PA	2016
Richmond, City of (California)	9	CA	2017
Rochester, City of (New York)	2	NY	2016
Salish Kootenai College	8	MT	2017
Santa Fe Community College	6	NM	2017
Springfield, City of (Missouri)	7	MO	2016, 2018
St. Louis Community College	7	MO	2017
St. Nicks Alliance	2	NY	2018
Sustainable South Bronx	2	NY	2018
Tacoma, City of	10	WA	2016, 2018
The Hunters Point Family	9	CA	2016
Training to Work an Industry Niche	4	NC	2018
West End Neighborhood House, Inc.	3	DE	2018
Zender Environmental Health and Research Group	10	AK	2017

[Map of EPA Regions](#)

7. ADDITIONAL HMTRI AND ATEEC RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO PLC MEMEBERS

For PLC participants who would like to learn more about environmental workforce development and training, here is a selection of HMTRI and ATEEC resources.

Majority of these are printed resources that can be sent to you, with links for their online equivalents.

- [Defining Energy Technologies and Services Report](#)
- [Defining Energy Technology and Services Chart](#)
- [Regional Energy Conversations Report](#)
- [Regional Energy Conversations Chart](#)
- [Defining Environmental Technology Report](#)
- [Defining Environmental Technology Chart](#)
- [Defining Water Management Report](#)
- [Defining Water Management Chart](#)
- [Regional Water Conversations Report](#)
- [Regional Water Conversations Chart](#)
- [Best Practices Guide for Developing Educational Programs](#)
- [Preparing Energy Technicians for the 21st Century Workforce](#)
- [Preparing Energy Technicians for the 21st Century Workforce Chart](#)
- Half-sheet: Hire Trained Environmental Technicians
- Half-sheet: HMTRI Technical Assistance
- [Brownfields Toolbox](#)
- [Defining Environmental Technology Careers Interactive Chart](#)
- [Defining Water Management Interactive Chart](#)

8. FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[EPA Environmental Justice Small Grants Opportunity](#)

Full Proposal Due Date: Friday, February 15, 2019

The Environmental Justice Small Grants (EJSG) program awards grants that support community-driven projects designed to engage, educate, and empower communities to better understand local environmental and public health issues and develop strategies for addressing those issues, building consensus in the community, and setting community priorities. The EJSG program will award approximately \$1.5 million nationwide for this competitive opportunity. EPA anticipates awarding approximately 50 grants (5 per EPA region) of up to \$30,000 each. These grants are for one-year projects. Given projected increases in extreme weather events and the vulnerability of underserved populations, this opportunity will emphasize projects that address emergency preparedness and increase resiliency, as well as projects that include the needs of US military veterans and homeless populations.

Eligible entities include incorporated non-profit organizations including, but not limited to, environmental justice networks, faith based organizations and those affiliated with religious institutions, federally recognized tribal governments—including Alaska Native Villages; OR tribal organizations. **All applications must be submitted through [Grants.gov](#).**

[FY2019 Request for Proposals - Environmental Justice Small Grant Program](#)

Informational Pre-Application Assistance Calls

Potential applicants are invited to participate in conference calls with EPA to address questions about the EJSG Program and this solicitation. Interested persons may access the pre-application assistance

calls by dialing 866-299-3188 and entering the code 202-564-6349# when prompted. The following are the conference call dates and times:

Wednesday, January 23, 2019
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. EST

Thursday January 31, 2019
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. EST

[Frequently Asked Questions](#) for answers to common questions about this opportunity. This page will be updated throughout the open solicitation period with additional questions and answers.

[Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program 2019](#)

Full Proposal Due Date: Thursday, January 31, 2019

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and the Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC), in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), USDA Forest Service (USFS), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), FedEx, Southern Company, Shell Oil Company and BNSF Railway are pleased to solicit applications for the 2019 Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration program. The Five Star and Urban Waters program will award approximately \$1.7 million in grants nationwide. The Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration grant program seeks to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations by providing modest financial assistance to diverse local partnerships focused on improving water quality, watersheds and the species and habitats they support.

Projects include a variety of ecological improvements along with targeted community outreach, education and stewardship. Ecological improvements may include one or more of the following: wetland, riparian, forest and coastal habitat restoration; wildlife conservation, community tree canopy enhancement, water quality monitoring and green infrastructure best management practices for managing run-off. Projects should also increase access to the benefits of nature, reduce the impact of environmental hazards and engage local communities, particularly underserved communities, in project planning, outreach and implementation.

This program expects that applicants will represent a mixture of urban and rural communities. NFWF may use a mix of public and private funding sources to support any grant made through this program.

U.S. Department of Labor

Sector-based approaches to expand apprenticeships

U.S. Department of Labor announced \$150 million in grants to support sector-based approaches to expand apprenticeships on a national scale in key industry sectors. When awarded, the grants will move a step closer to President Trump's vision set forth in [Executive Order on Expanding Apprenticeship in America](#), which calls for increasing the number of apprentices in the U.S. across all industries.

This grant program aims to accelerate the expansion of apprenticeships to new industry sectors, and to increase apprenticeship opportunities for all Americans. Veterans, military spouses, service members re-entering the civilian workforce, and underrepresented groups in apprenticeship, including women, people of color, and ex-offenders will benefit from their investments. As directed by the 2017 Executive Order, the Task Force on Apprenticeship Expansion released on May 10, 2018, its [final report to the President](#), which provides detailed recommendations for meeting these goals.

The Department will award up to \$150 million in H-1B funds to approximately 15 to 30 apprenticeship programs, with awards ranging from \$1 million to \$12 million. The grant size will depend on the size of the targeted industry sector and the proposed scale of the apprenticeship projects.

Funding will be awarded to projects designed to expand apprenticeships to occupations that have not typically used apprenticeships to bring new entrants into the workforce. By focusing on information technology, advanced manufacturing, banking and finance, and healthcare, we can offer new job seekers opportunities and upskill those already employed in these industries to bolster the sector's competitiveness; Increase the level of apprenticeship activity among a range of new employers within these industry sectors, particularly small and medium-sized businesses; and Promote a sector-based approach to large-scale expansion of apprenticeships that include a paid, work-based learning component and a required educational or instructional component that results in the issuance of an industry-recognized credential and meet appropriate quality assurance standards.

For additional information on grant eligibility, and how to apply for funds, visit www.grants.gov.

9. PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Linking solar employers and job seekers

AmericanSolarWorkforce.org links solar employers and job seekers AmericanSolarWorkforce.org, a comprehensive online platform linking solar employers and job seekers to build a strong and diverse solar workforce. This career platform is managed by the Solar Training Network, a program led by The Solar Foundation with our team of partners and funded by the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Energy Technologies Office.

The Solar Training Network developed the platform after its research showed a large majority of solar employers find it difficult to hire qualified candidates. AmericanSolarWorkforce.org helps fill these gaps by facilitating connections between solar companies, career seekers, training providers, and workforce boards. Using this platform, which is free of charge, employers can post job opportunities and connect with thousands of candidates. Solar career seekers can create attractive profiles, apply for jobs, identify training providers, and make connections with solar companies.

This platform includes original research and useful resources to support solar workforce development. For example, a new toolkit, [Strategies for Solar Workforce Development](#), shows how solar companies can engage with local workforce development resources and build a pipeline of talented employees. The platform also features a “Solar Panel” with advice from workforce experts, and a shared news and events page for users to post updates.

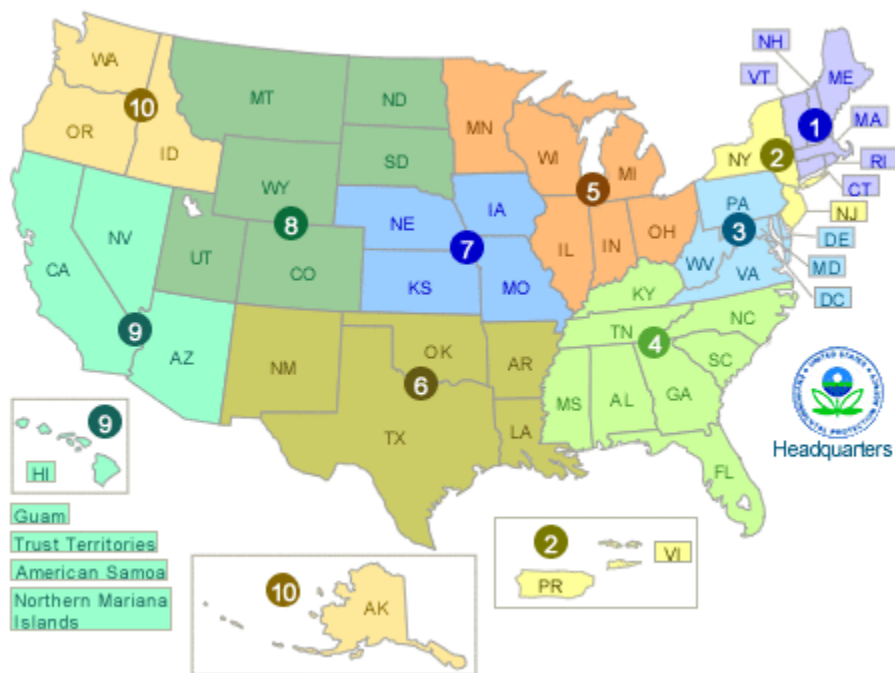
Any employer or job seeker can sign up on the platform now and start building new connections in solar. Go to AmericanSolarWorkforce.org.

10. EPA REGIONAL JOB TRAINING COORDINATORS

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Map of EPA Regions



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11. RECAP OF CYCLE 19 PLC CALLS – FUTURE PLC CALLS

Missed a few of our PLC sessions? Here is a topic listing. Post session notes are available on the [Brownfields Toolbox](#).

Cycle 19 – 2018 Environmental workforce PLC discussions

7/18/2018	Session 193	Introduction to Cycle 19
8/01/2018	Session 194	Critical issues
8/15/2018	Session 195	Revisiting the 2018 All Grantee Meeting
8/29/2018	Session 196	RecycleForce
9/12/2018	Session 197	Coalfield Development
9/26/2018	Session 198	Sustainability models – Social entrepreneurship
10/10/2018	Session 199	MVWIB
10/24/2018	Session 200	Governmental environmental workforce programs
11/07/2018	Session 201	Strategies to strengthen nonprofits
12/05/2018	Session 202	Preparing for the release of the next EWDJT RFP

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1/30/2019	Session 204
2/13/2019	Session 205
2/27/2019	Session 206
3/13/2019	Session 207
3/27/2019	Session 208
4/10/2019	Session 209
4/24/2019	Session 210
5/8/2019	Session 211
5/22/2019	Session 212

Tune into the next PLC call - **Wednesday, January 30, 2019**.

Join our 30-minute discussion with EPA EWDJT grantees, alumni and new interested stakeholders. PLCs give grantees a chance to highlight their programs and an opportunity for others to learn from their experience. For questions or to be placed on the PLC register, send your contact information to hkballou@eicc.edu.

Feel free to invite a guest! Send your contact information to Heather Ballou at hkballou@eicc.edu.

Visit our [HMTRI Brownfields Toolbox](#) website for more information on Brownfields Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training programs. All [PLC session notes and recordings](#) are also located on the website. For those interested in providing content or suggestions, please contact Heather Ballou at hkballou@eicc.edu.

NOTE: The PLC brings together ideas and opinions of individuals interested in environmental workforce development and job training. Ideas and opinions are not those of EPA or its policy and should not be taken as official guidance.

