

August 5, 2020



Notes from the Environmental Workforce Professional Learning Community (PLC)—Cycle 22.

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.

Topics:

1. News from Washington – FY21 Request for Applications, Preparing for the EPA Webinar
2. News from HMTRI – Participating in the 2020 Virtual All Grantee Meeting
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1. NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

Last week EPA released the long awaited FY21 Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Request for Applications (RFA). Grants.gov number EPA-OLEM-OBLR-20-03 was posted July 27th with a closing date of September 22, 2020.

On August 6, EPA hosted an outreach webinar reviewing the RFA. Below are links to the RFA , webinar slides and FAQs.

- [Request for Applications \(RFA\) for FY 21 Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training \(EWDJT\) Grants](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions About EWDJT Grants](#)
- [How to submit an application through Grants.gov](#)

A recording and power point of the live webinar will also be made available on the EWDJT solicitation page the week of August 10th. Go to this page for webinar information and additional information regarding Brownfields Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants.

[Solicitation page](#)

<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/fy-2021-environmental-workforce-development-and-job-training-ewdjt-grants-0>

2021 National Brownfields Training Conference

EPA is going ahead with the next National Brownfields Training Conference. Offered every two years, the event will be held on April 26-30, 2021, in Oklahoma City. This conference is the largest gathering of stakeholders focused on cleaning up and reusing former commercial and industrial properties. EPA co-sponsors this event with the International City/County Management Association. EPA and ICMA are closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation and are adapting the in-person conference experience in consideration of participants' health and safety.

Call for Ideas

2021 National Brownfields Training Conference, Oklahoma City, OK, April 27-30, 2021. Submit your ideas for dynamic educational sessions that encourage conversation and participation from your fellow attendees. The Brownfields 2021 educational program will motivate brownfields stakeholders to engage, learn, and share their experiences and knowledge of community revitalization challenges and solutions. The conference planning committee is looking for session ideas in 12 topic areas. Submissions are due by August 24, 2020. For more information and to submit an idea, go to the following page.

<https://brownfields2021.org/sessions/call-for-ideas/>.

2. HMTRI NEWS

Registration is closed for the 2020 Annual All-Grantee Meeting

August 11 - August 13

12:00 - 3:00 p.m. Eastern

To those who have registered and volunteered as a co-facilitator in one of over 21 breakout sessions, thanks for your participation in our first Virtual All-Grantee Meeting. We look forward to three days of plenaries and breakouts August 11th to the 14th from 12 to 3 PM Eastern time each day. Over 120 EWDJT grantees, Regional Coordinators and EPA headquarter staff will be sharing ideas relating to EWDJT and navigating environmental training in the era of COVID-19.

Tuesday August 11th the conference begins with welcome remarks, introductions, breakouts with Regional Coordinators and a plenary session from EPA on grant administration. Wednesday and Thursday consist of breakout sessions with virtual grantee tours Wednesday after hours. Check your registration confirmation to note the breakouts you have selected. Knowing your next session will be helpful when it's time to move to the next breakout. Here are the scheduled breakouts.

- B1 – Regions 1-3 breakout session
- B2 – Regions 4-7 breakout session
- B3 – Regions 8-10 breakout session
- B4 – Recruitment and Screening - Recruitment Strategies
- B5 – Community and Labor Market Assessments
- B6 – Partnership Development
- B7 – Graduation, Placement & Tracking
- B8 – Curriculum & Training
- B9 – Student Retention and Support Services
- B10 – Program Evaluation and Assessment
- B11 – Program Tune-up and Grant Writing Strategies
- B12 – Substance Abuse and Other Program Landmines
- B13 – Health and Safety for Program Managers
- B14 – Program Reporting & ACRES
- B15 – Leveraging with Partnerships
- B16 – Working with WIBs & Service Organizations
- B17 – Using Advisors and Employers Strategically
- B18 – NIEHS Worker Training Program & COVID-19 Resources
- B19 – Training Strategies in Era of COVID-19
- B20 – Tips and Ideas for New Grantees
- B21 – Community Awareness and Social Media

For those not able to attend this year’s All Grantee Meeting, HMTRI will post session notes and presentation materials on the brownfields-toolbox.org website.

3. PLC QUESTIONS

Who should we talk with about specific issues concerning our grant proposals?

Our best advice is always contact your Regional Coordinator keeping them informed of recent developments concerning your grant or intentions to submit a new application. Please note: Since the RFA has been issued, Regional Coordinators will not be able review your proposal or advise you on your response to Ranking Criteria.

They can however, discuss the RFA and especially Threshold Criteria. Since Threshold Criteria are critical and reviewed on a “pass/fail” basis, it is important that you provide **all** the information requested. If you have questions regarding your response to the Threshold Criteria, do not hesitate to call your Regional Coordinator for clarification. Contact information is presented in section 10 of these post session notes. You can also bring up general proposal issues in PLC sessions which will be running every other Wednesday until the proposal due date.

Questions?

Still have unanswered questions? Send them to hkballou@eicc.edu.

4. STATUS OF EWDJT AUGUST 5, 2020

Anecdotal comments and observations from this week's PLC .

- Facilities are beginning to open with masks and social distancing on a limited basis depending on local public health concerns and organizational policies.
- In some locations, face to face training is beginning with reduced class sizes, masks and social distancing.
- Smaller class sizes are requiring an increase in the number of cohorts offered and in some cases a reduction in the number of courses offered.
- For those opening, orientation, remedial education and life skills appear to be delivered first.
- EWDJT grantees associated with larger organizations (determined as essential) have been able to remain open during closure of most training facilities.
- Weather permitting, social circles and limited instruction are being moved outdoors.
- Grantees in some parts of the country are concerned that COVID-19 rates are increasing and new restrictions may be imposed on face to face training and facility access.
- As with state K-12 openings, public health policies may impact the ability of EWDJT training to continue.
- Lack of equipment, internet access and computer skills among the EWDJT participant population will limit the number of EWDJT programs able to provide online training.
- Most EWDJT program staff are continuing administrative operations including program planning, partnership communications, limited recruitment and placement activities.

A best guess estimate for FY21 award and program implementation

The FY21 Environmental Workforce Development RFA (request for proposals) has been issued. Our current best guess schedule for application submission, award and program implementation is flexible but could look like this:

- EPA Request for Applications posted on grants.gov – July 27th
- Proposal planning and team building pre grant preparation – Ongoing
- Community relationship and partnership development – Ongoing
- Proposals due – September 22nd
- Threshold criteria (Pass Fail) notifications of application rejection – Second week of October
- Proposal evaluations – November – December, 2020
- Award announcements – February, 2021
- Finalization of work plans and award finalization – Early Spring, 2021
- Authorization to spend funds – April -May, 2021
- Program planning, partnership coordination and scheduling – Spring-Summer
- Community awareness, student recruitment and screening – Summer
- First year training cohorts begin – Summer, Fall 2021
- ACRES and Quarterly reports – Due quarterly after award finalization

5. THINGS TO DO NOW – Application submission and Threshold Criteria

Before getting too far into proposal development, there are two critically important issues that must be addressed.

- Is your organization set up to submit and administer the grant application using grants.gov and the System for Awards Management (SAM)?
- Is your organization eligible to apply for the EWDJT grant (able to pass the Threshold Criteria)?

If either of these questions cannot be answered affirmatively, it is not too late to consider strategies that would allow your organization to still participate in the development of an EWDJT program. First, let's discuss critical issues that need attention before responding to the EPA Request for Applications.

Preparing to submit an application using grants.gov and SAM

Funding proposals have been rejected because the applicant's www.SAM.gov account is inactive or the wrong DUNS number has been used as part of the application. Another landmine occurs when the application submitter is not the Authorized Organization Representative (AOR). Proposals with an unauthorized AOR have also been rejected.

The first responsibility for program managers is to verify that your organizations grant submission process is active and up to date.

Be sure whoever is submitting the proposal is registered at www.grants.gov. The organizations Ebiz Point of Contact will oversee the organizations grants.gov activities. Sometimes the Ebiz Point of Contact will authorize a representative to submit the proposal. He or she is called the Authorized Organization Representative (AOR). As a refresher, make sure that whoever is submitting the proposal spends some time getting reacquainted with grant.gov and the System for Awards Management. Grants.gov has all types of information regarding the grants submission process including a primer (Grants 101, all about submitting Federal grant application).

To check an account status, go to www.SAM.gov and enter the DUNS number used for grant submission. The System for Award Management (SAM) is an official website of the U.S. government. You can use this site to:

- Register to do business with the U.S. government.
- Update or renew your entity registration.
- Check status of an entity registration.
- Search for entity registration and exclusion records.
- Make sure your password is up to date.
- Use the help desk for assistance at 1-800-518-4726.

Important: Double check the person assigned to submit your proposal. Have them log on and insure your credentials are current and that submission procedures have not changed since a

grant application was last submitted. Later we will discuss options if your organization is not in a position to submit a proposal under the procedures just discussed.

For organizations new to Federal grants, the registration process from scratch may take a month or more to complete. Occasionally, technical and other issues arise when using

www.grants.gov. We suggest a dry run even if the account has been used in the past.

Applicants must use their accounts at least once per year to remain active. Important note: We have been informed that grants.gov will be down for maintenance September 18th to the 21st. You will need to submit your grant early.

Threshold criteria screens proposals eligible for EPA funding consideration

Rather than spending time evaluating proposals not eligible for EPA funding, the Request for Applications includes a screening mechanism which eliminates non-fundable grants before a detailed ranking evaluation begins. Nine Threshold Criteria determine if a proposal is fundable under EPA guidelines and is eligible to move onto the evaluation process. Submitted applications are reviewed on a pass/fail basis. All Threshold Criteria must be satisfied to pass the screen. **It is extremely important that grant writers pay attention, fully understand and provide a response to the information requested.** As noted above, since the RFA has been issued, Regional Coordinators are able to review general RFA guidelines but also specific questions concerning Threshold Criteria. They are not able to review your proposal or your answers to Ranking Criteria. If you have questions regarding your response to the Threshold Criteria, do not hesitate to call your Regional Coordinator for clarification. Here is a quick summary of the nine Threshold Criteria necessary for proposals to proceed to the next step in proposal evaluation. These criteria are described in detail on page 13 of the RFA.

1. Applicants must be eligible to apply for the EWDJT program

Applicants must provide evidence that they are an eligible to receive EWDJT assistance. For entities other than cities, counties, tribes, or states, documentation needs to be attached regarding your eligibility, such as nonprofit status, resolutions, or statutes.

2. Applicants must demonstrate that the EWDJT program will not duplicate other Federally funded environmental job training programs such as the following.

- EPA's Superfund Job Training Initiative (SuperJTI)
- EPA's Environmental Justice Small Grants Program
- Studies, Investigations, Training, and Special Purpose Activities Relating to Environmental Justice Grants Program
- National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) Hazardous Waste Worker Training programs Department of Labor (DOL) grant funds that include brownfields remediation, renewable energy, HVAC, or other energy-related training or wastewater treatment technology operator training
- Department of Energy (DOE), Health and Human Services (HHS), and other federal agencies
- Funding provided by Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

If you are receiving funding for environmental training, you must demonstrate how services under the proposed project will complement, but not duplicate, existing federal environmental job training activities. This may include a different target audience, age group, demographic or differing types of certification training.

If you are the recipient of other federally funded environmental or green job training programs serving your area or community, you must similarly demonstrate how services under this proposed project will complement, but not duplicate, existing federal environmental job training activities. **If your proposed target community is not a recipient of any federally funded environmental or green job training programs, a statement to this effect must be included in the threshold criteria section of your cover letter.**

3. HAZWOPER training is required as part of the core curriculum

The application must include OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120 40-hour Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) training and that it will be provided to all trainees in the proposed program.

4. Federal funds requested must not exceed \$200,000

Applications with project periods exceeding three years or requesting more than \$200,000 in federal funds for the entire project period will not be reviewed.

5. Page counts and formats must conform to guideline standards

Cover letters cannot exceed 3 pages, the narrative portion 15 pages, and attachments 15 pages (note: requested forms are excluded in page counts). Also remember to use single spacing and only one scanned image per attachment page will be accepted.

6. A curriculum chart with cost estimates for each course

As part of the Threshold evaluation, applicants must submit a detailed training curriculum chart with associated costs for each training course. Information includes the following:

- Course name
- Level of training
- Type of certification
- Number of hours
- Start and end dates
- Number of times course is offered
- Training provider
- Cost of the course
- Percent of the grant budget

The training curriculum chart with associated costs for each training course is not considered an attachment and must be included with responses to the ranking criteria as part of the Narrative. When addressing this threshold criterion in your cover letter, indicate on which page

of the application your training curriculum chart can be found. Training relates to EPA funded instruction.

7. This year applications must include two separate plans for delivering training

EPA would like to see two approaches to training delivery. First, a training plan under normal circumstances and a second plan that may limit or restrict training due to COVID19 public health concerns. **Applications that do not include the two plans will be rejected.** When addressing this threshold criterion in your cover letter, indicate on which page of the application your training delivery plans can be found.

8. Target area

Applicants must identify the target area they propose to serve, including the town or city, as well as the neighborhood or community. Applicants cannot propose to serve multiple target areas. However, EPA will consider applications that propose to serve large areas, especially in rural communities, that may include a number of towns, as well as applications seeking to serve sister-cities.

9. Funded proposals in the FY20 cohort are not eligible to apply for FY21 funding

Applicants who received an EWDJT grant from EPA in Fiscal Year 2020 are not eligible to apply under this competition. New, previously unfunded and grantees from prior years are encouraged to apply.

Organizations not able or ready to pass RFA Threshold Criteria

There are options for those interested in developing an EWDJT program but not yet ready or able to pass the EPA Threshold Criteria. Consider partnering with an organization experienced and able to provide resources your organization currently lacks. As a sub-grantee, your organization is subject to all the rules and regulations of the primary grantee. Together the partner relationship may develop an EWDJT program stronger than either would individually. This is often the case when partnering with Workforce Investment Boards, City or County government, a Community College, or large nonprofit organization with common goals.

6. A shout out to John Lewis

Few legislative bills related to environmental justice have ever been enacted into law by Congress. That is not because of a lack of interest. Representative [John Lewis](#) introduced the Environmental Justice Act in 1992. This proposed act was dedicated to abolishing racial disparities in how environmental protection was applied. Though the act was never passed, its purpose eventually prevailed.

In 1994 [Bill Clinton](#) signed executive order 12898 stating that the EPA must focus on addressing and managing environmental risks that disproportionately affect low-income and minority communities. The order directed the federal government to consider environmental justice in its decisions. Under the order, the EPA and 17 federal agencies are required to recognize the "disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of their programs

on minority and low-income populations. The order was further reaffirmed by President Barack Obama.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency honored John Lewis with the "[Environmental Justice Champion](#)" award for his "groundbreaking and tireless work to end environmental racism and heal communities that for far too long had been unheard and unseen." John Lewis later attempted, with no avail, to introduce H.R.4645, [The Environmental Justice Act of 2016](#), to increase economic support for environmental justice communities and projects. Cory Booker has since "taken up the torch" to bring the EJ effort into law. Environmental Justice is a "keystone" to the EWDJT program. It demonstrates EPA's commitment to fulfilling John Lewis's vision of equitable justice for all. We can all thank Representative John Lewis for EPA's continuing support of the EWDJT program.

7. Webinars and websites

AIHA COVID19 Resources

AIHA has joined efforts with CDC and NIOSH (National Institute on Occupational Safety and Health) to help educate the public about returning to work safely by hosting a series of free webinars by business sector.

Back to work resources from the AIHA link below offers specific, easy-to-follow, science-based recommendations for limiting the transmission of the coronavirus while operating a wide variety of businesses, including restaurants, retail outlets, and hair and nail salons. Guidelines were developed for smaller organizations that don't have readily available occupational health and safety resources. AIHA encourages employers, employees, and customers to carefully read and implement as many of the recommendations contained in the guidance document as applicable.

Go to the following home page for COVID19 resources from AIHA.

<https://www.backtoworksafely.org/>

Clean Water Certificate Training Program for the Construction, Maintenance and Inspection of Green Infrastructure Practices, Level 100 is a nationally-accredited program. The Keith Campbell Foundation for the Environment is the key funder of the program with additional support provided by the Prince Charitable Trusts and France-Merrick Foundation. The Clean Water Certificate (CWC) training program for workforce development provides high quality training opportunities that promotes job growth in the stormwater industry and delivers industry specific, job-readiness skills and knowledge. The goals of the CWC training program are to:

- Provide the stormwater industry access to an "on the job ready" workforce.
- Expand the skilled stormwater industry workforce to help meet the demand for stormwater installation and maintenance.
- Increased opportunity for individuals in low-income communities, under or unemployed individuals to secure a living wage job leading to financial stability.

The program is modeled to effectively integrate with existing workforce development programs that provide life skills and support services to program participants, creating a pathway for local businesses to hire these individuals into living wage careers following successful completion of the CWC training program.

Contact Karen Titus to learn more about the Clean Water Certificate Training Program at

kmt@cwpc.org

443-392-7836

<https://www.cwpc.org/cwc/>

[NIEHS WTP Essential and Returning Worker Online Training Course](#)

Now Available

As workplaces reopen, workers and employers are safeguarding against COVID-19. Vivid Learning Systems designed an online version of the NIEHS WTP Essential and Returning Worker Training course, which is now available from Vivid Learning Systems. This training includes an Introduction and modules on Assessing Exposure Risk to SARS CoV-2, Workplace Exposure Prevention, Cleaning and Disinfections, and Resilience. Access to this course is free of charge.

[TechDirect](#)

Anyone interested in subscribing may do so on CLU-IN at <https://clu-in.org/techdirect> . All previous issues of TechDirect are archived there. The TechDirect messages of the past can be searched by keyword or can be viewed as individual issues. TechDirect's purpose is to identify new technical, policy and guidance resources related to the assessment and remediation of contaminated soil, sediments and groundwater.

If you have any questions regarding TechDirect, contact Jean Balent at

(703) 603-9924 or

balent.jean@epa.gov.

8. CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS

[2020 Georgia Environmental Conference](#)

August 26-28, 2020

Jekyll Island, GA

The Annual Georgia Environmental Conference is the largest and most comprehensive professional environmental education conference serving Georgia and the Southeast region – across the public and private sectors.

Mission: To meaningfully and significantly present Georgia Environmental Conference's diverse slate of topics and featured speakers focusing on providing fresh, new, high value, well-balanced, diverse, and relevant educational content with a positive impact on current and future practitioners and the environment of Georgia and the Southeast region.

The Conference hosts an elite group of environmental professionals seeking knowledge and sharing ideas around environmental concerns in Georgia and the Southeast region. GEC anticipates an estimated 700 attendees, including Attorneys, Consultants, Engineers, Business,

Industry, Federal, State, and Local Government Officials, Planners and Developers, Landowners and many, many others with a strong interest in environmental programs in Georgia and the Southeast. Sponsorships enable more diverse groups and individuals to participate at the Annual Georgia Environmental Conference. Through continued participation in this program, we may continue to offer course registration fees far below that charged for comparable events and learning opportunities, while providing a top-notch Conference experience.

[The WV Brownfields Conference](#)

September 15-17

Huntington, WV

The WV Brownfields Conference & Main Street/ON TRAC Training is West Virginia's premier redevelopment event that combines educational programs with networking opportunities between communities, local governments, development professionals, and service providers. The conference features expert panels, interactive workshops, technical training, and project case studies.

The Conference Planning Committee is currently seeking mobile workshop and breakout session ideas to fill limited slots for the 2020 Conference in Huntington, WV on September 15-17. We are looking for session ideas focused on downtown development, remediation and site preparation strategies, re-use planning approaches, and redevelopment funding opportunities. Creative session formats, such as town hall or roundtable discussions and interactive workshops, as well as traditional panel presentations, are encouraged.

[The 6th Annual GBA Brownfield Seminar](#)

Full-day conference at Georgia Power

Monday, Oct. 19, 2020

Join us Monday, Oct. 19, 2020 for the sixth annual Brownfield Seminar. We are planning to present the same great event we had planned before coronavirus (COVID-19) rearranged all of our lives and schedules, in its originally planned format, as a full-day conference at Georgia Power. Those who submitted abstracts - thank you, we will be in touch with you directly regarding your submission.

[Registration](#) is open and sponsorships are still available! If you're already registered, don't worry - we have transferred your registration to the new event date on Oct. 19, 2020.

[The 2020 Florida & Alabama Brownfields Conference](#)

October 25-28

Pensacola, FL

The first-ever joint Florida & Alabama Brownfields Conference will be co-hosted by the Florida Brownfields Association and the Alabama Brownfields Association.

Hosted at the historic Pensacola Grand Hotel, just a short walk to the renowned redevelopment successes in downtown Pensacola. Join us for this unique opportunity to connect with Brownfields leaders, visionaries, and stakeholders from two states. The 2020 conference will be

held at the historic Pensacola Grand Hotel, located on the site of the Louisville and Nashville passenger depot constructed in 1912, replacing the 1882 vintage L&N Union Station -- now preserved, redeveloped, and listed on the National Historic Registry.

[The 26th Florida Remediation Conference & Exhibition \(FRC 2020\)](#)

November 4-6, 2020

**Omni Orlando Resort at Champions Gate
Champions Gate (Orlando), Florida**

The Florida Remediation Conference (FRC) is one of the premier soil, air and water remediation conferences of the year. Though FRC started out as a Florida-centric event 25 years ago, it has developed a solid reputation for fostering the remediation and redevelopment industries across the Southeast. FRC attracts over 600 attendees comprised of a mix of industry representatives, developers, consultants and contractors, and over 100 exhibitors and sponsors from across the country. The Florida Remediation Conference & Exhibition is requesting individuals that have an interest in presenting an oral or poster presentation at the 26th annual event which will take place on November 4-6, 2020.

[National Brownfields Conference](#)

April 27-30, 2021

Oklahoma City, OK

The National Brownfields Training Conference is the largest event in the nation focused on environmental revitalization and economic redevelopment. Held every two years, the National Brownfields Conference attracts over 2,000 stakeholders in brownfields redevelopment and cleanup to share knowledge about sustainable reuse and celebrate the EPA brownfields program's success. Whether you're a newcomer or a seasoned professional, Brownfields 2021 offers something for you!

9. FUNDING AND LEVERAGING OPPORTUNITIES

[FY 2021 Supporting Equitable Development and Environmental Justice in Brownfields Communities Grant Guidelines](#)

Submission deadline - September, 21, 2020

This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits applications from eligible entities, including nonprofit organizations, to provide direct technical assistance to communities nationwide on the integration of environmental justice and equitable development when developing solutions to brownfields cleanup and revitalization challenges. EPA anticipates awarding one grant for an estimated \$600,000. The award is anticipated to be funded incrementally on an annual basis over three years, at approximately \$200,000 per year. The application submission deadline is September, 21, 2020.

See additional details on the [FY 2021 Brownfields Training, Research and Technical Assistance solicitation page](#) and apply at www.grants.gov.

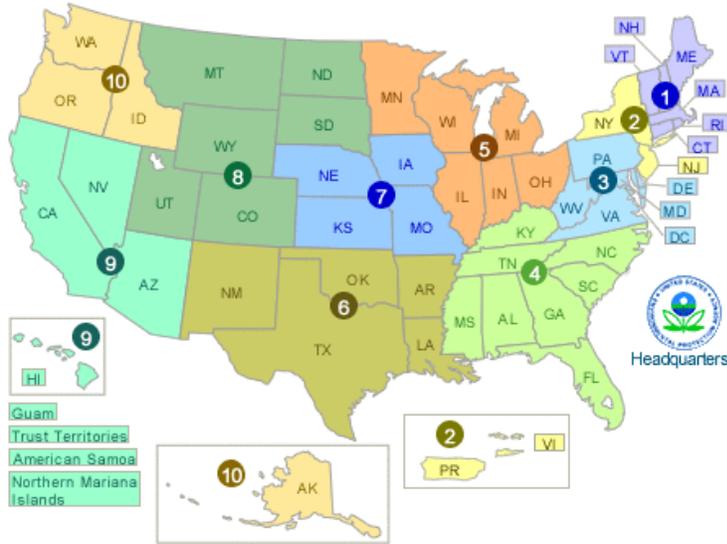
EPA Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Grants

The next Request for Proposals for EPA's Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Grants is expected early September 2020. The RFA has not yet been posted.

10. EPA REGIONAL JOB TRAINING COORDINATORS

Regional Coordinators are the first place to go regarding questions about EWDJT grants, extensions, budgets or work plans. For those thinking of submitting an application for FY21 funding, check in to express your intentions. Many Regions maintain a Listserv for past, current and potential grantees. It is important to be on their contact list for conference calls and newsletters.

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Map of EPA Regions

Credit: epa.gov

12. JOIN US ON FUTURE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING CALLS

Upcoming PLC calls

- August 19

Missed a few of our PLC sessions? Post session notes are available on the brownfields-toolbox.org. 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.

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.

