EWDJT Resources

“A critical part of EPA’s Brownfields Program is to ensure that residents living in communities historically affected by economic disinvestment, health disparities, and environmental contamination have an opportunity to reap the benefits from brownfields redevelopment. EPA’s Brownfields Program has a rich history rooted in environmental justice and is committed to helping communities revitalize brownfield properties, mitigate potential health risks, and restore economic vitality... A critical part of EPA’s EWDJT program is to further environmental justice by ensuring that residents living in communities historically affected by economic disinvestment, health disparities, and environmental contamination, including low-income, minority, and tribal communities, have an opportunity to reap the benefits of revitalization and environmental cleanup.” –U.S. EPA

HMTRI assists organizations seeking to improve environmental justice in impacted communities to establish and maintain Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training (EWDJT) programs through a variety of tools and resources.

Brownfields-Toolbox.org – Repository of all things workforce related
  - Start a Program – In-depth walkthrough of starting an EWDJT program
  - Best Practices Guide – Eight critical components of successful programs
  - Certified Employee Finder – Information on current EWDJT programs
  - PLC Sessions – Notes and recordings of all of the PLC sessions
  - CONNECT News – Bi-monthly newsletter

PLC Sessions – Bi-weekly informal phone calls on Wednesday at 2 p.m. eastern exploring a range of topics relevant to grantees and perspective grantees. Call in number: 319.527.3513, access code 550105#

All-Grantee Meeting – Yearly two day meeting held in Alexandria, VA during the beginning of August, showcasing grantee programs from around the nation, offering a mix of plenary sessions, break-out sessions, peer-to-peer learning, and networking opportunities. Participants include perspective and current EWDJT grantees, PLC members, and EPA staff. HMTRI covers lodging costs associated with the meeting and working meals.

Listserv – Listservs are kept to distribute and gather information. The main listserv serves around 1000 people, and is used for reminders, general announcements, polls, sharing information from EPA HQ, etc. In addition, there is a smaller, separate PLC listserv. Individuals on that listserv receive two additional reminders for PLC calls as well as receive notes from the PLC sessions delivered to their inbox on Friday after the PLC calls before the notes are placed on the toolbox the following week. To be placed on either listserv, please email hkbballou@eicc.edu.

Individual Technical Assistance – HMTRI offers individual technical assistance on an as-needed and as-requested basis. Relevant information may be shared with the EWDJT community as a whole through PLC discussions, PLC notes, CONNECT News, or listserv posts if stems a conversation that will assist the community as a whole. Technical assistance questions can be sent to hkbballou@eicc.edu.