

April 29, 2020



Notes from the Environmental Workforce Professional Learning Community (PLC)—Cycle 22, Session 7.

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 and HMTRI
2. Questions from PLC participants
3. Grantee News – comments from PLC members
4. Today's PLC discussion regarding the next All-Grantee Meeting
5. Opportunity Zones
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1. NEWS FROM WASHINGTON AND HMTRI

EPA Happenings:

Regional Coordinators are the first place to go regarding questions about EWDJT grants, extensions, budgets or work plans. Both headquarters and Regional Coordinators are working remotely and available to address questions and concerns from EWDJT grantees (See section 10 for Regional Coordinator contact information). In addition, EPA's grants management offices (headquarters and regional) are fully capable of performing grants functions remotely including requests for grant extensions, waivers, and amendments.

For the FY21 EWDJT grant cycle, significant changes are not expected in ranking criteria, although submission forms will be updated to streamline the grant process. Grants will likely remain at \$200K for three years. The number of grants to be awarded has not been indicated. With the large number of grants awarded in FY20, organizations interested in developing an EWDJT program or those interested in continuing/expanding their current program are strongly encouraged to apply.

If a Request for Application (RFA) is issued late summer or fall, applicants might anticipate the following schedule for application submission, award and program implementation.

- Pre proposal planning-Spring into Summer 2020
- Community relationship and partnership development – Summer, 2020
- EPA request for proposals – Summer, Fall, 2020
- Proposals due- Fall, 2020
- Proposal evaluations - Winter, 2020/ 2021
- Awards and work plan approvals –Spring, 2021
- Authorization to spend funds – Summer, 2021
- First year training cohorts – Summer, Fall, 2021

This “sketchy” schedule is a “best guess” based on the current COVID-19 public health concerns. Dates may move forward or slip depending on short term and longer term impacts of the coronavirus pandemic.

HMTRI News:

2020 Annual All-Grantee Meeting

HMTRI is in the process of planning the 2020 All-Grantee Meeting during the second week of August. During today’s PLC we had an open discussion requesting input and ideas regarding the feasibility of a face to face meeting in Alexandria or a virtual conference. Given public health concerns, travel restrictions and the safety of participants, it is clear that the 2020 Annual All-Grantee Meeting will need to be a virtual “Zoom like” workshop. The virtual workshop will include EPA Headquarters staff, Regional Coordinators, PLC members, past and current grantees including prospective EWDJT grantees. In the coming weeks, we will be asking for ideas regarding workshop presentations, topics, session facilitators and volunteer mentors. Heather will be sending out updated invitations and registration forms to get a feel for those attending. Feel free to express your thoughts Heather at hkballou@eicc.edu.

Call for Photos

HMTRI is in the process of updating the brownfields-toolbox.org website, and we are in search of photos to post on the website. We would love to see the following:

- Students receiving training
- People performing on-the-job employment activities
- Students in work environments
- Photos that demonstrate impact

If you currently have access to those types of photos and are willing to share, please send them to Heather Ballou at hkballou@eicc.edu.

2. PLC QUESTIONS

Can EWDJT grantees continue paying EWDJT staff when work has been interrupted due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes ... According to [EPA Frequent Questions on Grant Issues in Response to the Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Public Health Emergency](#).

“Awarding agencies may allow recipients to continue to charge salaries and benefits to currently active Federal awards consistent with the recipients’ policy of paying salaries (under unexpected or extraordinary circumstances) from all funding sources, Federal and non-Federal. In other words, if the recipient compensates employees who work on interrupted projects or activities that are not financed by EPA grants, then the recipient may charge EPA grants for the employees’ compensation during the interruption”.

Questions?

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

3. GRANTEE NEWS – COMMENTS FROM PLC MEMBERS

What’s happening in your neighborhood? We would like to share your thoughts with other PLC members.

- Return these notes with your thoughts.
- What is the status of your program?

- Is your program on hold?
- Are you trying alternative ways to engage students? How are they working?
- Any news – positive or concerning issues.
- Share your ideas.

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Auberle, is providing case management virtually, using online tools to explore career options and having clients complete the online 10-hour OSHA training. Despite many businesses not hiring due to the virus outbreak, clients can still apply for jobs online and Auberle will communicate with their business partners to let them know. Auberle is also providing online therapy and referring clients to their food pantry.

The Employment Institute at Auberle continues to support individuals in overcoming barriers to employment during the COVID-19 crisis.

Since mid-March 2020, the Employment Institute has helped to place 27 individuals in gainful employment. In just the last week, staff helped 31 individuals apply for jobs. Additionally, 30 youth were assisted in submitting their Learn & Earn Summer Employment Applications. The Northside Employment Institute has had 5 participants begin employment at Allegheny General Hospital working as Nursing Assistants to help with the COVID-19 crisis. The STRIVE for Employment Program met and exceeded its enrollment goal in March 2020, enrolling 190/188 youth involved in the adult/juvenile justice system, providing the opportunity for each to obtain sustainable employment through career track training opportunities and supportive services. Case managers work with individuals on their resumes, job applications and even training certifications virtually; they are also continuing to connect participants to supportive services such as food and housing support.

Gaining employment may be a struggle in these uncertain times, but the Employment Institute is still dedicated to helping young people and adults who need job training and placement.

“We’re in this for the long haul,” said Abby Wolensky, Deputy Director of the Employment Institute. “Our staff are motivated to help people achieve their career goals despite any barriers.”

With summer on the horizon, we look forward to continuing to support individuals on their career paths, despite COVID-19 setbacks. These efforts will include helping young people find summer work as part of our upcoming Learn & Earn Program. Learn & Earn applications for those who qualify will still be accepted until the end of May. For more information, go to <https://www.auberle.org/>.

Coalfield Development Corporation

Coalfield Development Corporation is using smaller crews (working at least six feet apart) to help the community deal with the crisis with their sustainable agriculture company - Refresh Appalachia -shifting to a fresh-food mobile pick-up model to keep healthy food available. Coalfield’s t-shirt company - SustainU -is sewing masks for health-care workers and donating its extra inventory of clothing to local hospitals. Their woodshop - Saw’s Edge - is designing and prototyping emergency beds in case of overflow needs at local hospitals.

West End Neighborhood House

West End offers a variety of employment training opportunities, including:

- Entrepreneurship

- General Employment and Overall Job Skills
- Environmental Job Training and Certification
- Bright Spot Ventures Social Enterprise

[West End Neighborhood House](#) also has a food pantry for residents in need and is helping local small businesses navigate mandatory shutdowns and other challenges and providing remote counseling. West End will also offer virtual employment training and instructional opportunities through their Launcher Entrepreneurship, Environmental Jobs and Bright Spot Farms Urban Agriculture programs.

Energy Coordinating Agency

Just wanted to share this update from our Director of Training, Walt Yakabosky:

"We are doing distance learning for all programs = Commercial HVAC for returning citizens and high school students, Green Renovation and Retrofit, Bright Solar Futures, and Teacher in the Workplace. We are using conference calls, Zoom and Skype. All is going well about 52 students give or take a few."

Pam Carunchio
Energy Coordinating Agency

4. TODAY'S PLC DISCUSSION REGARDING THE NEXT ALL-GRANTEE MEETING

As part of today's PLC, the topic of this year's Annual All-Grantee was addressed. While participants really liked the idea and importance of a face-to-face workshop, public health concerns, travel restrictions, and the safety of participants made an August meeting unworkable.

The value of The All-Grantee Meeting is the ability to network with other grantees, build on ideas presented in large and small group settings including informal discussions on a "one-to-one" basis with EPA Regional Coordinators. Accomplishing these goals requires a critical mass of grantees, mentors, EPA representatives and open discussions difficult to achieve virtually. The first question addressed possible ideas to maintain a face-to-face All Grantee Meeting when and if we return to "near normal".

- Postpose the meeting several months
- Include an All-Grantee Meetings as a preconference event at the next 2021 National Brownfields Conference
- Dramatically reduce the size and structure of the meeting to allow for a more open meeting and social distancing.
- Reschedule the meeting – same time, same place next year
- Keep the option of a face-to-face meeting open until a vaccine is available and public health issues return to near normal.

In the near term we need to move forward in a difficult time. A virtual All-Grantee Meeting can provide value to EWDJT grantees interested in the ideas and experience others have to share. In the coming weeks, HMTRI would like to work with grantees gathering ideas on how the meeting should be structured, agenda topics, mentors, and guest presenters.

5. OPPORTUNITY ZONES

Opportunity zones are important to EWDJT grantees and prospective grantees especially as part of community and labor market assessments. The PLC will discuss labor and community assessments in

future calls. We thought it would be useful to provide some background information and Opportunity Zone resources before discussing their importance to EWDJT program development.

Opportunity Zones were created as part of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. An Opportunity Zone is defined by the Internal Revenue Service as “an economically-distressed community where new investments, under certain conditions, may be eligible for preferential tax treatment. Localities qualify as Opportunity Zones if they have been nominated for that designation by the State and that nomination has been certified by the Secretary of the U.S. Treasury via his delegation authority to the Internal Revenue Service.” Opportunity Zones are defined by census tract boundaries, and per Federal law, State chief executives (Governors) nominated the census tracts to be certified and designated as Opportunity Zones by the Department of the Treasury. In addition to the tax benefits that align to these designated census tracts, the Federal, State, tribal, local and territorial governments are also aligning resources to Opportunity Zones. Together, public and private investment resources can be leveraged for economic development in these communities.

OPPORTUNITY ZONES TOOLKIT

A ROADMAP TO PLANNING FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITHIN OPPORTUNITY ZONES

This roadmap introduces core components for transformational and inclusive community and economic development within and around designated Opportunity Zone census tracts. It will help communities to align, target and leverage resources from the Federal, State, tribal, local and territorial governments, private industry and philanthropy. It is designed to assist communities in understanding, and engaging with, economic development in their Opportunity Zones and in planning strategically for investments.

[View the Opportunity Zones Toolkit](#)

[Opportunity zones and brownfields redevelopment](#)

A new fact sheet on IRS Regulations for Opportunity Zones and Brownfields Redevelopment provides an overview of information on Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations with respect to brownfields investment in Opportunity Zones. Learn more about how Opportunity Zones can help local governments meet goals for sustainable and equitable development.

More information about opportunity zones

EPA’s Office of Brownfields & Land Revitalization

recently updated its website to include a new factsheet about Opportunity Zones under its [tax incentives webpage](#).

New content includes:

- [New IRS Regulations for OZs and Brownfields Redevelopment fact sheet](#)
- [Short description about the OZs layer in Cleanups in My Community \(CIMC\) and a link to CIMC](#)
- [Link to EPA’s Opportunity Zones website \(maintained by the EPA’s Office of Policy\)](#)

6. CORONAVIRUS AND COVID-19 RESOURCES

With the COVID-19 pandemic influencing just about everything in our lives, we would like to pass on the extensive body of work being performed by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS).

The NIEHS Worker Training Program (WTP) has been tracking information about the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) as it pertains to protecting workers involved in emergency response and cleanup activities performed in the United States. The following website contains an extensive catalog of health

and safety resources for workers who may be at risk of exposure to COVID-19. This is a new disease and researchers are still learning much about it, including how it spreads. The NIEHS training Tool and associated reference materials will be updated with new information as the situation evolves. Take a “deep dive” into COVID-19 at the following site <https://tools.niehs.nih.gov/wetp/covid19worker/>

Laborers’ Health and Safety Fund of North America (LHSFNA) Coronavirus and COVID-19 Resources

The Laborers’ Health and Safety Fund of North America (LHSFNA) is monitoring all aspects of this pandemic and its potential impact on LIUNA District Councils, Local Unions, health and welfare funds, signatory contractors, members and their families. The materials and recommendations below may be updated as this situation continues to evolve.

[LHSFNA](https://www.lhsfna.org/index.cfm/coronavirus/)

<https://www.lhsfna.org/index.cfm/coronavirus/>

Coronavirus Redefines Biohazardous Waste

As front line healthcare workers treat new COVID-19 patients, environmental service workers aren't far behind, making sure used medical materials don't further spread the disease. Now in Charleston, Environmental Manager Albert Aquino said, any material associated with a COVID-19 ruled-out or confirmed case is discarded as infectious waste, picked up by contracted company, Stericycle and incinerated in Charlotte. Check out the ABC news segment.

<https://abcnews4.com/news/local/coronavirus-redefines-biohazardous-waste>

7. WEBINARS AND PRESENTATION POWERPOINTS

Getting Started Early

National Technical Assistance to Brownfields Program

co-hosted (TAB) Programs at Kansas State University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, and the Center for Creative Land Recycling with funding provided by U.S. EPA

Part 1 April 29, 2020, 1:30 PM CST to 2:30 PM CST

Part 2 April 30, 2020, 1:30 PM CST to 2:30 PM CST

While these webinars address EPA’s assessment and cleanup grants, they contain material and ideas relevant to EWDJT grants. Find out more about our sister Brownfields program.

For more information and to register, please go to [2020 Getting Started Early Webpage.](#)

Ever wondered if a brownfield grant was right for you and what information is necessary to develop a strong proposal? If so, please join us for a two-part webinar to gain a better understanding of how to put together a competitive grant application package.

Part 1 will cover some of the activities outlined in the EPA’s, “Getting Started Early” document and make sure participants have a good understanding of whether a brownfield grant is a good fit for them. The webinar will also help participants assess where they are in the brownfield process, what information will be needed for a brownfield grant application, and what steps could be taken now to prepare when applying for a brownfield grant this fall:

Do you have sites and priorities?

What partnerships are needed to address these sites?

Have you begun gathering this information?

Answering these basic questions will allow participants to be better informed and prepared when determining whether or not to apply for a brownfield grant.

The Part 2 webinar will focus on the “How To” of developing the basic brownfield program elements and incorporating them into a brownfield grant application:

What core brownfield program elements should be considered in a grant application and are they robust enough in your community?

What steps can be taken to develop these elements prior to applying and how do you incorporate that information into your brownfield grant application?

[Preparing for the Cascade of Federal Funding:](#)

Catch the Wave

Wednesday, May 13th

2:00pm EST

COVID-19 has pushed us all off course and that goes for all norms for setting federal appropriations. The CARE Act has already allocated \$1.5 billion for the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) to plan and implement economic recovery strategies in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Other stimulus funding may follow to stimulate the economy and breathe life back into local communities. Now is the time to think deeply about how to position brownfields for cleanup and buildup to health fields, transit oriented development, housing and other reuses that foster economic vibrancy and environmental resilience.

This session spotlights federal grants, loans and technical assistance to support brownfield activities throughout all stages of the redevelopment process. We will hear how EPA is working to expand the brownfields redevelopment sandbox by coordinating with other federal agencies. We will also learn what's new with Opportunity Zones and how to layer funding with other federal agencies and programs including EDA, HUD, USDA, USDOT, Community Development Block Grants, and Clean Water Funds. AICP CM #9199205

8. CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND MEETINGS

Tennessee Environmental Network conference

MAY 13-15, – has been cancelled

1150 Carter Street

Chattanooga, TN 37402

The Tennessee Environmental Network conference is the largest, most comprehensive and diverse environmental education opportunity in Tennessee has been cancelled. The conference will be rescheduled for May 2021.

2020 Virginia Brownfields Conference has been cancelled

As a result of the COVID-19 emergency and Governor Ralph Northam's Stay at Home Order (in effect until June 10), DEQ is postponing the 2020 Virginia Brownfields Conference, which was originally scheduled for June 16-17 in Saint Paul and Norton.

With the uncertainty of the pandemic, the agency is not setting a new date at this time. Staff will continue planning and communications with local stakeholders on this important event for Southwest Virginia. In the interim, staff will also continue to work on local projects, including those underway in the Norton, Big Stone Gap and Appalachia areas, as conditions allow.

Furthermore, DEQ brownfields staff will assist communities across the commonwealth in their efforts to advance brownfields revitalization while also maintaining the requirements set forth by Governor Northam.

If you have any questions, please contact DEQ Brownfields Program Coordinator Vincent Maiden (804-698-4064).

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 deadline for session ideas is March 16, 2020. Interested entities can submit up to two presentation proposals. Speakers will be required to register at the reduced speaker rate of \$50 by August 3, 2020. Questions can be directed to Carrie Staton at carrie.staton@mail.wvu.edu.

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

Rescheduled for Oct. 12, 2020

Out of an abundance of caution and sensitivity to coronavirus COVID-19 concerns, the Georgia Brownfield Association has rescheduled the Brownfield Seminar to Oct. 12, 2020 to better serve attendees, speakers and sponsors of this important conference and conversation. The event will proceed on this new date 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. 12, 2020.

Thank you for your continued commitment to supporting brownfield redevelopment in Georgia. We look forward to seeing you there!

9. FUNDING AND LEVERAGING OPPORTUNITIES

[USDA: National Institute of Food and Agriculture](#)

Community Food Projects Program

Submission Deadline: June 3, 2020

The primary goals of the Community Food Project are to: Meet the food needs of low-income individuals through food distribution, community outreach, and improving access to food; Increase the self-reliance of communities in providing for the food needs of the communities; Promote comprehensive responses to local food access, farm, and nutrition issues; and more. For the grants.gov solicitation go to:

[Develop and Implement National Environmental Education Training Programs](#)

As directed by the National Environmental Education Act of 1990, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to announce the availability of approximately \$11 million in funding for a multi-year cooperative agreement to develop and manage the National Environmental Education Training Program. Applications must be submitted no later than May 29, 2020.

“Training environmental educators on the latest science, technology, and engineering is crucial not only to their engagement on the issues, but also to inspiring the next generation of environmental educators,” said EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler. “Through this cooperative agreement, we hope to increase the availability and understanding of scientific information to improve environmental decision making and promote a cleaner, healthier environment for all Americans.”

The purpose of the program is to develop and deliver environmental education training and long-term support to education professionals across the U.S. Applications must include proposals for national programs that will: Help train environmental educators.

- Increase distribution of quality materials.
- Improve non-formal education programs.
- Enhance coordination among environmental education organizations to help reduce duplication and costs.
- Increase the number of environmental educators.
- Increase public knowledge of the environment.

Only one cooperative agreement will be awarded to a U.S. institution of higher education, a not-for-profit institution, or a consortium of such institutions. Applicants must provide non-federal matching funds or in-kind contributions of at least 25% of the total cost of the project.

Background

In 1991, EPA established the Office of Environmental Education to implement programs mandated by the National Environmental Education Act, including the National Environmental Education and Training Program. Since 1992, the program has trained more than 4,400 formal and nonformal educators by building infrastructure through leadership clinics, developing state certification programs, and using technology to expand access to resources to enhance the value of environmental education, among other initiatives.

Information on how to apply for the National Environmental Education and Training Program for 2020 is available at <https://www.epa.gov/education/national-environmental-education-and-training-program-solicitation-notice-2020-rfa>.

[Guide to Finding Federal Assistance and Resources for Environmental Justice Efforts](#)

This EPA guide offers general guidance and tips on searching for funding opportunities, as well as information on tools, trainings and other relevant resources that are available to help address community needs. The Federal Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice (EJ IWG) includes several federal agencies and White House offices that increase local community capacity to promote and implement innovative and comprehensive solutions to environmental justice issues.

EPA Provides Grant Funding to Support Environmental Justice Communities Impacted by COVID-19

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is working to improve the environment and public health conditions of low-income and minority communities through our daily efforts to ensure all Americans have clean air, safe water, and access to information to make decisions to protect personal and public health. In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, EPA is making \$1 million in grant funding available to states to help local environmental justice communities address COVID-19 concerns faced by low-income and minority communities. Through the State Environmental Justice Cooperative Agreement Program, EPA will provide funds to states, local governments, tribes and U.S. territories to work collaboratively with environmental justice communities to understand, promote and integrate approaches to provide meaningful and measurable improvements to public health and the environment.

“Environmental justice grants aim to support public education, training, and emergency planning for communities across the country impacted by COVID-19, regardless of their zip code,” said EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler. “These grants are part of EPA’s effort to actively fight the COVID-19 pandemic that is having a disproportionate impact on low-income and minority communities.”

The grant funding will be used to support public education, training, and emergency planning for communities impacted by COVID-19. Projects could include sharing information related to EPA-approved disinfectants to combat COVID-19; addressing increased exposure of residents to in-home pollutants and healthy housing issues; and training community health workers.

EPA anticipates awarding five grants of approximately \$200,000 each for up to a two-year funding period. The agency encourages applicants to develop innovative plans and processes to conduct effective outreach to underserved communities, especially in places where Internet access may not be readily available to all residents. Interested applicants must submit proposal packages on or before June 30, 2020 to be considered for the available funding.

To apply for funding go to:

<https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/state-environmental-justice-cooperative-agreement-program>

For more information on EPA’s Environmental Justice program go to:

<https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/state-environmental-justice-cooperative-agreement-program>

[Guide to Finding Federal Assistance and Resources for Environmental Justice Efforts](#)

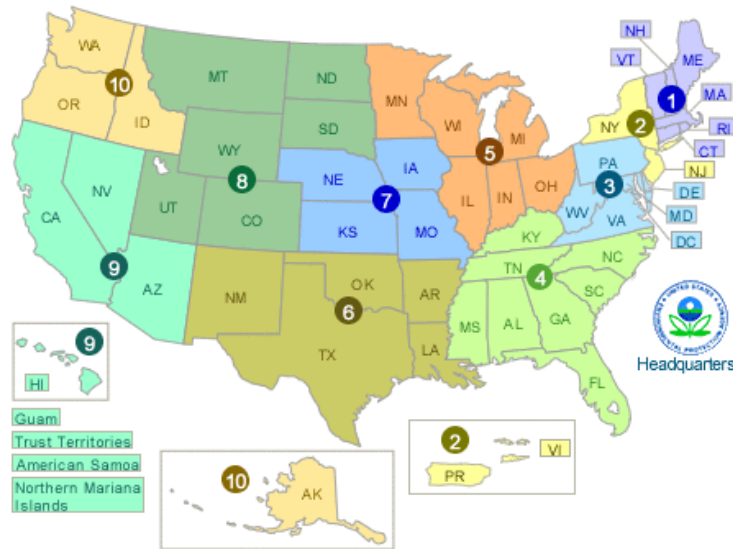
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Map of EPA Regions

Credit: epa.gov



10. JOIN US ON FUTURE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING CALLS

Upcoming PLC calls

- May 13
- May 27
- June 10

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.

