

# **ACRES 6.0 Training** for **Job Training Cooperative Agreement Recipients**

### **How Does ACRES Help Me?**

#### Convenient

- Access your project data anywhere/anytime you have Internet access
- Electronic filing cabinet for performance measures data

#### > Increased Efficiency / Increased Accuracy

- Contains validations to assist in entering data appropriately
- Facilitates thorough QA process
- Central source for job training performance measures

#### Easy Tracking

- Provides the current status of data entered; transparent review process
- All submissions are saved for historical reference in the Submission Archive

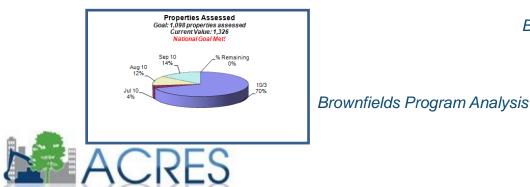


#### How Does EPA Use the Data in ACRES?

- ACRES is the Brownfields Program system of record
- Brownfields Program data are highly visible therefore data quality is very important

#### > Programmatic data are primarily used to:

- Analyze data across CAs to demonstrate and improve the success of the Brownfields Program
- Respond to Congressional inquiries, FOIA requests, ad hoc analysis requests, and budget-related queries
- Track and report Program goals and accomplishments
- Create communication and outreach materials



Brownfields at a Glance



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### Where Can I Learn About Other Job Training Grants?

- > Information about Job Training Grants are publicly available at:
  - Brownfields Grant Fact Sheet Search Tool: <u>http://cfpub.epa.gov/bf\_factsheets/</u>

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	Lewis and Clark County	8	MT	Job Training	2014
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Cleanup	Los Angeles Conservation Corps	9	CA	Job Training	2014
Job Training	Memphis Bioworks Foundation	4	TN	Job Training	2014
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#### Brownfields 2014 Job Training Grant Fact Sheet Civic Works, Inc., Baltimore, MD

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#### EPA Brownfields Program

In 2010, the EPA's Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR) led an effort to more closely collaborate with other programs within the Agency on workforce development and job training. Program offices now participating in the expanded initiative include the Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery (ORCR), Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation (OSRTI). Center for Program Analysis (CPA). Innovation, Partnerships, and Communication Office (IPCO). Office of Vastewater Management (OWM), Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation (OSRTI). Center for Program Management (OEM). This initiative was created to develop a job training cooperative agreement opportunity that includes expanded training in other environmental media outside the traditional scope of brownfields hazardous waste assessment and cleanup. As a result of this effort, the Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training program now allows applicants to deliver a broader array of training program, graduates develop wider skill sets that improve their ability to secure full-time, sustainable employment in various aspects of hazardous and solid waste management and within the larger environmental field, including water quality improvement and chemical safety. This effort also gives communities more flexibility to provide different types of environmental training based on local employers' hiring needs.

Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grant funds are provided to nonprofit organizations and other eligible entities to recruit, train, and place predominantly low-income and minority, unemployed and underemployed residents from solid and hazardous waste-impacted communities. To date, EPA has funded 237 job training grants totaling over \$48 million through the former Brownfields Job Training program and Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training program. As of April 2014, approximately 12,800 individuals have completed training, and of those, approximately 9,100 have obtained employment in the environmental field, with an average starting hourly wage of \$14.00. This equates to a cumulative placement rate of approximately 71% since the program was created in 1998.

#### Job Training Grant

#### \$200,000.00

EPA has selected Civic Works, Inc., for an Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grant. Civic Works plans to train 72 students, place 61 graduates in environmental jobs, and track graduates for one year. The core training program includes 146 hours of instruction in 40-hour HAD North ORA Confined space entry, Maryland lead abatement worker, OSHA hazardous site worker protection and emergency response, EPA AHERA supervisor certification. OSHA bloodborne pathogens certification. Givic Works and its partners are leveraging an additional 40 hours of life skills and job readiness training. Participants who complete the core training will earn seven state or federal certification. Civic Works and the start series are leveraging an additional 40 hours of life skills and job readiness training. Participants who complete the core training will earn seven state or federal certifications. Civic Works is targeting unemployed and underemployed Baltimore City residents living in impacted communities, with a focus on ex-offenders, veterans, people suffering from mental illness, recovering drug abusers, homeless individuals, and minorities. Key partners include Our Daily Bread Employment Center, Baltimore Child Support Office, Maryland New Directions, Episcopal Community Services, Baltimore Development Corporation, and a number of community-based organizations and environmental employers.

#### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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EPA Region 3 Brownfields Team 215-814-3246 <u>EPA Region 3 Brownfields Web site</u> (http://www.epa.gov/reg3hwmd/bf-lr/)

Grant Recipient: Civic Works, Inc., MD 410-929-6124

The information presented in this fact sheet comes from the grant proposal; EPA cannot attest to the accuracy of this information. The cooperative agreement for the grant has not yet been negotiated. Therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

United States Environmental Protection Agency Washington, D.C. 20460 Solid Waste and Emergency Response (5105T) EPA 560-F-14-012 May 2014

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Quick Reference Fact Sheet



### **ACRES Registration**

- Registration is accessed through the ACRES Login page at <u>https://acres6.epa.gov/</u>
- A Registration Quick Reference Guide is available at <u>https://www.epa.gov/brownfields</u> (Under Resources)
- Once you have completed registration, you will receive a confirmation email which will provide you with your ACRES username.
- Once you are logged into ACRES, you can add multiple cooperative agreements to your ACRES account



#### **Do I Need to Register? Yes!**

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### **ACRES Registration**

#### Self Registration

Personalize

#### ALL FIELDS ARE REQUIRED

First Name:	
Last Name:	
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Street Address:	
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Daytime Phone Number:	
EPA Contact Name:	
EPA Contact's Email Address: format: emailId@domainname.com	
EPA Contact's Phone Number: format: (xxx) xxx-xxxx	

Passwords must be at least 8 characters long and contain at least one lower case letter and one number and no spaces

Password:		
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I accept the EPA Privacy & Security Notice. Click here to read <u>Click</u>.

Submit Cancel



### **Job Training Form Updates**

- The Job training form is evaluated every three years for new data fields needed and modifications to improve the workflow. There were no proposed Job training for updates in 2019.
- Verification was added to ensure that the total number of participants completing training is not greater than the number of participants entering training.
- Average hourly pay is required for reporting quarters that have participants obtaining jobs.
- Help text has been added for several of the measurement fields, including the Weighted Average Hourly Wage.



### **Key Terms/Concepts**

#### > Work Package

- Any set of related data that need to be entered, edited and/or approved together
- For example, all data from the Job Training Reporting Form constitute a single work package

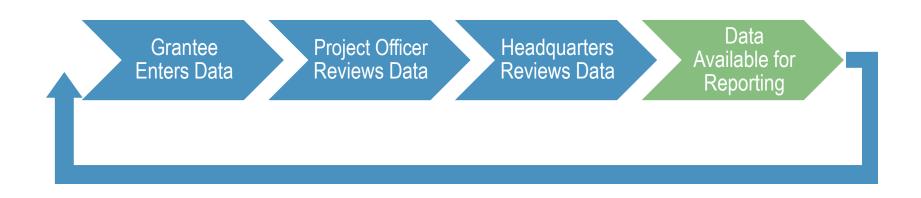
#### > Workflow

• The series of actions and states that a work package must pass through before being completed/approved



### What is the ACRES Workflow?

- The series of actions and states that a work package must pass through before being completed and available for reporting.
- > The status of a work package indicates where it is in the workflow.



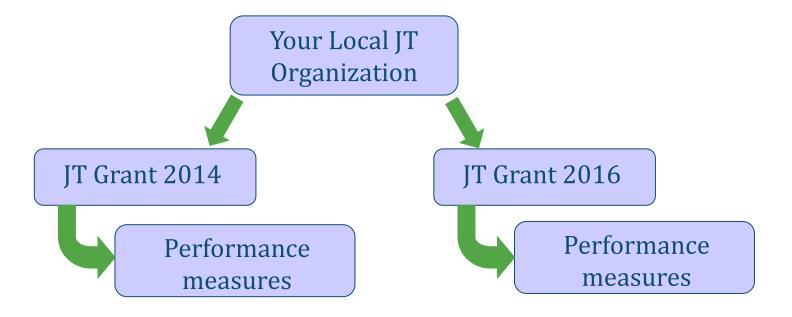


## **ACRES Submission**

- The 'Save changes' button allows you to save any changes and come back to your performance measures before submitting your work to your EPA Project officer.
- To submit data to your EPA project officer, you must click 'Save and continue to REVIEW & SUBMIT' at the bottom the page. After verifying the data, click 'SUBMIT DATA NOW.'
  - This action will move the work package to the next status in the workflow.
- Your Job Training performance measures should be submitted for review each time you make an update.
- ACRES does not limit the number of times you're able to update your performance measures.
- > ACRES even allows users to make updates to previous years' data!

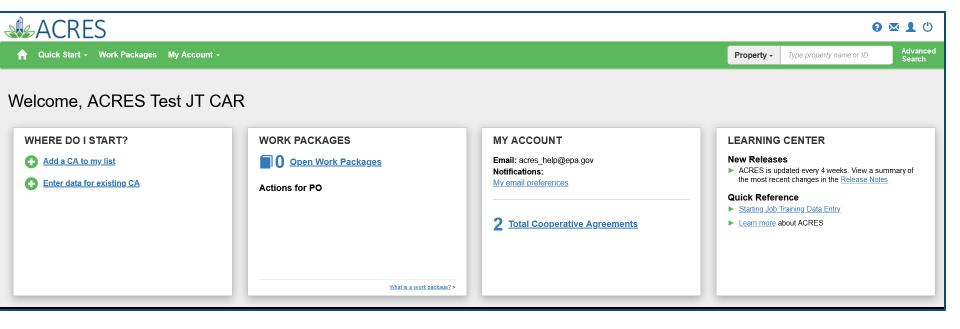


- Each signed Cooperative Agreement is one grant record in ACRES that has separate activities
- Depending on where the funding for particular activities comes from, performance measure data will be entered as such:





#### **Your ACRES Home Screen**





### Adding a New CA to Your Home Screen

- > To add a CA, click 'Add a Cooperative Agreement to My List.'
- > You will need the eight-digit CA number for the CA you are adding. Do not include the JT.
  - You will be given the chance to confirm the CA before it is added to your Home screen.

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#### Accessing Your Job Training CA to Enter Performance Measures

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- Click the CA you would like to update.

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#### Accessing Your Job Training CA to Enter Performance Measures

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City of Boise		Recruitment, screening applicants		\$147,800.00		
City of Boise		Program Management		\$166,980.00		
City of Boise		Lead Abatement Worker Training Costs		\$17,760.00		
City of Boise		Outreach		\$7,400.00		



### JT Performance Measure Data Entry Screen

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#### Performance Measure Information

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#### Add Funding

Supplemental Performance Measure Information (Optional)



#### **Data Entry: Submission**

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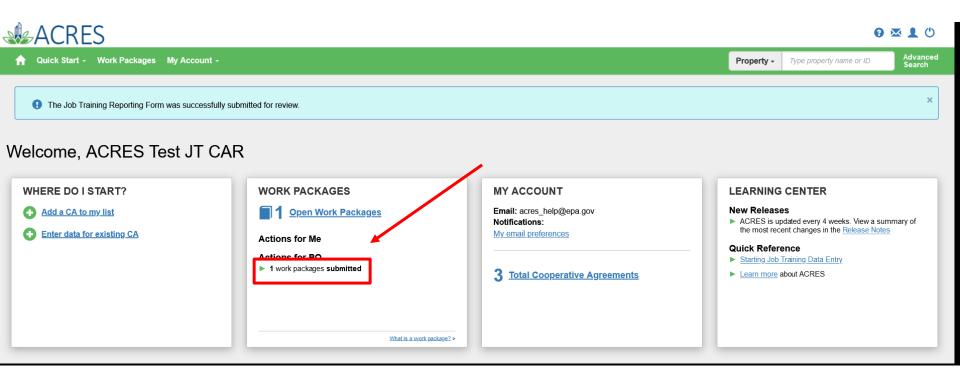
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### **Data Entry: Submission**





#### **JT Performance Measures Home**

Each Job Training CA has a Job Training CA page. This a great way to see if your Job Training CA is up to date. This page displays all your cooperative agreement information and all reported data including reported cumulative numbers for each question and leveraged funding.

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### What if I Have Questions?

#### > ACRES Help Desk

• <u>acres\_help@epa.gov</u> or 703-284-8212

#### > ACRES Information Web Page

- <u>https://www.epa.gov/brownfields</u> (under Resources)
- Copies of this presentation
- Frequently Asked Questions
- ACRES Release Notes





- Can I manage multiple grants under one account?
- > When should job training data be submitted?
- > What resources are available to me as a grantee?
- > Who do you call if you have questions?

