

# Notes from the Environmental Workforce Professional Learning Community (PLC) – 6/2/2021

These are post session notes from the ninth call in this cycle of Workforce Development Professional Learning Community (PLC) conversations. The Environmental Workforce PLC meets every other Wednesday from 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm Eastern time via conference call from any telephone. Each PLC session includes discussions related to workforce development and the successful implementation of EPA Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training (EWDJT) programs. **The next PLC will be June 16**<sup>th</sup>, **same time, and call-in instructions.** 

The objective of the (PLC) is to promote and share innovative strategies among Brownfields Job training communities and assist new communities develop environmental job training programs.

## This week's discussion topics

- Updates from Washington
- Participant questions and concerns
- Grantee news and updates
- Preparing for the next EWDJT funding cycle
- Previewing the FY22 EWDJT Request for Applications
- Threshold and Ranking criteria

If you received these notes, you are on our list to continue receiving announcements and session notes. Return this email with subject "Remove" if you are no longer interested in receiving PLC notes and announcements.

If you or an associate would like to be added to the PLC participant list, send contact information the following address:

## HMTRI@eicc.edu

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Post Session Notes Session 254, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

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1. Latest from Washington

#### Brownfields 2021

#### December 8-11, 2021 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

EPA and ICMA are committed to ensuring the National Brownfields Training Conference provides the best networking and learning environment possible for the brownfields' community. Several considerations were made related to the current, and anticipated, Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. We have rescheduled Brownfields 2021, yes again, from its September dates to December 8 - 11, 2021, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Sign up for the latest information on the 2021 Brownfields Conference, including featured speakers, sponsorship opportunities, and more.

National Brownfields Training Conference Website

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#### Network with EPA Multipurpose, Assessment, and Cleanup (MAC) Grants

One-hundred and fifty-one communities received Multipurpose, Assessment, and Cleanup (MAC) Grants to use for a variety of activities over the next three-years. Activities include brownfields site inventories, Phase I and II environmental site assessments, cleanup of contaminants, and redevelopment planning. It is especially important that current grantees and prospective grantees are aware of the remediation activity underway in their community. It is suggested that EWDJT grantees contact the responsible agency for brownfields redevelopment. Governmental agencies may include an Office of Brownfields, Department of Environment, Community or Economic Development or as a special department in the mayor's office.

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## 2. From HMTRI

## HMTRI at Brownfields 2021

HMTRI is planning an All Grantee Meeting mini conference before Brownfields21 begins. The format and topics are yet to be determined. As in the past, we will scan grantees for ideas as we approach the national meeting. In addition to the preconference event, HMTRI will be sponsoring an EWDJT

booth for grantees to showcase their programs, meet prospective employers and display awareness materials.

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### HMTRI projects under development

To facilitate communications among grantees and with potential employers, HMTRI is publishing an EWDJT Grantee Directory. The EWDJT Grantee Directory will provide contact information, graduate certifications and training schedules. It will help national employers searching for certified environmental work to contact local programs. The directory will make it easier for grantees to network with others having common interests.

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#### All Grantee Meeting materials

We are currently processing recordings from the 18 breakouts, 7 plenaries and Power Point presentations. When complete, they will be posted on the brownfields-toolbox.org website. We apologize for the delay and will announce when materials are posted.

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## 3. Questions from PLC participants Question and concern:

We were supposed to have our first cohort the week of May third but had to cancel because we only had 1 participant sign up. I am really depending upon our workforce development agency to bring the onboarding and counseling expertise. We heard that participation was hampered by the incentive to stay on unemployment while extra benefits are available, and by apprehension about inperson learning during COVID. Any ideas?

Response:

Several grantees have expressed recruitment issues as you have described. As public health concerns abate, it is likely that EWDJT target populations will again look for pathways into the workforce. Regarding working with local workforce development agencies, the National Association of Workforce Boards NAWB acknowledges that "some workforce boards are stars, and some are rocks." Some are in sync with the EWDJT program and others are not. Some provide incredible support and services, others extraordinarily little. Our best advice is not relying solely on the local job development agency. A best practice for recruitment is to work with workforce agencies as much as possible, qualify participants for benefits but market, screen and assess independently and concurrently.

Go traditional. Posters and flyers in bus stations, grocery stores, Walmart, telephone poles, and laundry mats. Wherever your target population goes. As COVID restrictions ease, sponsor awareness and orientation nights. Consider public service announcements and guest appearances on local radio, public and faith-based events. Grantees who have used these strategies usually find themselves oversubscribed with waiting lists.

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## 4. EWDJT News

Congratulations to two newly funded grantees from regions 4 and 5. Each grantee is an example of EWDJT programs associated with either a city government or in the case of Southwest Economic Solutions, an association with a local social service nonprofit.

Here is a summary of their proposed programs:

## City of East Point, East Point GA

## Target community

The City of East Point is targeting young adults ages 17 to 24 residing in East Point

## Training goal

The City of East Point plans to train 72 students and place at least 44 in environmental jobs **Curriculum** 

139 hours of instruction

- 40-hour HAZWOPER
- Fundamentals for implementing best management practices on construction sites and accurately inspecting land disturbance areas for compliance with state erosion and sedimentation laws
- Distribution Systems Operation and Maintenance
- Professional Development
- Students who complete the training will earn up to three state and one federal certifications

## Key partners

Clayton State University Wholesome Wave Georgia Greening Youth Foundation Arden's Garden Atlanta Community Food Bank Cardno, Inc. City of College Park Department of Public Works SA Recycling, LLC Tri-Cities High School Walmart Realty

## Southwest Economic Solutions Corporation, Detroit MI

## Target community

The Southwest Economic Solutions Corporation is targeting returning citizens, young adults, young immigrants, minorities, and veterans in Detroit

## Training goal

Train 44 students and place at least 36 in environmental jobs **Curriculum** 98 hours of instruction 40-hour HAZWOPER OSHA-10 First Aid Bloodborne and Airborne Pathogens Hazardous Materials Cleanup Commercial Driver License Students who complete the training will earn up to two federal certifications. **Key partners** Community Social Services of Wayne County Schneider National Detroit Economic Solutions Corporation Detroit Training Center

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## 5. Previewing the FY22 EWDJT Request for Applications

FY22 requests for EWDJT applications (RFA) are expected this summer. All indications are that guidelines will be similar to the FY21 RFA with minor changes. Undetermined are the number of applications to be funded and if a "plan B" alternative training plan is required if public health concerns persist. The approach used by EPA in selecting fundable proposals includes the following:

- A qualifying review of Threshold Criteria applications for funding consideration- this is pass fail. Ineligible applications will be notified in 15 days of application submission.
- Evaluation of Ranking Criteria to establish the most comprehensive and complete applications. An objective approach awarding points to each criteria assigning points based on the response to each request for information.
- Consideration of Special situations that "level the playing field" for a diverse set of community issues, experience, and circumstances.

Applications with the highest scores will be considered for funding. The number of awards are limited to available funding. When the RFAs are issued, applicants are given 60 days to prepare and submit a comprehensive proposal including partnerships, work plans and proposed leveraging opportunities. This year it is anticipated that 26 FY20 grantees will be eligible for consideration in addition to former grantees and new applicants. With funding levels uncertain, it is likely that competition will be intense. For this reason, the PLC is beginning our discussions early on preparing for the anticipated RFA. Our current "best guess look ahead" for application submission, award, and program implementation for the FY22 workforce development cycle is flexible but could look like this.

- Decision to submit an FY22 application Starts now
- Verify eligibility for EWDJT funding Review Threshold Criteria and submission process
- Proposal planning and team building pre-grant preparation Starts now
- Community relationship and partnership development Starts now
- Ranking Criteria requests for information and data collection Starts now
- EPA Request for Applications posted on grants.gov August 2021
- Proposal development, review, and partner coordination
- Proposals due September October 2021
- Threshold criteria (Pass Fail) notifications of application rejection –October 2021
- Proposal evaluations December- February 2022
- Award announcements Spring, 2022
- Finalization of work plans and award finalization Summer 2022
- Authorization to spend funds –Summer 2022
- First year training cohorts begin –Fall, 2022

Today's PLC addressed the first step in proposal preparation and threshold criteria. Moving forward the PLC will focus on "best practices" and Ranking Criteria preparation.

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## 5. Threshold Criteria

Several critical and important issues need to be addressed before time and resources are committed to EWDJT. Unlike some academic grants, EWDJT programs are cooperative agreement grants.

Workplans, deliverables and budgets need to be determined well in advance of federal funds being approved for spending. For this reason, Threshold Criteria are used as a tool to identify proposals likely to develop successful programs.

- Is your organization prepared and committed to develop an environmental workforce and job training program with challenging objectives and limited funding requirements to leverage resources?
- With internal resources supplemented by partnerships, can your organization provide the training and services required of successful EWDJT programs?
- Does your organization have (or will be able to commit) staff interested in preparing a competitive proposal this summer?
- Is your organization capable of meeting the eligibility requirements set forth in the Threshold Criteria?

If these questions cannot be answered affirmatively, it is not too late to consider strategies that would allow your organization to participate in the EWDJT program by partnering with another candidate. In today's PLC we discussed the first step in determining EWDJT eligibility. All applicants are first evaluated on a pass-fail basis using Threshold Criteria as a screen before their application can proceed for evaluation.

## Threshold criteria screens proposals eligible for EPA funding consideration.

Rather than spending time evaluating proposals not likely or eligible to receive EPA funding, the RFA includes a screening mechanism which eliminates non-fundable grants before a detailed ranking evaluation begins. Threshold Criteria determine if a proposal is fundable under EPA guidelines, qualifying it eligible to move onto the evaluation process. All applications are first reviewed on a pass/fail basis. All Threshold Criteria must be satisfied to pass the screen. It is extremely important that applicants pay attention, fully understand, and provide a complete response to information requested. Here is a quick summary of last year's Threshold Criteria necessary for proposals to proceed to the next step in proposal evaluation:

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

- Applicants must provide evidence they are 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.

## 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 the Environmental Justice Grants Program
- National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) Worker Training Program
- Department of Labor (DOL) grants that include brownfields remediation, renewable energy, HVAC, or other energy-related training or wastewater treatment technology operator training
- Funding provided by the Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Department of Energy (DOE), Health and Human Services (HHS), and other federal agencies providing brownfields related training

If an organization is receives funding for environmental training, they 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. In a situation where the recipient of other federally funded environmental or "green job" training programs serve the same target area or community, applicants must demonstrate how services under this proposed project will complement, but not duplicate, existing federal environmental job training activities. If the 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 the cover letter. Threshold Criteria from last year's RFA include the following requirements:

## 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 must be provided to all trainees in the proposed program.

## 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.

## Page counts and formats must conform to guideline standards.

- Cover letters cannot exceed 3 pages.
- The narrative portion cannot exceed 15 pages.
- Attachments cannot exceed 15 pages.
- Requested forms are excluded in page counts.
- Single spacing and only one scanned image per attachment page will be accepted.

## A curriculum chart with cost estimates for each course must be submitted.

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 time course is offered
- Training provider
- Cost of the course
- Percent of the grant budget

### A target area must be identified.

- 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.
- EPA will consider applications that propose to serve large areas, especially in rural communities, that may include several towns.

### 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 2021 are not eligible to apply under this competition.
- Twenty-six FY20 grantees are eligible to apply as are new, previously unfunded and grantees from prior years.

## Will alternative training plans be included?

This year applications may or may not include two separate plans for delivering training. Still undetermined is if EPA will require an alternative training plan. A training plan under normal circumstances and a second plan that may limit or restrict training due to COVID19 public health concerns.

### 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, organizations are 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.

#### Submit or wait?

We encourage organizations to apply this year rather than waiting to apply for the following reasons:

- A rejected or unsuccessful application will not influence next year's competition.
- Unsuccessful applicants will be considered as potential applicants in FY23.
- Unsuccessful applicants are given an opportunity for a debriefing to identify issues with their application.
- Many first-year applicants are unsuccessful only to receive funding with a new expanded proposal in the next competition.
- Unsuccessful applicants have an opportunity to expand their program, develop additional partnerships and leveraged resources between competitions.

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#### 7. Resources, webinar recordings and posted materials

#### WTP Spring Awardee Meeting and Workshop Materials Are Now Available

The WTP Spring Awardee Meeting and Workshop, "Using Best Practices to Sustain Training Programs During COVID-19 and Other Disasters," was held in April 2021. While we heard many

stories of challenges and frustration during the COVID-19 pandemic, people adapted to overcome gaps in worker training and protection. The workshop reviewed the best practices of WTP, awardees, and partnering organizations to sustain training programs during COVID-19 and other disaster preparedness and response efforts. Presentations are now available. Videos will be coming soon.

## WTP

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## Building Programs to Protect Workers from COVID-19 in the Workplace

A new Training Tool: Building Programs to Protect Workers from COVID-19 in the Workplace, Replaces the Essential and Returning Worker Training Tool. Among other additions and revisions, the updated version adds the following:

- An icebreaker to gauge participants' concerns, a graphic illustrating transmission,
- Information on asymptomatic and PR symptomatic transmission
- A new slide on vaccines
- Information on portable air cleaners
- Data on mental health effects during COVID-19
- New slides on ventilation filtration
- A slide on the use of ultraviolet light to disinfect air

Go to the following site for the updated training tool.

## WTP COVID-19 Resources Page

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## 8. Upcoming webinars

## EPA's Office of Environmental Justice Systemic Racism Speaker Series June 10, 12:00PM—1:00PM EST

EPA's Office of Environmental Justice is hosting an Environmental Justice (EJ) and Systemic Racism Speaker Series, beginning with a set of five sessions that thoroughly examine the relationship of redlining and current environmental challenges, particularly the climate crisis. A recent National Center for Civil and Human Rights webinar on EJ, <u>red-lining and the climate crisis</u> provides a good overview of this subject. Future topics in the series will include:

- Title VI and civil rights program
- EJ research and analysis
- Rural inequities

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# California EPA's Pollution and Prejudice Project June 10, 12:00PM—1:00PM EST

Learn about tools developed by CalEPA's racial equity team to help agency staff and communities explore the connection between racist land use practices of the 1930s and the persistence of environmental injustice. Register Here

## Stigma of Addiction Summit June 10th

The National Academy of Medicine, Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin, and Shatterproof are pleased to announce the Stigma of Addiction Summit on June 10. It is a half-day, virtual, action-oriented summit entirely dedicated to understanding, addressing, and eliminating the harmful impacts of stigma on people who use drugs. The goal of the Summit is to elevate current efforts at reducing stigma, identifying successes and gaps in the evidence base, and prioritizing and identifying areas for future research.

**Meeting Registration** 

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## 9. Virtual and in person conferences CCLR's 6th Annual NYS Redevelopment Summit. June 16-18

Communities today are on the cusp of unprecedented resources to address brownfield cleanup and reuse challenges. Are you ready? Get the tools, training, and connections you need to create and capitalize on opportunities for revitalization - virtually - at CCLR's 6th Annual NYS Redevelopment Summit.

You will learn from and network with other experts who share your passion for lifting communities through beneficial reuse that promotes resilience, sustainability, and environmental justice. We hope you are as excited as we are about what is on tap! Topics and speakers will include:

- Keynote Speaker Peggy Shepard, Executive Director of WE ACT for Environmental Justice and newly appointed member of the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council
- Renewable energy development as a means of addressing both reuse and sustainability challenges.
- Public and private land reuse funding sources and how to access them.
- Workforce development to prepare local people for local jobs.
- How New York's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) will affect land reuse.
- Updates on State and Federal programs from the U.S. EPA, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, NYS Department of State, NYSERDA, Empire State Development, and more.

## **Register Today!**

https://pheedloop.com/register/NYSRedevSummit2021/attendee/

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## GBA Virtual Brownfields Conference June 22-23

We're less than a month away from GBA's 7th annual <u>GBA Brownfield Seminar program</u> so be sure to register soon! This week we are highlighting the GBA Brownfield Seminar session: **Using Georgia's Brownfields Program to Further Environmental Justice in Georgia** - Presented by

- Holly A. Hill, Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP.
- Kate E. Hopkins, Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP.
- Brian Holtzclaw, Chief, Environmental Justice and Children's Health Section, US EPA Region 4.
- Gina K. Montgomery, J5 GBL, LLC.
- April Lipscomb, Southern Environmental Law Center; and
- Moderated by Rich Glaze, Barnes & Thornburg

## What will participants learn?

With Environmental Justice as a primary focus of the Biden Administration, it is important for purchasers and developers of brownfields to be aware of impacts their projects may have on Environmental Justice neighborhoods and to be prepared for the potential effects of possible new laws and policies designed to give teeth to the administration's commitment to the issue. Drawing on multiple perspectives, this talk will address:

- The definition and history of Environmental Justice.
- Current and anticipated Environmental Justice legal and policy requirements of Brownfields-related environmental programs.
- The intentions of the Biden administration for implementation of its stated Environmental Justice policy; and
- Best practices for addressing Environmental Justice issues in site selection and development.

Be sure to view our full program here

## **REGISTER NOW**

## **GBA Brownfield Seminar Scholarships**

We are so pleased to present a program full of information to help transform communities and brownfields throughout the region at our June 22-23 **<u>GBA Brownfield Seminar</u>**.

Recognizing that the content of this year's program will appeal to a broad audience across the region, GBA is offering a limited number of scholarships to those who may not have the resources or budget to participate in this year's Brownfield Seminar.

PLEASE NOTE: <u>Scholarship applications</u> DUE FRIDAY, JUNE 11 and may be submitted to Jennifer Jezyk at <u>Jennifer@HLStrategy.com.</u>

The 26th Florida Remediation Conference November 17-19, 2021 Call for Speakers and Poster Presenters Rosen Centre Hotel Orlando, Florida

The Florida Remediation Conference (FRC) is one of the premier soils, 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. It is far from just being a Florida event.

## Topical areas for consideration include:

- Innovative Remediation Technologies
- Environmental Assessment and Analysis
- Emerging Contaminants
- Vapor Intrusion Investigation and Remediation
- Brownfields and Redevelopment
- Characterization, Fate and Transport
- Risk Assessment Practices, Applications, and Benefits
- Environmental Forensics
- Innovative Strategies and Approaches to Expedite Site Closure
- Remediation of Petroleum and Heavy Hydrocarbons
- Funding and Insuring Remediation Projects
- Business Aspects for the Environmental Professional
- Other

#### **Oral Platform and Poster Session Format**

FRC 2021 Oral Platform Sessions have been designed to allow for three (3) 30-minute speaking slots. We suggest presenters plan for a 20-minute talk and allow 10 minutes for Q&A.

For Poster presentations, posters will be on display for the entire event with a Poster Reception to be held on Thursday, November 5th in the exhibit hall.

If you have an interest in presenting an oral or poster presentation, please click on the button below.

Submission Deadline: July 15, 2021. SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT, CLICK HERE

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#### 10. Funding, leveraging and outreach opportunities

### **CPWR**

## Accepting applications for funding from the Small Study Program Open applications accepted

CPWR's Small Study Program provides seed money of up to \$30,000 to investigate promising new research initiatives. Many major research projects began with a Small Study to demonstrate its viability or test the approach, and other studies have resulted in important stand-alone projects. A survey of researchers funded under this program found that more than 60 percent had published their findings in peer-reviewed journals.

### How to apply for a Small Study Grant

Researchers interested in funding should review the Small Study Guidelines, which explain the requirements and process in detail. Applications are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis and can come from investigators from a wide range of disciplines, including applied computer sciences, communication sciences, construction management, consumer marketing, economics, engineering, psychology, and work organization. We also welcome innovative proposals from occupational safety and health researchers, ergonomists, epidemiologists, researchers partnering with industry practitioners, and others.

Learn more from reviewing the list of Funded Small Studies, go to: Additional information

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## SBIR E-Learning for HAZMAT and Emergency Response Application Due Date - July 30, 2021

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grant applications from small business concerns (SBCs) that propose to further the development of Advanced Technology Training (ATT) products for: the health and safety training of hazardous materials (HAZMAT) workers; waste treatment personnel; skilled support personnel associated with an emergency/disaster; emergency responders in biosafety response, infectious disease training and cleanup; emergency responders in disasters and resiliency training; and for ATT tools to assist in responding to environmental disasters. ATT as defined by the Worker Training Program (WTP) includes, but is not limited to, online training, mobile device training, virtual reality, and serious gaming, which complement all aspects of training from development to evaluation including advanced technologies that enhance, supplement, improve, and provide health and safety training for hazardous materials workers. These products must complement the goals and objectives of WTP. The major objective of the NIEHS WTP is to prevent work related harm by assisting in the training of workers in how best to protect themselves and their communities from exposure to hazardous materials. The financial support for this initiative comes directly from NIEHS Worker Education and Training Branch SBIR funds.

Go to:

https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-ES-21-005.html

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### **11. Contact EPA Regional Coordinators**

Regional Coordinators are the first place to go regarding questions about EWDJT grants, extensions, budgets, or work plans. 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.

## EPA Region 1

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## 12. Join us for the next Professional Learning Community call

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

The objective of the (PLC) is to promote and share innovative strategies among those interested in establishing community based environmental job training programs. Our sessions allow participants to stay in touch with EWDJT happenings, ask questions, showcase their programs, and help others.

The Environmental Workforce PLC is open to all and there is no cost or obligation to attend. Join us when you can.

<u>Next PLC call – Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Same time and "call in"</u> Email questions or to be placed on the PLC register send contact information to: <u>hmtri@eicc.edu</u>

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To participate in our Environmental Workforce Professional Learning Community session call: (319) 527-3513

Use access code 550105 followed by # to be connected to our session. Sign up a friend – no cost – no obligation Join us for helpful hints & open discussion Call from any phone at: 1:55 pm Eastern time (5 minutes early) Discussions last about 30 minutes.

-- PLC notes and recordings of past sessions are also uploaded to our website at: <u>http://brownfields-toolbox.org/plc-sessions/</u>.

If you would like to invite a guest, feel free to forward this email.

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HMTRI is part of Eastern Iowa Community Colleges and has provided environmental workforce development technical assistance since the inception of EPA's Brownfields Initiative.

PLC notes presented represent individual opinions and ideas from Professional Learning Community participants and EWDJT grantees. They do not represent EPA policy, guidance or opinions and should not be taken as such.

For more information on HMTRI technical assistance services or to be added to our Grantee and Community Outreach Listserv, please an email to: hmtri@eicc.edu.

