



**Notes from the Environmental Workforce Professional Learning Community
(PLC) –1/12/2022**

This week's discussion topics

- Updates from Washington
- Welcome to cycle 26
- Revisiting the HMTRI Mid-Year Brainstorming Workshop
- EPA job training – moving forward

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Post Session Notes

Session 266, January 12th, 2022

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1. Latest from Washington

Brownfields 2021 - Rescheduled to August 16-19, 2022

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 from its December 8 - 11, 2021, in Oklahoma City to August 16-19, 2022. Travel scholarships will soon reopen. Travel scholarships are designed for community groups, non-profits, environmental justice groups, or other organizations that may be running on tight budgets and would greatly benefit from sending a representative to the National Brownfields Training Conference. Scholarships include complementary registration and housing. Travel scholarships do not include airfare, meals, incidentals, or other costs.

[Visit the conference website](https://brownfields2021.org/)

<https://brownfields2021.org/>

EPA Community Engagement Calls

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites Environmental Justice (EJ) advocates and the public to participate in the agency’s Community Engagement Calls. The next call is January 25th

Topics at the next call include:

- Regional Listening Sessions on Draft Lead Strategy
- Upcoming Grant Funding and Technical Assistance
- Ongoing EJ Initiatives

Register at the following site

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/epa-natl-environmental-justice-community-engagement-call-jan-25-2022-registration-238556217067>

Workforce Development Listening Session

EPA is planning a Workforce Development Listening Session sometime around the end of January. EPA is looking for ideas on expanding workforce development in underserved communities. Dates and registration for the listening session have not yet been determined. HMTRI will send out a special notice once we have better information.

2. From HMTRI

2022 Mid-Year Virtual Brainstorming Workshop

Tentatively scheduled for May 4th

12:00 to 4:00 PM Eastern

Tentatively scheduled for May 4th, 2022, HMTRI will be hosting a 2022 Mid-Year Virtual Networking Workshop for Job Training grant recipients and stakeholders interested in environmental job training programs. The structure of the event will be similar to the workshop held last November 17th including informal networking sessions guided

by facilitators and time with EPA Regional Job Training Coordinators, and headquarters staff. Soon Steve will be asking for informal videos to share with the group.

The goal of the Mid-Year Virtual Brainstorming Workshops is to network, get to know each other and perhaps leave with some thoughts and ideas we can incorporate in our job training programs.

The Environmental Workforce Professional Learning Community (PLC) has moved to ZOOM.... See the log in instructions below.

Mark your calendar

Every other Wednesday - 2:00 pm Eastern

ZOOM or call in at 1:55 Eastern – from anywhere – same time-same log in every 2 weeks.

January 12th was the first Professional Learning Community (PLC) ZOOM specifically addressing the EPA Brownfields Job training (JT) program.

Join a conversation with EPA Brownfields Job Training grant recipients, alumni, and interested stakeholders.

Showcase your program – Biweekly, the PLC will hear from one of our grantees, discuss opportunities or exchange ideas related to environmental job training. HMTRI is inviting you to participate in the next cycle of Professional Learning Community ZOOMs. If you would like to present at an upcoming PLC contact Mike at msenew@gmail.com/

- **PLCs are scheduled every other week on Wednesdays**
- **Same time**
- **Same ZOOM link**

Wednesday	Jan 26	2:00 PM Eastern Time
Wednesday	Feb 9	2:00 PM Eastern Time
Wednesday	Feb 23	2:00 PM Eastern Time
Wednesday	Mar 9	2:00 PM Eastern Time
Wednesday	Mar 23	2:00 PM Eastern Time
Wednesday	Apr 6	2:00 PM Eastern Time
Wednesday	Apr 20	2:00 PM Eastern Time
Wednesday	May 4	2:00 PM Eastern Time
Wednesday	May 18	2:00 PM Eastern Time
Wednesday	Jun 1	2:00 PM Eastern Time
Wednesday	Jun 15	2:00 PM Eastern Time

To Join PLC Zoom Meetings, go to:

<https://zoom.us/j/93598658578>

Meeting ID: **935 9865 8578**

On the road - Computer not available.....

You can phone in using the nearest location

- +1 646 876 9923 US (New York)
- +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)
- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
- +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)
- +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
- +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

3. EJ and Job Training news

The GreatEST Institute

May 9-20, 2022

Bettendorf, Iowa

OSHA Health and Safety Instructor Training

The Community College Consortium for Health and Safety Training (CCCHST)

Instructors are prepared through a 10-day Train-the-Trainer Program called the GreatEST Institute (Great Environmental Safety Training Institute) to deliver required certifications for public and private responders and workers including:

- 40-hour Waste Site Worker Health and Safety
- 24-hour Industrial Emergency Response
- DOT Haz Mat Awareness
- Confined Space Non Entry Rescue
- Hazard Awareness and Communication
- Disaster Site Worker Awareness

Instructors use CCCHST curriculum to train workers and responders in their local area and report to PETE the number of courses they provide, for which they are provided a small reimbursement. PETE reports these numbers to NIEHS. CCCHST members may charge for the courses offered in their local area. Instructors reporting numbers may return at least every two years for Instructor Refresher training offered at colleges across the nation.

CCCHST is sponsored by the Partnership for Environmental Technology Education (PETE) headquartered in South Portland, Maine. PETE is one of twenty-two affiliated councils of the 1,150-member American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and the only council whose core mission is environmental, health, safety and security training. PETE network of community, technical, U.S. territory and tribal college members for whom PETE provides faculty development programs, workshops, and institutes. This program is supported with grant funding from the National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS).

20 scholarships covering travel, tuition, lodging and some meals are available from PETE.

Electronic Applications are available on the website homepage

www.nationalpete.org, or link to the page

<http://nationalpete.org/2017/11/28/3568/>

A complete on-line application package is due by due February 28, 2022

For more information contact: Patti Thompson pattijthompson@gmail.com / 319-721-1509

Cecilia Martinez is leaving her post as the senior Director for Environmental Justice at the Council on Environmental Quality

Last week President Joe Biden's top environmental justice official left the administration less than one full year into his presidency. Cecilia Martinez, who is leaving her post as the senior director for environmental justice at the Council on Environmental Quality, has largely been credited with shaping much of President Biden's environmental justice aspirations. In 2020, she helped develop then-candidate Joe Biden's environmental goals and since his election the Justice40 program. The White House has blown by deadlines related to the program, such as releasing its screening tool that is meant to identify communities most in need of such investments, and has also failed to explicitly define what types of communities would be tagged as "disadvantaged." Applicants participating in the FY22 Job Training program will recall using the EJ Screening Tool developed by the EPA Office of Environmental Justice to identify disadvantaged target communities.

To read the full article go to:

<https://grist.org/climate/head-of-bidens-environmental-justice-programs-to-leave-adminstration/>

From grist.org
Climate Justice Issues

4. FY22 environmental job training timeline and things to do now

For each individual grant, the FY22 grant cycle timeline depends on the award date and when applicants are authorized to spend funds. The first two years focus on program development, training delivery and placement. A final year has been added for additional training, placement, tracking and program sustainability. Milestones for the FY22 JT cycle might look like the schedule below.

January-February 2022

- Evaluation Criteria reviews continue.
- Keep in touch with key partners. Those providing letters of support may be contacted regarding their commitment to your program.
- Brief your advisory committee on the progress of the grant application. We are only two months away from funding announcements.

March - April 2022

- Pending final review, 15 programs are recommended for FY22 funding consideration.
- Successful and unfunded applicants are notified if their program has been recommended for funding.
- Funded programs will be contacted by Regional Coordinators with grant packages to begin the funding process.
- Unfunded programs need to schedule debriefing sessions with their Regional Coordinator. These sessions are important in that Requests for FY23 applications are just a few months away.

May 4, 2022

- HMTRI Virtual Brainstorming Workshop- A virtual Mid-Year Brainstorming workshop will examine three critical issues for job training success at this point in the training cycle – collect videos to share during an after-hours session.
- Begin preparing for the FY23 Job Training RFA to be announced this summer. EPA provides only sixty days to respond to RFA guidelines which is not nearly enough time to develop partnerships and write a successful application.

August 16-19, 2022

- Mark your calendar to attend the rescheduled in person Brownfields 2021 National Conference in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Sign up for the latest information on the 2022 Brownfields Conference site, including featured speakers, scholarship opportunities and workshop events.

Summer 2022

- Grant packages and work plans are reviewed and accepted by EPA for final processing.
- Funds available for training are released before September 31st, 2022.
- FY23 Job Training RFA and due date will be announced.

October 2022

- Look forward to an HMTRI in person Annual All Grantee Meeting in Alexandria VA.
- Hotel and conference costs will be covered with participants paying for transportation, meals and incidentals.

Winter 2022- 2023

- Initial cohorts begin with program refinements, partnership development and placement continuing.
- Training and placement continue with ACRES reporting quarterly.
- Consideration regarding program expansion, improvement and sustainability continue.

5. Revisiting the HMTRI Mid-Year Brainstorming Workshop

In today's PLC we wanted to spend some time discussing the November 17th Virtual Mid-Year Brainstorming Workshop. The Mid-Year Brainstorming Workshop was slightly different than many technical assistance-related virtual events being offered. The goal of this workshop was to network a small group of participants, get to know each other and perhaps leave with some thoughts and ideas that can be incorporated into job training programs. To achieve these objectives, we followed the following guidelines.

- The approach to the workshop was to present an unstructured event without presentations, identified presenters, or PowerPoints.
- To maintain a brainstorming atmosphere, participants were provided an agenda with general topics for discussion in advance.
- In efforts to broaden participant contributions, breakouts were limited to twenty participants. maximizing peer to peer contributions. Every participant was encouraged to participate.
- Breakout participants were curated and preassigned to ensure experienced grantees were matched with less experienced grantees.
- HMTRI facilitators were used to keep discussions lively and moving. For each general topic, four questions were posed as discussion starters. Facilitators acted as timekeepers limiting comments and ideas to less than seven minutes for each talking point.
- Experienced grantees were recruited as recorders capturing innovative ideas and strategies to share during a plenary session.
- Discussion topics were limited to three critical topics currently confronting JT grant recipients.
 - Promoting Environmental Job Training Programs
 - Community Engagement and Partnership Development
 - Student Retention and Graduate Employment

At the conclusion of breakout sessions, the most innovative and interesting ideas were presented and discussed in a plenary session. As with previous agendas, after hours videos of grantee programs allowed workshop participants an opportunity to visit other JT programs and facilities. Based on the post meeting evaluation, we felt the Mid-Year Virtual Brainstorming Workshop was successful and useful to those attending. The success of the informal workshop has prompted us to use the same format at the next Mid-Year meeting tentatively scheduled

for early May. HMTRI will provide a detailed evaluation report for those interested. Here are a few of the summary comments presented as part of the evaluation.

- Just good to hear about what the entire field is dealing with
- Sharing of practical ideas
- Learning from others
- Since we just launched our first cohort, it was inspiring to see and hear about success stories and long-term successes
- Being able to engage with everyone
- The videos were a special part of the workshop
- Talking and sharing with peers
- All the video presentations showed what others are doing
- Informal nature of the conversation
- The networking and sharing best practices
- The facilitator, Nolan was great
- Opportunity to interact with other grantees and hear success stories

Here are a few examples of ideas presented during breakout sessions. The December issue of CONNECT News details breakout ideas under each of the topics addressed. A copy of that issue will be posted on the HMTRI website and is also available by returning this email with a request for the December CONNECT Newsletter.

- Offer hot meals and snacks to support retention
- Use community service projects to get the students out in the field doing things
- Student tracking- Frequent contact and support, make sure student is okay and employer is happy
- Ask graduates to come and speak with new students
- Think about the length of the program and how it affects your students –finances may not permit longer training cohorts
- Use an interest profiler to identify applicants who will be good candidates
- Bad apples – ask them to leave, connecting them to support services
- Provide conflict resolution during peer-to-peer meetings
- Invite employers to the advisory board and to attend mock interviews
- Establish internships with employers
- Teach students how to sell themselves during job interviews, interviewing is huge
- Build self confidence in students through mentoring
- How to hook the student - determine topics that peak their interest, life skills or other
- Using screening to set clear expectations before entering the program
- Approaching bad apples – one on one time with mentoring, peer partnering, reminding them why they're involved in the program. Offer wrap around services without it feeling like a handout
- Provide trauma informed training for staff to deal with PTDS and bipolar issues
- Creating feedback loops with employers, using activities to showcase the program and its accomplishments
- Presenting students to employers by focusing on strengths, growth, accomplishment

After Hours: Video Tours & Discussion

To end the workshop, HMTRI facilitated an “After Hours” activity showcasing four Job Training Programs. Eric Shanks, Cypress Mandela Training Center, Janet Kerley, Santa Fe Community College, Abby Wolensky, Pauline

Auberle Foundation and Ken Alexander, Recycleforce contributed videos of their programs. For those interested in watching their videos again, the links are as follows:

1) Cypress Mandela: Cypress Mandela Training Center, Inc Video (5:17 Run Time)

https://youtu.be/0BIR7_VbJHU

2) Santa Fe CC (If we get one) EPA Environmental Technician Training (9:00 Run Time)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qm8E0HI8oPQ>

3) Pauline Auberle Foundation Video: Employment Institute EPA Video (5:29 Run Time)

<https://youtu.be/Y8tywLWVHxg>

4.) Recycleforce Video: Brightmark and RecycleForce Launch Partnership (4:50 Run Time)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0SujlwCGZCo>

6. Graduate placement opportunities

Clearing Out the Superfund Backlog.

EPA Announces Plans to Use First \$1B from Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funds to Clear Out the Superfund Backlog. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a \$1 billion investment from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to initiate cleanup and clear the backlog of 49 previously unfunded Superfund sites and accelerate cleanup at dozens of other sites across the country. Until this historic investment, many of these were part of a backlog of hazardous waste sites awaiting funding. Thousands of contaminated sites exist nationally due to hazardous waste being dumped, left out in the open, or otherwise improperly managed. These sites include manufacturing facilities, processing plants, landfills, and mining sites. The \$1 billion investment is the first wave of funding from the \$3.5 billion in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to help clean up polluted Superfund sites in communities. The backlog of previously unfunded sites that will now be receiving funding are in 24 states and territories and all 10 EPA regions, including some communities who have been waiting for cleanup for more than four years. For more information and to see a list of the 49 sites to receive funding for new cleanup projects, please visit:

<https://www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-sites-new-construction-projects-receive-bipartisan-infrastructure-law-funding>

FY 2022 Brownfields opportunities to reach out to EPA cleanup grants

Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants

EPA has announced the release of RFAs for Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grant funding. Evaluation criteria includes community engagement which involve partnering with Brownfields Job Training programs in target communities. To learn more about Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants go to the following site.

[EPA RLF Requests for Applications](#)

7. Resources and opportunities

Resources on Substance Use Prevention

As National Substance Abuse Prevention Month comes to a close, we wanted to remind you of the resources available through the Clearinghouse, along with the special edition of New Solutions on Opioids and the Workplace – Risk Factors and Solutions.

[WTP Opioids and Substance Use](#)

Check out the HAZMAT Safety & Training Clearinghouse

For New and Resources, go to:

[News & Resources](#)

For the latest Newsbrief, go to:

[Weekly Newsbrief: Current Issue](#)

To sign up for the Weekly Newsbrief Mailing List Subscription go to:

[Newsbrief Subscription](#)

<https://tools.niehs.nih.gov/wetp/subscribe/subscribe.cfm?>

LCI Aims to Help Shape President Biden’s Justice40 Initiative

President Joe Biden ordered federal agencies to direct 40% of the government’s investments in climate and clean infrastructure to benefit people in disadvantaged communities. Implementing the directive will not be simple, but a new report by scholars from the University of California Los Angeles Luskin Center for Innovation (LCI), advised by environmental justice leaders, provides a framework that federal officials could use to maximize Justice40’s impact.

[LCI Newsroom](#)

[LCI Justic40 Report](#)

Bank of America Grants

In 2022, the Bank of America Charitable Foundation will issue two requests for proposals (RFPs):

Environmental Focus

Agriculture/Farming, Career Choices, Cultural Awareness, Environmental Justice, Gardening/Composting, Place-based Education, Plants, Sustainability, Team-building/Problem-solving

Bank of America



1. Economic Mobility focused on needs of individuals and families

(workforce development & education and basic needs)

Applications accepted 1/24/2022 – 2/18/2022

2. Economic Mobility focused on needs of community

(affordable housing, small business, neighborhood revitalization)

Applications accepted: 5/30/2022 – 6/24/2022

For additional information, go to:

Complete Details

[Bank of America Opportunities](#)

2022 BAD Buildings Webinar Series | BAD Buildings 101

Jan 20, 1:00 pm EDT

Are there abandoned and dilapidated buildings in your community? The BAD (Brownfield, Abandoned, Dilapidated) Buildings Program works with communities statewide providing technical assistance and site analysis tools to address these issues. Are you interested in becoming a BAD Building community? Come learn the basics of the BAD Buildings Program where you will run through steps of the BAD Buildings model and learn how the program can help your community.

Register Here

[BAD Buildings Registration](#)

8. Virtual conferences, webinars, and recordings

Unlocking Brightfields Potential: State Programs to Encourage Renewable Energy Siting on Contaminated Lands

January 24, 1:00 pm -2:30 pm EDT

EPA's RE-Powering America's Land Initiative ("RE-Powering") is hosting a webinar to help you learn about state-based programs to increase renewable energy projects on landfills, brownfields, mines, and other contaminated lands. In the webinar, you will learn about common types of state programs, program impacts, steps to select and design successful programs, and program implementation tips.

The webinar will feature a panel with agency staff from three leading states who will discuss how they have created and managed successful programs and provide tips for success. It will also highlight free RE-Powering resources - a report on how to select and design state programs and a map of relevant programs - where participants can learn much more on the topic.

[Register Here](#)

<https://clu-in.org/conf/tio/register/new.cfm?date=1356>

EPA Community Engagement Calls

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites Environmental Justice (EJ) advocates and the public to participate in the agency's Community Engagement Calls.

The purpose of these calls is to inform the public about EPA's environmental justice work and enhance opportunities to maintain an open dialogue with environmental justice advocates. The calls first began in 2010 and were a valuable tool for EPA to learn about environmental justice needs in communities around the country. As the Biden-Harris Administration has placed environmental justice at the center of the national agenda, the Agency is relaunching these calls as a first step towards reestablishing meaningful and engaging participation with community groups and the public. This direct dialogue will strengthen the integration of EJ into all that we do as we pursue achieving meaningful improvements on the ground for communities. To see the calendar for upcoming calls, register for upcoming calls, and view meeting materials for past calls, please visit:

<https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-community-engagement-calls>

January 25, 2022 Register Here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/epa-natl-environmental-justice-community-engagement-call-jan-25-2022-registration-238556217067> Regional Listening Sessions on Draft Lead Strategy, Upcoming Grant Funding and Technical Assistance, Ongoing EJ Initiatives.

Previous Calls

Date	Meeting Materials and Recording	Topics
February 17, 2021	Meeting Materials for the February 17, 2021 Call Recording of February 17, 2021 Call (Captions in both English and Spanish; subtítulos en inglés y español) Transcript in English (pdf) Transcript in Spanish (en Español) (pdf)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An Overview of new Presidential Executive Orders and Memoranda (2021) related to Environmental Justice• EJ Program Updates, including NEJAC, EJScreen, Collaboration with States and Tribes, etc.
May 19, 2021	Meeting Materials for the May 19, 2021 Call Recording of May 19, 2021 Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strengthening Civil Rights Enforcement• EJ Program Updates, including Implementing EPA's National Recycling Strategy and Enhancing Transparency

Date	Meeting Materials and Recording	Topics
	<p>(Captions in both English and Spanish; subtítulos en inglés y español)</p> <p>Transcript in English (pdf)</p> <p>Transcript in Spanish (en Español) (pdf)</p>	
August 31, 2021	<p>Meeting Materials for August 31, 2021 Call (pdf)</p> <p>Recording of August 31, 2021 Call</p> <p>(Captions in both English and Spanish; subtítulos en inglés y español)</p> <p>Transcript in English (pdf)</p> <p>Transcript in Spanish (en Español) (pdf)</p> <p>Summary: Questions and Answers for August 31, 2021 Call (pdf)</p>	Overview of Justice40 at EPA
September 14, 2021	<p>Meeting Materials for the September 14, 2021 Call (pdf)</p> <p>Recording of September 14, 2021 Call</p> <p>(Captions in both English and Spanish; subtítulos en inglés y español)</p> <p>Transcript in English (pdf)</p> <p>Transcript in Spanish (en Español) (pdf)</p> <p>Summary: Questions and Answers for September 14, 2021 Call (pdf)</p>	Justice40: Focus on EPA's Brownfields Redevelopment Program
September 28, 2021	<p>Meeting Materials for the September 28, 2021 Call (pdf)</p> <p>Recording of September 28, 2021 Call</p> <p>(Captions in both English and Spanish; subtítulos en inglés y español)</p> <p>Transcript in English (pdf)</p> <p>Transcript in Spanish (en Español) (pdf)</p> <p>Summary: Questions and Answers for September 28, 2021 Call (pdf)</p>	Justice40: Continuing the conversation about the Justice40 at EPA

Date	Meeting Materials and Recording	Topics
October 12, 2021	Meeting Materials for the October 12, 2021 Call (pdf) Recording of October 12, 2021 Call (Captions in both English and Spanish; subtítulos en inglés y español) Transcript in English (pdf) Transcript in Spanish (en Español) (pdf) Summary: Questions and Answers for October 12, 2021 Call (pdf)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Justice 40: Focus on EPA's Diesel Emissions Reduction Act Grant program and the Ports Initiative EPA Strategic Plan: Focus on Goal 2 -- EJ and Civil Rights
October 26, 2021	Meeting Materials for October 26, 2021 Call (pdf) Recording of October 26, 2021 Call (Captions in both English and Spanish; subtítulos en inglés y español) Transcript in English (pdf) Transcript in Spanish (en Español) (pdf) Summary: Questions and Answers for October 26, 2021 Call (pdf)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Justice 40: Focus on EPA's Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Fund Reducing Lead in Drinking Water programs EPA Strategic Plan: Focus on Goal 2 -- EJ and Civil Rights
November 9, 2021	Meeting Materials for the November 9, 2021 Call (pdf) Recording of November 9, 2021 Transcripts Pending Summary: Questions and Answers for November 9, 2021 Call (pdf)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Justice 40: Focus on EPA's Superfund Remedial Program EPA Strategic Plan: Focus on Goal 2 -- EJ and Civil Rights (continued)
November 23, 2021	Meetings Materials for the November 23, 2021 Call (pdf) (note: partial recording due to technical difficulties) Transcripts Pending Summary: Questions and Answers for November 23, 2021 Call (pdf)	Upcoming and Ongoing EJ Initiatives
December 7, 2021	Meeting Materials for the December 7, 2021 Call (pdf)	Justice40 initiatives at EPA, DOE, and HHS

Date	Meeting Materials and Recording	Topics
	Recording of December 7, 2021 Call Transcripts Pending Summary: Questions and Answers for December 7, 2021 Call (pdf)	

9. In-person events

**Save the (New) Dates! 2022 National Brownfields Training Conference –
 Oklahoma City, OK
 August 16-19, 2022**

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! For more information, please visit <https://brownfields2021.org>

**PFAS Forum II
 May 2-4, 2022
 Renaissance Tampa International Plaza Hotel
 Tampa, Florida**

The PFAS Forum II is being organized to provide an understanding of the environmental issues related to PFAS, educate the environmental/remediation industry and regulatory community on the potential risks from PFAS, as well as discuss regulatory and legal issues, monitoring, treatment, cleanup, and disposal technologies. Go to: <https://pfasforum.org>



Deadline: Friday, Jan. 21, 2022
www.GeorgiaBrownfield.org/Seminar

We are excited to announce the [Call for Abstracts](#) for the eighth annual [GBA Brownfield Seminar](#). Help us continue to present this balanced, informative, heavy hitting event - submit YOUR abstract. Don't have a "fully cooked" idea? Send us your topic requests and presenter suggestions - we'll accept those as well!

The Brownfield Seminar will be held in June 2022. We are cautiously optimistic that the event will be held in person, but we will follow CDC guidance to ensure we're providing a quality event - in-person or virtual - while also prioritizing participants' health and safety.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

We welcome abstracts about topics including:

- Climate change preparation
- Community engagement
- Community health
- Development issues
- Economic development
- Environmental investigation
- Environmental justice
- Innovative alternatives to assessments
- Grants and lending opportunities
- Legal issues
- Legislative
- Regulations and planning
- Remediation
- Risk assessment
- Surface and groundwater cleanup
- Teaming with HSRA/VRP
- Technology
- Vapor intrusion

The deadline is **January 21, 2022**. *Proposals may be submitted as topic ideas, speaker recommendations, or as [full abstract recommendations](#): [Click here](#) for details.*

In its eighth year, GBA's Brownfield Seminar has sold out in person every year, with virtual participation eclipsing those participation levels. [Click here](#) to read more about past GBA Brownfield Seminars.

Questions? Reach out to [Jennifer Jezyk](#) for additional details.

10. Contact EPA Regional Coordinators

Regional Coordinators are the first place to go regarding questions about JT grants, extensions, budgets, or work plans. Many Regions maintain a Listserv for past, current, and potential recipients. It is important to be on their contact list for conference calls and newsletters.

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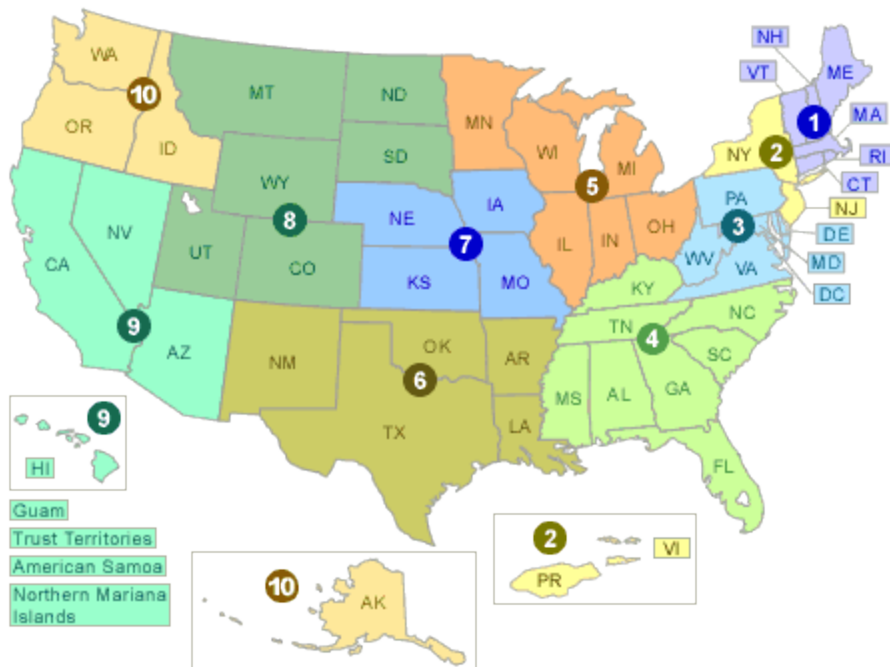
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11. Join us for the next Professional Learning Community ZOOM call January 26th.

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

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For more information on HMTRI technical assistance services or to be added to our Grantee and Community Outreach Listserv, please email to:

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