



Notes from the Environmental Workforce Professional Learning Community
(PLC) –3/9/2022

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Post Session Notes
Session 270, March 9th, 2022

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1. Latest from Washington

National Environmental Justice Community Engagement Call
March 15, 2022
2 p.m. Eastern

The purpose of these calls is to inform communities about EPA's environmental justice work and enhance opportunities to maintain an open dialogue with environmental justice advocates. As environmental justice continues to be integrated into EPA programs and policies, the Agency

hopes that these calls will help reaffirm EPA's continued commitment to work with community groups and the public to strengthen local environmental and human health outcomes. Topics to be discussed include Leadership Updates, Listening Session, and Dialogue: Q&A about ongoing EJ initiatives

Click the link below to join the webinar on March 15th.

Registration not required. To access this ZOOM call, go to:

<https://usepa.zoomgov.com/j/1615620276?pwd=TE1ibDlWmgzdnk3aUpselkxcFhjQT09>

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) included an unprecedented \$1.5 billion investment in EPA's Brownfields program (\$30 million for job training) over the next five years.

This week, EPA's Brownfields Program facilitated a series of virtual listening session to discuss Job Training, Assessment, Cleanup, Multipurpose, and Revolving Loan Fund Grants beginning in FY2023. Here is what we can expect **in addition** to the normally budgeted funding (not yet determined).

Job Training Grants

- Up to \$1 million per grant
- \$30 million available
- Previously up to \$200,000 per grant

Assessment Grants

- Up to \$10 million per grant
- \$150 million available
- Previously up to \$500,000 per grant

Cleanup Grants

- Up to \$5 million per grant and no cost-share required
- \$160 million available
- Previously up to \$500,000 per grant with 20% cost share

Revolving Loan Fund Grants

- Up to \$5 million per grant
- \$150 million available
- Previously up to \$1 million per grant

Multipurpose Grants – a combination of Assessment and cleanup grants

- Up to \$10 million per grant
- \$600 million available
- Previously up to \$1 million per grant

How this might affect EPA Environmental Job Training programs

What we think we know.

- Since EPA's budget numbers for FY23 have not been finalized, it has not yet determined how job training resources will be allocated.
- The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) provides \$30 million for the EPA Brownfields Job Training Program.

- With additional funding from EPA's regular budget allocation, there could be as much as \$50 million available for Environmental Job Training grants over the next 5 years.
- In a recent press release, EPA anticipates \$12M in funding to award 25-30 grants to job training entities, beginning in FY23.
- The number of grants, duration of the grants and funding levels are likely to be increased. Details of regarding these changes are expected to be released with application guidelines this spring or summer.
- Authority for BIL funding will conform to the Superfund Act CERCLA 104(k) which will limit how funds can be spent.

What we do not know at this time.

- After receiving stakeholder input, EPA will begin developing new guidelines for the FY23 Job Training Request for Applications due out this Spring-Summer.
- Number of grants to be funded in the next cycle (FY23)
- Duration of each grant (3 to 5 years)
- Maximum amount of each grant (\$200K to \$1M allowable under the law)
- Will all previously funded grant recipients be eligible to apply in addition to new applicants?
- Expansion of allowable costs

During the next three months, questions and budgets regarding FY23 Environmental Job Training RFAs are expected to be clarified in time for program development and application preparation this summer.

Brownfields 2022

Scheduled to August 16-19, 2022

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Registration and Housing

Registration and housing for Brownfields 2022 will open in April.

If you already registered for Brownfields 2021, your registration will carry over to Brownfields 2022.

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<https://brownfields2021.org/>

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Newly appointed Regional Administrator for EPA Region 1

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Michael S. Regan announced that President Biden has appointed Dr. David Cash to become EPA's Regional Administrator for Region 1. Dr. Cash will lead the implementation of the Biden-Harris environmental agenda in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and in 10 Tribal Nations.

2. Job training announcements and events

HMTRI encourages **all FY22** Environmental Job Training (JT) applicants and those interested in the FY23 application to contact their EPA Regional Job Training Coordinator.

- FY22 applicants recommended for funding should be receiving a grants package to complete and finalize their award. Expect grant packages to arrive in the coming weeks.
- FY22 unfunded applicants need to contact their EPA Regional Coordinator to review their application. The objective of these reviews is to identify strengths and weaknesses with suggestions for improvement. Many grant recipients have strengthened their proposals to become successful JT programs after being rejected on their first submission.
- Interested organizations need to express their interest in applying for the FY23 JT funding cycle. Many Regions maintain a Listserv for past, current, and potential recipients. It is important to be on their contact list for conference calls and regional news.

On March 23rd we will discuss in more detail "things to do now" after FY22 funding announcements.

HMTRI scheduled events

2022 Mid-Year Virtual Networking Workshop

May 4th, 2022

12:00 to 4:00 p.m. Eastern

Tentatively scheduled for May 4th, 2022, HMTRI will be hosting a 2022 Mid-Year Virtual Networking Workshop for JT grant recipients and stakeholders interested in environmental job

training. The structure of the event will include informal networking sessions guided by facilitators and time with EPA Regional Job Training Coordinators, and headquarters staff.

2022 In person Annual All Grantee Meeting

An in-person event October 11th – 14th

Full day sessions on October 12th and 13th

HMTRI's 24th Annual All-Grantee Meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 12th - 14th in Alexandria Va. Discussion topics include grant administration, recruitment, and retention, curriculum, placement, and partnership development. The All-Grantee Meeting provides a platform to continue conversations on critical issues and best practices among successful JT programs. The workshop is facilitated by HMTRI, grant recipients, EPA staff and outside experts. As in the past, the meeting will include complementary registration and housing. Travel, meals, incidentals, and other costs are not included.

Both events are open to JT grant recipients and organizations interested in establishing local environmental job training programs.

NIEHS Worker Training Program celebrates its 25th year

NIEHS awarded its first set of cooperative agreements for the Worker Training Program (WTP) to 15 institutions and labor-based health and safety organizations. Similar to today's EPA's Environmental Job Training (JT) program, NIEHS Environmental Career Worker Training program (ECWTP) grantees provide occupational safety and health training for workers who may be engaged in hazardous waste removal, environmental cleanup activities, or emergency response. We celebrate and are proud to work with ECWTP grantees to continue environmental remediation safely. For more about the 25th. anniversary of NIEHS's Worker Training Program

[Anniversary Celebration of the Environmental Career Worker Training Program \(ECWTP\)](#)

Grantee Announcements

Training to Work an Industry Niche (TWIN) offers a free Infectious Disease Prevention and Control workshop to grantees and nonprofits

A note from TWIN: "We (TWIN) can offer a 2-hour worker health & safety training awareness workshop to other nonprofit organizations with workforce development programs at no cost to their organization. The workshop is called "Infectious Disease Prevention and Control with Emphasis on COVID-19". We can conduct a virtual training for their staff and/or their trainees. If anyone has interest in learning more or scheduling a workshop for their team/cohort, they can contact me directly at tonnia@twinnonprofit.org or (704) 659-6712. I will gladly work with

them to answer questions or to schedule a virtual training at their convenience. Tonia will be our special guest on April 6th.

Tonia Thomas
Training to Work an Industry Niche (TWIN)
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Join the conversation

Visit with EPA Brownfields Job Training grant recipients, alumni, and interested stakeholders. PLCs are scheduled every other week on Wednesdays. The next PLC is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23rd at 2:00 p.m. Eastern, same time, same ZOOM link. Log in instructions appear at the end of these notes. If any of our grant recipients has an announcement for the PLC that they would like to share, please respond to the PLC Notes that come out on Friday.

3. Diversity among EPA Environmental Job Training programs

EPA's commitment to environmental justice is the foundation for support of the JT program. Within the Agency, environmental justice (EJ) is considered as the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income. In the spirit of that mandate, community residents regardless of gender, socioeconomic status or ethnicity should have an opportunity, with training, to reap the benefits of revitalization and environmental cleanup. Priority is given to the following groups.

- Residents in communities experiencing health disparities.
- Inhabitants of communities with environmental contamination
- Low-income, minority and underserved populations
- Members of Tribal communities

The broad mission goal set out by EPA establishes a range of possibilities regarding participants eligible to receive training and job placement assistance under the Environmental Job training (JT) program. Grantees are able to train just about any US citizen or legal resident who is 18 years of age or older, with no restrictions on gender, ethnicity, incarceration history, or education. Program support has also been given to a wide and diverse collection of geographic areas ranging from specific urban locations to sparsely populated rural communities. Program applicants are recruited, screened, and trained based on the interest, mission goals and capabilities of each individual grantee.

Many grantees maintain a broad and open recruitment policy seeking a diverse applicant pool, while others employ strategies that result in a more coherent classroom experience with less student diversity. Some grantees focus on special populations consistent with the organizations

mission, goals, and objectives. Examples of Job Training grant recipients that have focused on special populations include the following.

Grantees promoting the entry of gender populations into environmental careers such as entry of women into nontraditional jobs. Oregon Tradeswomen is guided by the premise that women with proper training, can become self-sufficient and succeed in the environmental workforce. According to staff from Oregon Tradeswomen, the industry demand for women workers in trades is high but the participation rate in this growing industry is incredibly low. OTI prides itself in placing the entire graduation class with a 93% retention rate. 53% of the female cohort was nonwhite, 40% single parents and 15% reentry.

Grantees assisting populations finding employment difficult such as previously incarcerated or transgender citizens attempting to reenter the workforce. Recycle Force’s primary mission is to help formerly incarcerated individuals rebuild their lives through on-the-job and classroom training, social support, and job placement. Food and housing are the first and second highest priorities faced by returning citizens.

Nonprofit organizations promoting workforce development in rural, underserved communities with limited job opportunities such as tribal and geographically disbursed lands. Alaska Forum and Zender Environmental JT programs provide environmental program services for underserved Tribal and isolated-rural populations. Communities are hundreds of miles apart with limited access to services and professional development opportunities.

Nonprofit organizations working in underserved communities with concentrations of specific ethnic residents. Santa Fe CC targets communities which include economically disadvantaged minority residents that currently receive or have received state or federal brownfields funding. In San Miguel County, 24.5 percent of families live below the poverty level, and 78 percent of residents are Hispanic. In Mora County, the unemployment rate is 16.4 percent, and 81.6 percent of residents are Hispanic. There are brownfields in all the target communities, and there is a lack of workers trained for brownfields work in the northeastern quadrant of the state and on Pueblo and Tribal lands

The correct answer to the preferred type of grant is “all of the above”. Those who applaud the environmental justice initiative can celebrate the diversity of EPA’s JT program. Each program targets individuals most worthy and likely to succeed while being consistent with their individual organization’s capabilities, goals, and objectives.

4. El Centro. Inc., Kansas City, Kansas- Victor Aguilar

Thank you, Victor, for speaking to the PLC today.

While times have changed since El Centro was founded in 1976, one thing that has stayed constant is their commitment to the people of Wyandotte and Johnson Counties, particularly the growing Hispanic population. The mission of El Centro, Inc., is “strengthening communities and improving lives of Latinos and others through educational, social, and economic opportunities.”

El Centro was established in 1976 with a \$10,000 grant from the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, along with the blessing of Archbishop Ignatius J. Strecker, Father Ramon Gaitan, the commitment of the Cordi Marian Sisters, and a group of energetic and caring community members who saw a need for an organization to address the needs and concerns of Kansas City, Kansas’ Hispanic population. With that care and commitment, El Centro de Servicios para Hispanos was born. Fast-forward to the present day. El Centro has grown from a single location to three locations in Kansas City and Olathe, serving more than 12,000 individuals and families per year. Services have evolved from the Senior Day Program to include The Academy for Children, a dual-language Pre-K program, workshops on money-management and home ownership, health education and healthy living outreach through Promotoras de Salud (Health Promoters) volunteers, health navigation and intervention, and advocacy efforts for issues of special interest to the community including employment readiness and training.

El Centro received its EPA grant in 2020. The JT program has completed three cohorts during the Covid pandemic and is planning another before this September.

Target Community

El Centro is targeting residents of eight predominantly minority and low-income neighborhoods in northeast Wyandotte County. Target neighborhoods consist of about 47K residents, 81% minority with a combination of African American, Hispanic and Mung residents.

Curriculum

- The training program includes 114 hours of instruction
- 40-hour HAZWOPER,
- OSHA 10-hour construction
- Renovation, repair, and painting
- Lead abatement worker
- Asbestos abatement worker
- Participants who complete the training will earn four federal and one state certifications

Partnership development

El Centro relies heavily on partners and community grants to provide services not funded by EPA. Partners include the following combination of employers, governmental agencies, social

service, community, and philanthropic groups. Early in program development, El Centro sought out and recruited established partners willing and able to provide services and support to augment environmental training. Key partners include the following organizations.

- Wyandotte Economic Development Council
- APEX Environmental Consulting
- Kansas City Kansas Community College
- The Village Initiative Inc.
- Economic Opportunity Foundation Inc.
- Workforce Partnership, Environmental Works Inc.
- Donnelly College
- Providence Medical Center
- Sutton Remodeling LLC
- Grahovac Construction LLC
- Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas

Retention and placement

El Centro recognizes the need for students to receive some level of support while developing a new skill set. With a combination of grants, donations and partnerships, El Centro is able to provide participants with the following incentives for continuing the training program.

- \$300 stipend while in training
- Paid utility bills
- Subsidized rent
- Free lunch
- Food gift cards
- Financial coaching and budget assistance

Placement and tracking

Each JT participant is assigned a case manager responsible for tracking the wellbeing of each participant. Employment specialists use existing relationships with potential employers to place and track program graduates. Employers are vetted and versed in the background of potential applicants. Tracking continues well after graduation and employment.

Victor would be happy to speak in more detail about his program and share his ideas regarding recruitment, student stipends, and retention in a diverse target community.

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If you have a chance, check out the social media sites below.
<https://www.elcentroinc.com/>

5. Anticipating the FY23 EPA Request for JT Applications

This year, those familiar with EPA's Environmental Job Training (JT) program may notice departures from the traditional funding cycles of previous years. Changes associated with EPA budget allocations, the COVID-19 pandemic, and more recently the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) will provide for a dramatic expansion of the program.

- In FY19 the funding cycle was eliminated and replaced with a FY20 RFP increasing the number of grants from 17 to 26
- In FY21, EPA returned to an annual competition awarding 18 grants
- In FY22 19 applications have been recommended for funding

After the recent award announcement 49 EPA Environmental Job Training Programs from FY20 to FY22. That number is expected to grow dramatically each year due to increased funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

- Grants funding levels and duration of \$200K for three years may change.
- The number of grants to be awarded has not been indicated but is likely to increase dramatically.
- Curriculum resources may increase (unsupported training is not likely to change).
- The length of the grant cycle may also be affected.
- It is likely that FY22 grant recipients will have an opportunity to participate in additional FY23 funding.

In our opinion, while funding and resources available to JT will be increasing, the substance of JT and ranking criteria will essentially remain the same. With an expanded number of grants to be awarded in FY23, organizations interested in developing an environmental Job Training program or those interested in continuing/expanding their current program are strongly encouraged to apply. When the Request for Applications (RFA) is issued this Summer, applicants might anticipate the following schedule for application submission, award, and program implementation.

Preproposal planning-Spring, 2022 (new applicants need to begin planning now)
Community relationship and partnership development – Spring and Summer, 2022
EPA request for proposals – Summer, 2022
Proposals due- Fall, 2022
Proposal evaluations - Winter, 2022
Award announcements - Spring, 2023
Grant administration and work plan approvals –Spring and Summer, 2023
Authorization to spend funds – Late Summer, 2023
First year training cohorts –Fall, 2023

This “sketchy” schedule is today’s “best guess” based on the current conditions. Dates may move forward or slip depending on economic impacts and the mitigation of the coronavirus pandemic. Unlike many grants, the environmental JT program requires extensive partnership development, community networking and leveraging support. Establishing community relationships is a long-term process requiring solid plans and a roadmap for program success. Now is the time to anticipate how training may look moving forward and consider expanding job training development plans.

6. Virtual conferences, webinars, and recordings

National Environmental Justice Community Engagement Calls



The purpose of these calls is to inform communities about EPA's environmental justice work and enhance opportunities to maintain an open dialogue with environmental justice advocates. As environmental justice continues to be integrated into EPA programs and policies, the Agency hopes that these calls will help reaffirm EPA's continued

commitment to work with community groups and the public to strengthen local environmental and human health outcomes. Next Call:

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Leadership Updates

Additional Topics to Come

Listening Session and Dialogue: Q&A about ongoing EJ initiatives

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For more information and registration, go to:

[EJ Community Engagement Calls](#)

Equitable Brownfields Redevelopment

April 5, 2022

11:30 AM – 2:30 PM Eastern

Join the National Brownfields Coalition for an engaging virtual event addressing how practitioners can center equity in their work and develop strategies for inclusive brownfields redevelopment. Recognizing the risk of gentrification and home and business displacement arising from brownfields redevelopment projects, event speakers will share best practices for development, planning and community engagement processes centered on community wealth building and supporting existing community members. Speakers will provide insights from the field on a wide range of environmental justice and equity issues related to brownfields cleanup and reuse policy and practices and share actionable strategies to advance equity in brownfield processes and outcomes. Participants will learn about actionable strategies for reducing displacement and the many roles and sectors that must be involved to advance equitable development in brownfields work. Participants can engage through lectures as well as break-out discussion groups. This event is part of Smart Growth America's Equity Summit programming, which is anchored with a three-day summit in January followed by year-round programming focused on advancing racial equity through smart growth.

Register at:

[Equitable Brownfields Redevelopment \(zoom.us\)](#)

Day of Empathy is back and this year, we're doing things a little differently.

A livestream of the Day of Empathy

April 5th

Not familiar with Day of Empathy?

In its sixth year, the Day of Empathy is the largest gathering for criminal legal reform in the country. Dream Corps JUSTICE collaborates with the Empathy Network, our community of

systems impacted activists, to advocate for fearless solutions to America's mass incarceration problem.

We have big legislative goals this year. That's why we're expanding the Day of Empathy from a single day into a Week of Impact. Starting March 28th, our Empathy Network leaders will host events across the country. From Arkansas to Wisconsin, Pennsylvania to within the prison walls of a facility in Mississippi (our first ever Day of Empathy on the inside!), our organizers will leverage the power of storytelling to turn empathy into action.

- The week will conclude with our sixth annual Day of Empathy on Tuesday, April 5th, 2022 in Washington, DC, and streamed virtually.
- There are more ways than ever to get involved and take action!

This year will feature:

- Over 20 in-person, virtual, and hybrid events across the country during the Week of Impact.
- A livestream of the Day of Empathy on April 5th, featuring our co-founder Van Jones, poet and activist Dwayne Betts, justice impacted leaders and other special guests.
- Engaging opportunities to turn empathy into action alongside the Empathy Network. Whether you're looking to volunteer at an event, show your support for specific legislation, or join a meeting with your state lawmakers we have something for you!

[Get Involved Here!](#)

We hope you'll join us this year and stand shoulder to shoulder (in-person or virtually) with those impacted by the criminal justice system. With **empathy, understanding, and love**, we can build the political will needed to rectify the damage caused by mass incarceration. And we need your help.

In solidarity,

The Dream Corps JUSTICE Team

7. In-person events

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>



GBA Announces Brownfield Seminar Date:

June 28

Georgia State University

We are pleased to announce that the 2022 GBA Brownfield Seminar will take place Tuesday, June 28 at Georgia State University! We are thrilled to be back IN PERSON, offering you the same incredible content and networking you've come to expect from this event. Registration is open, and sponsorship opportunities are available.

This year's Brownfield Seminar once again will provide quality education opportunities with a wide range of participants, including leading development, legal, engineering, risk management, economic development, and other professionals throughout Georgia and beyond with a shared interest in cleaning and redeveloping contaminated properties and revitalizing surrounding areas around the state.

Again, this year, we plan to apply for CLE credits from the State Bar of Georgia and offer Certificates of Completion to professionals in other industries in need of CEs.

Click here to read more about past GBA Brownfield Seminars, including presenters, topics, sponsors and more!

[REGISTER NOW](#)

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>



**The 27th Annual
Florida Remediation Conference (FRC 2022)
Omni Orlando Resort at Champions Gate
Orlando, Florida
November 16-18, 2022
Call for Speakers!
Submission Deadline: July 15, 2022**

We have issued a call for oral and poster presentation abstracts for the 27th Florida Remediation Conference which will take place on November 16-18, 2022, at the Omni Orlando Resort at Champions Gate (Orlando), Florida.

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

<https://floridaremediationconference.org/call-for-speakers>

The Florida Remediation Conference (FRC) is one of the premier soil, air and water remediation conferences of the year. Though FRC started out as a Florida-centric event 26 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. For more information, Go to: <https://floridaremediationconference.org>

8. Funding opportunities

State Farm Neighborhood Assist

Neighborhood Assist will award one hundred \$25,000 grants to fund neighborhood improvement projects. Anyone living in the U.S. (including individuals 18 years old or older, nonprofit organizations, schools, towns and cities, etc.) is eligible to apply.

Submissions opened on February 1st at 10am PT. A maximum of 4,000 submissions will be accepted, so submit early.

[Learn more and prepare to apply>>>](#)

Bank of America Grants

In 2022, the Bank of America Charitable Foundation will issue 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



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](#)

Federal Funding Sources Available to Energy Communities

The Interagency Working Group on Coal & Power Plant Communities & Economic Revitalization has created a centralized list of federal funding sources for communities to fund infrastructure, environmental remediation, job creation, and community revitalization efforts. There are many grants currently available!

[Find funding sources for your community>>>](#)

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](#)

9. 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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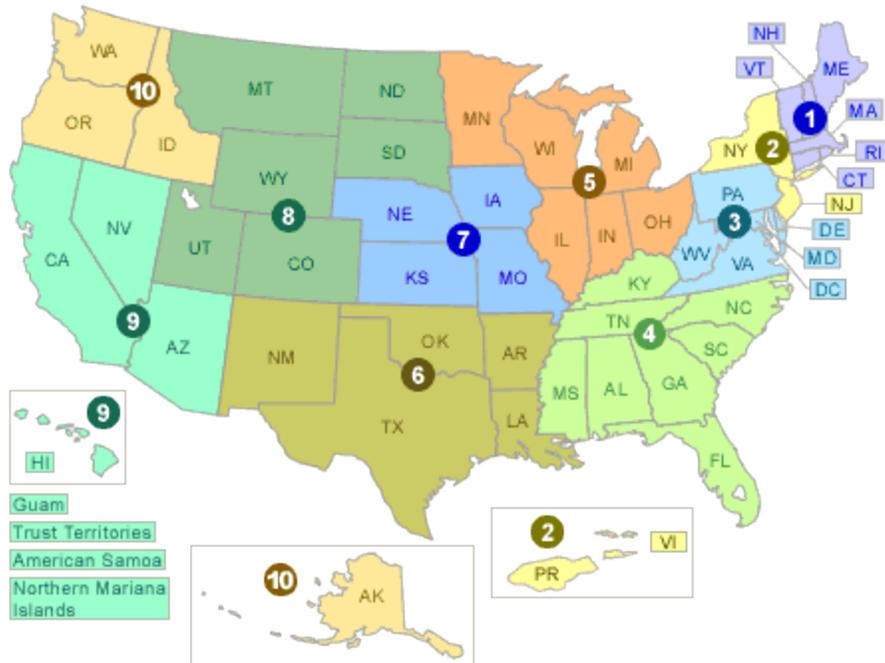
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10. Join us for the next Professional Learning Community ZOOM call March 23rd

Join a conversation with EPA Brownfields Job Training grant recipients, alumni, and interested stakeholders. PLCs are scheduled every other week on Wednesdays. Same time Same ZOOM link

- 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

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+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

Meeting ID: 935 9865 8578

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.

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:

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PLC notes presented represent individual opinions and ideas from Professional Learning Community participants and JT recipients. 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:

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