

Brownfields and Economic Development and TAB Resources

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What is a Brownfield?

“...real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.”*

Practical implication: Brownfields are everywhere!


*(Public Law 107-118 (H.R. 2869) - “Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act”, signed into law January 11, 2002).

Brownfields in the U.S.

- Estimated 450,000 to 1 Million sites
- 5 million acres of abandoned industrial sites in U.S. cities – roughly the same amount of land occupied by 60 of the largest U.S. cities

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Brownfield Examples

- Abandoned gas stations
 - Abandoned grain elevators
 - Former manufacturing facilities
 - Abandoned properties next to rail lines
 - Former school buildings
 - Abandoned residential properties next to industrial facilities
 - Vacant residential lots
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Typical Brownfield



Abandoned Service Station

Typical Brownfield



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Typical Brownfield



Grain Storage Facilities/Coops found throughout rural areas

Brownfield?



Brownfield?



Brownfield



Brownfields on Main Street?



Brownfield?



Abandoned Residential Lot

Brownfield?



Former Drive-In

Brownfield?



Abandoned School Building



Industrial Blight



UCSF Mission Bay

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Why Redevelop Brownfields?

- Desirable locations
- Increases local tax base
- Facilitates job growth
- Improves community image
- Preserves neighborhoods
- Mitigates blight
- Mitigates public health and safety concerns
- Reduce the need to develop greenfields
- Uses existing infrastructure (cost savings)



Kansas City Terminal Railway



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Atchison, KS (pop.16,481)





Atchison Funding Breakdown

- Federal DOT Congressional Earmark, through KDOT: \$1M
- KDOT Transportation Enhancement Program: \$604,821
- Economic Development Administration: \$409,100
- KS Department of Wildlife and Parks: \$300,00
- HUD EDI Special Project Congressional Earmark: \$281,657
- EPA Brownfields Assessment grant: \$200,000
- KDHE BTAs (3): \$40,000
- Kansas Water Office: \$50,000
- **Total Federal and State: \$2.8 M**

Atchison Funding Breakdown cont.

- Federal and State Agencies: \$2,845,578 68.4%
- Private Foundations: \$532,500 12.8%
- Private Citizens: \$447,130 10.7%
- City of Atchison: \$192,322 4.6%
- Private Businesses: \$143,328 3.4%

Total: \$4,160,858



Often it is the PERCEPTION of contamination that keeps properties from being redeveloped, not the actual presence of contamination.


Once the “stigma” is gone, properties can be returned to productive use.





"I THINK YOU SHOULD BE MORE EXPLICIT HERE IN STEP TWO."

BF Process

- **Identify** the Brownfield
 - **Investigate** – Phase I/II site assessments
 - **Clean-up**, if necessary
 - **Redevelop**
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Purpose of Site Assessments

Identification of Environmental Risk

- avoid taking ownership of contaminated property
- avoid responsibility for cleanup under CERCLA as an “innocent landowner”
- evaluate whether environmental risks are worth accepting in a case where contamination is discovered

Acronym Alert !!!

ESA

stands for

Environmental Site Assessment



Types of ESA's

Phase I ESA – non-intrusive

Phase II ESA – intrusive

Phase III ESA – intrusive
or Site Characterization



Phase I ESA

(non-intrusive)

Identifies *potential* environmental concerns

Also called *recognized environmental conditions*

- Research on historical and current uses and activities of the site and surrounding area
 - Records review
 - Site reconnaissance
 - Interviews

Records Review

- Surrounding area of subject site
 - Search radius varies: between 1/8 mile and 1 mile
- Site specific



Phase I Env. Site Assessment



All Appropriate Inquiry

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What's that?

- Federal standard for conducting environmental site assessments
- Refers to the requirements for assessing environmental conditions of a property **prior to** its acquisition

AAI Compliance

- AAI final rule standards (effective as of 11-01-06)
- **Or** follow the standards set forth in ASTM E1527-05 Phase I Env. Site Assessment Process

AAI Requirements

- Inquiry to be conducted by an “Environmental Professional”
- Interviews with past and present owners, operators, occupants of the facility/site
- Review of historical records since the property was first developed
- Searches for recorded env. clean-up liens against the facility/site filed under federal, tribal, state, or local law

AAI Requirements, cont.

- Reviews of federal, tribal, state, or local government records
- Review of waste disposal records; UST records; haz. waste handling, generation, treatment, disposal records; spill records
- Visual inspection of site plus adjoining properties
- Interview adjoining property owners **mandatory** if subject property is abandoned

AAI Requirements, cont.

- AAI applicable to commercial real estate, residential used for commercial purposes, residential under gov. ownership
- Identify releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances on subject property
- AAI report **valid for 1 year**, after that it becomes invalid
- AAI must be conducted within 1 year prior to purchase of the property **with certain aspects conducted or updated within 180 days of purchase date** (i.e. site inspection, interviews, local records search, EPs declaration).

AAI Requirements, cont.

- Extensive documentation of **data gaps**; describe efforts to resolve them, EP is required to issue an opinion about the impact of the data gaps on his/her ability to identify conditions indicative of releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances at the subject site
- Places extensive reliance on the EPs professional judgment

Phase II ESA

evaluates the recognized environmental conditions identified in the Phase I *ESA*



Phase II ESA cont. (intrusive)

Components:

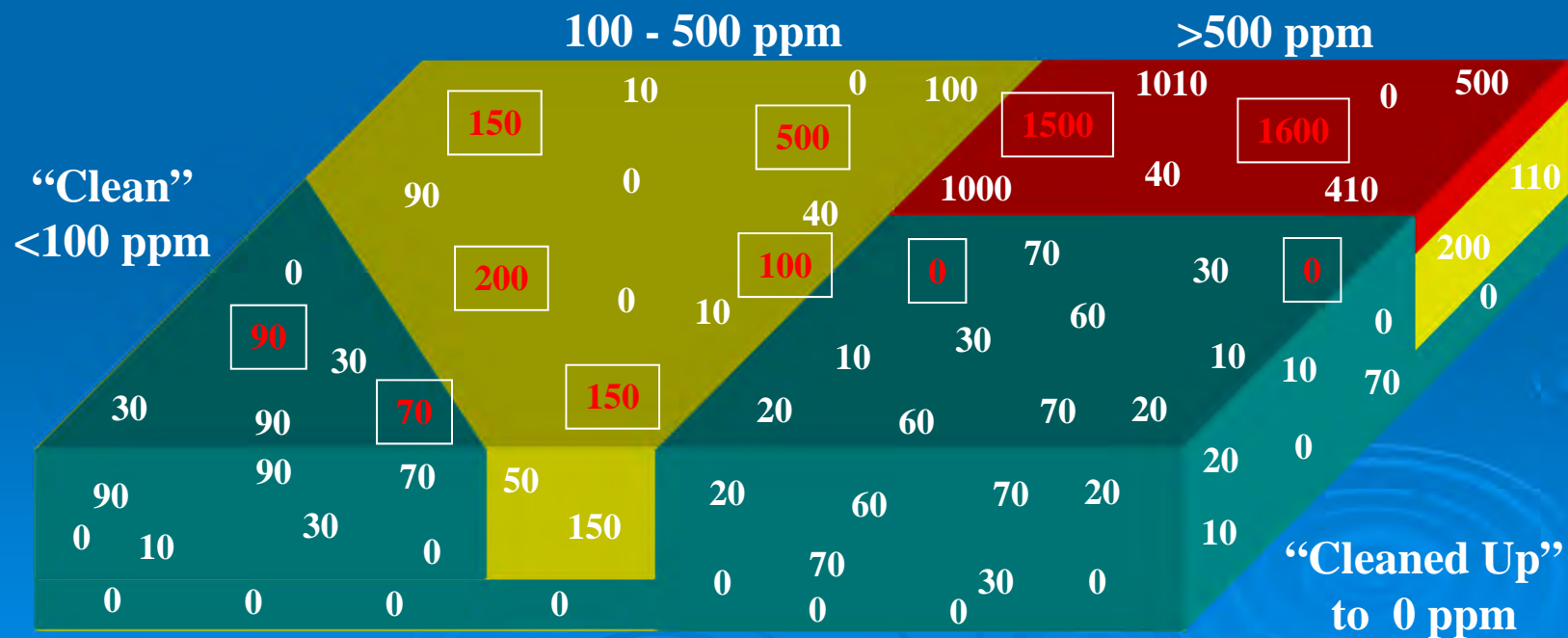
Sampling and chemical analyses of impacted media (i.e. soil, groundwater, surface water, air, etc.)

Identification of horizontal and vertical extent of contamination – if present



Contaminants are rarely distributed evenly

- Neither horizontally, nor vertically
- Assessment estimates between available sample points



Phase II ESA cont.

Stepwise Approach:

- Development of scope of work
- Assessment activities
- Interpretation of results
- Presentation of findings and conclusions




Phase II ESA Results

- Identified contaminants
- Identified lateral and vertical distribution
- Identified concentrations of contaminants present
- Identified potential receptors
- Identified potential for off-site migration
- Produced detailed report, incl. detailed maps
- Recommendations for further action, i.e. is remediation necessary

Phase II ESA Results

Results may show:

- No contamination present
 - Contamination is present but below regulatory levels
 - Contamination above regulatory levels is present
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Phase III ESA

Also known as “Site Characterization”

- Obtain more and detailed data regarding the contaminants and the impacted media
- More sampling
- Pump tests/slug tests
- Detailed geologic cross sections

Phase III ESA Results

- Identification of source(s) of contaminants
- Identification of migration pattern
- Identification of receptors
- Identification of **full** extent of contamination
- Identification of subsurface conditions
- Recommendation of suitable remedial options
- Detailed report

Assessment Activities

- Field screening/field analytical methods
- Environmental media sampling (soil, water, air)













Financing Programs: A Federal “Laundry List”

What’s Been Used in Brownfield Reuse Financing Packages?

Loans

- EDA capital for local revolving loan funds
- HUD funds for locally determined CDBG loans and “floats”
- EPA capitalized revolving loan funds
- SBA’s microloans
- SBA’s Section 504 development company debentures
- EPA capitalized clean water revolving loan funds (priorities set/ programs run by each state)
- HUD’s Section 108 loan guarantees
- SBA’s Section 7(a) and Low-Doc programs
- USDA business, intermediary, development loans

Grants

- HUD’s Brownfield Economic Development Initiative (BEDI)
- HUD’s Community Development Block Grants (for projects locally determined)
- EPA assessment, cleanup grants
- EDA public works and economic adjustment

Grants (*continued*)

- DOT (various system construction, preservation, rehabilitation programs)
- Army Corps of Engineers (cost-shared services)
- USDA community facility, business and industry grants

Equity capital

- SBA Small Business Investment Cos.

Tax incentives and tax-exempt financing

- Targeted expensing of cleanup costs
- Historic rehabilitation tax credits
- Low-income housing tax credits
- Industrial development bonds
- Energy efficiency construction credits

Tax-advantaged zones

- HUD/USDA Empowerment Zones
- HUD/USDA Enterprise Communities

Technical Assistance to Brownfield (TAB) Communities

- A national program
- Funded by EPA headquarters via grants to 4 different entities
- **Free** to communities
- K-State assists communities in EPA Regions 5 and 7



EPA Regions




TAB Assistance to Communities

- Tailored to specific community needs
- Typically coordinated through the city, tribal or non-profit brownfields project manager

May include:

- Help identifying funding sources for revitalization projects
- Review of EPA and other grant applications
- Help finding a consulting firm
- Review of project plans, technical reports
- Assistance with community outreach/involvement
- Educational workshops and redevelopment visioning
- Other assistance, as needed and agreed upon
- Communities accepted on a 'first come' basis
- Depends on staff/funding availability

The Application Process

- Contact us
 - We'll set up a meeting to discuss assistance needs
 - Review needs and TAB capability
 - Agree on a course of action
 - Get started
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Community Involvement Tools

Workshops/Training Sessions

- Tailored to the information needs of the community
- Keep audience awake and engaged
- Relaxed atmosphere
- Time for networking
- Variety of presenters
- Hands-on segments
- Very effective !



Community Outreach

Redevelopment Planning



Redevelopment Planning





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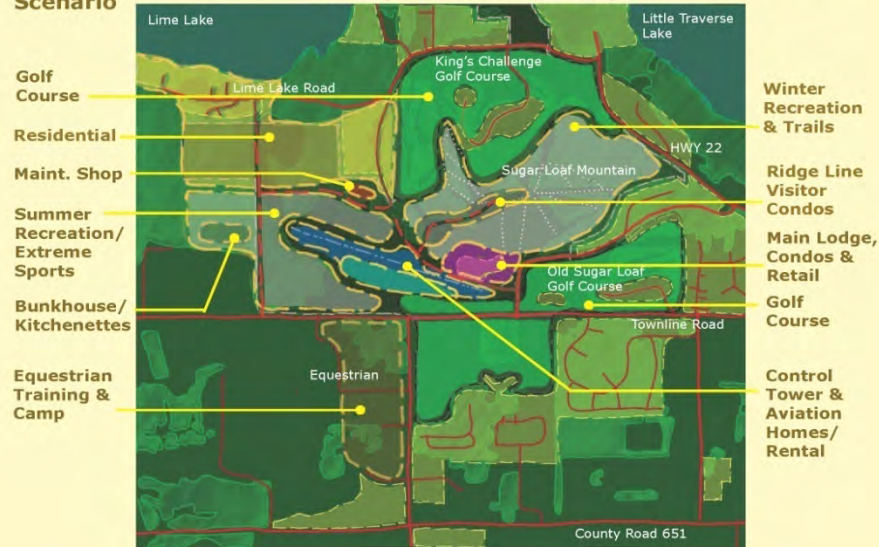


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**Potential
Redevelopment
Scenario**

#1: Leelanau County Resort Center

County-wide focused redevelopment.



Main Lodge & Condos



Retail & Spa Center

Bunkhouse/Kitchenettes



Control Tower & Air Strip

recreation four seasons jobs agricultural heritage green construction local economy
 Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities Program at Kansas State University. Summary of Leelanau County Visioning Sessions August 2009

Technical Presentations

Community Meetings



Community Involvement

- Who is the Community?
- Why do it?
- Successful Involvement Techniques



Community Involvement Tools

Fact Sheets, Citizen Briefs

- clear
- concise
- in layman's terms
- basic information
- provide contact info and additional resources

Note: NOT a stand-alone tool



KSU TAB Citizen Briefs

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Outreach Resources

Publications

Environmental Science and Technology Briefs for Citizens

Brownfields Resources

- [Brownfields Basics](#) (PDF)
What is a Brownfield?
- [Institutional Controls](#) (PDF)
- [Asbestos: What Is It? Where Is It?](#) (PDF)
- [Lead-Based Paint: What Is It? Where Is It?](#) (PDF)
- [Phase I Environmental Site Assessments](#) (PDF) property owners, investors, borrowers, and lenders.
- [Phytoremediation at Brownfields](#) (PDF)
What is it and how does it work?
- [Planning for Community Involvement](#) (PDF)
How to develop and implement a community outreach plan.
- [Steps in Choosing an Environmental Consultant](#) (PDF)
What to look for before starting your important projects.
- [What are Quality Assurance Project Plans](#) (PDF)
How to write and develop a quality assurance project plan.
- [Writing a Request for Proposal](#) (PDF)
Communities that receive a Brownfields Pilot Grant typically need to hire a contractor to do an environmental assessment of the property to be redeveloped. This 12-page publication provides guidance for soliciting proposals from contractors.
- [Grant Writing Tips](#) (PDF)

<http://www.engg.ksu.edu/CHSR/outreach/resources/>

Community Involvement Tools

Community Outreach

- Community Day/Fair
- Bus Tours
- Walking Tours
- Workshops/Seminars
- Public Meetings



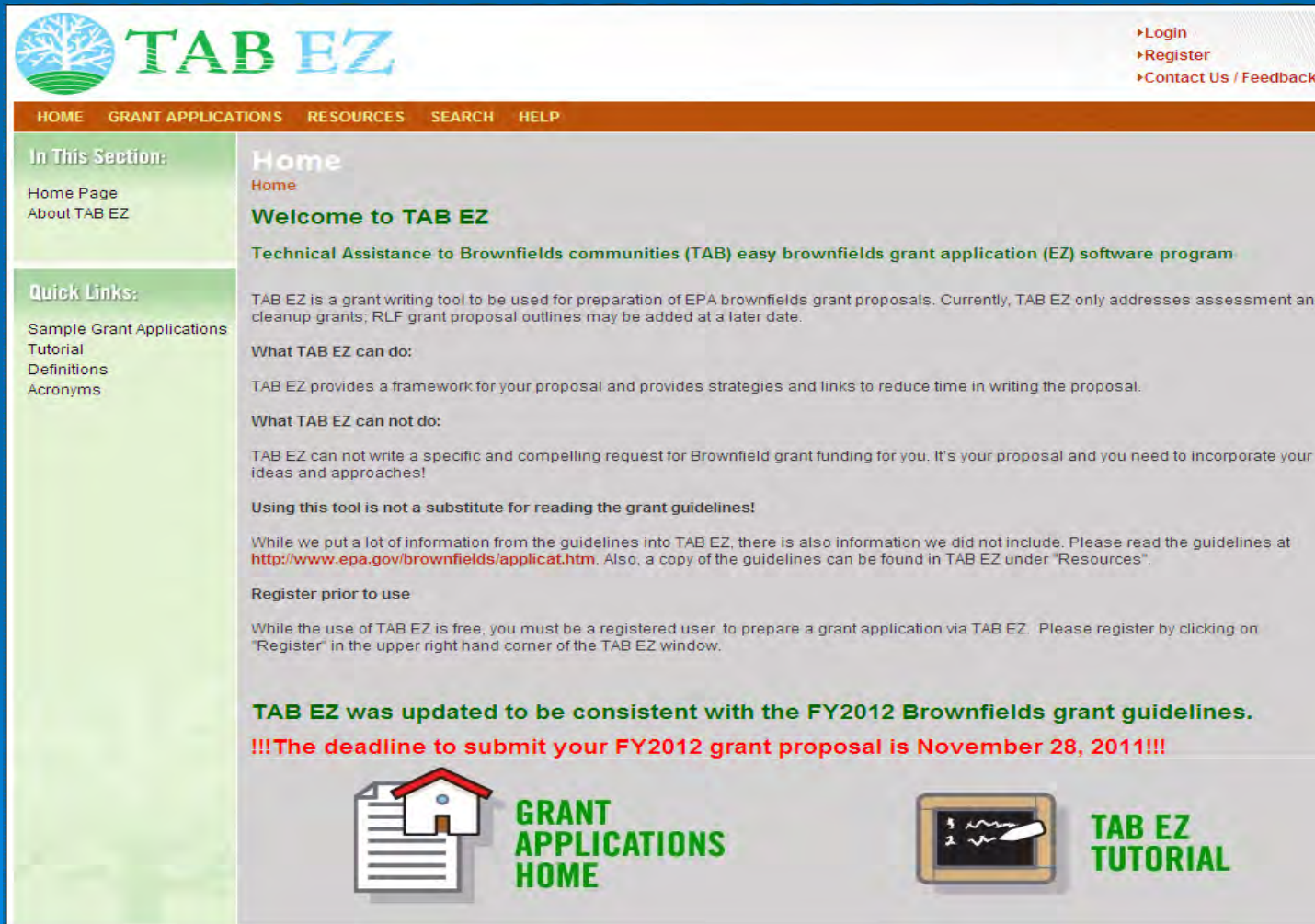
If you feed them, they will come



Special Projects

Web - based software: TAB EZ

www.tabez.org



The screenshot shows the TAB EZ website interface. At the top left is the TAB EZ logo, which consists of a stylized tree icon and the text "TAB EZ". To the right of the logo are links for "Login", "Register", and "Contact Us / Feedback". Below the logo is a navigation bar with links for "HOME", "GRANT APPLICATIONS", "RESOURCES", "SEARCH", and "HELP".

On the left side, there are two green boxes. The first box, titled "In This Section:", contains links for "Home Page" and "About TAB EZ". The second box, titled "Quick Links:", contains links for "Sample Grant Applications", "Tutorial", "Definitions", and "Acronyms".

The main content area has a heading "Home" with a sub-link "Home". Below this is a "Welcome to TAB EZ" section. The text describes the software as "Technical Assistance to Brownfields communities (TAB) easy brownfields grant application (EZ) software program". It states that TAB EZ is a grant writing tool used for preparing EPA brownfields grant proposals, currently addressing assessment and cleanup grants, with RLF grant proposal outlines to be added later.

It lists "What TAB EZ can do:" and "What TAB EZ can not do:". The "can do" section mentions that it provides a framework for proposals and strategies to reduce writing time. The "can not do" section states that it cannot write a specific request for funding and that users must incorporate their own ideas and approaches. It also notes that using the tool is not a substitute for reading the grant guidelines.

It provides a link to the EPA brownfields application guidelines at <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/applicat.htm> and mentions that a copy of the guidelines is also available in the "Resources" section.


There is a section titled "Register prior to use" which states that while the use of TAB EZ is free, users must be registered to prepare a grant application via the software. It instructs users to click on "Register" in the upper right hand corner of the TAB EZ window.

A bold announcement states: "TAB EZ was updated to be consistent with the FY2012 Brownfields grant guidelines. !!!The deadline to submit your FY2012 grant proposal is November 28, 2011!!!"

At the bottom, there are two icons. The first is a house icon with a document, labeled "GRANT APPLICATIONS HOME". The second is a chalkboard icon with a pencil, labeled "TAB EZ TUTORIAL".

Special Projects

Web - based software: TAB-BIT
www.tab-bit.org

**BiT**
Brownfield Inventory Tool

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Welcome to BIT

The Brownfield Inventory Tool (BIT) is a comprehensive brownfield program management tool. You may enter detailed site data, upload documents and data, and generate and export a variety of reports, including a Property Profile Form. BIT users are asked to create a user name and password for privacy protection. BIT can also be used as a collaborative tool, i.e. specific inventory data can be accessed by multiple users, if permission by the primary user is granted.

Every page within BIT comes with detailed instructions. **PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY!** In addition, a tutorial is available by selecting the **BIT Tutorial** icon below.

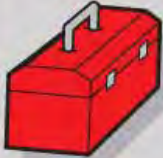
First Time Users: Please register by clicking on **Register** in the upper right hand corner of this page and create your username and password.


To get started with BIT, select the **Site Inventory Data** icon below.


A prototype of BIT was developed by EPA Region 8 and BIT is the updated version of this prototype.

Announcements:

BIT was released January 29, 2010. If you have any comments and/or suggestions for improvement, please let us know by providing feedback.

**BIT
Toolbox**

**Site
Inventory
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Tutorial**



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