The TAB Program

Technical Assistance to Brownfields

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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

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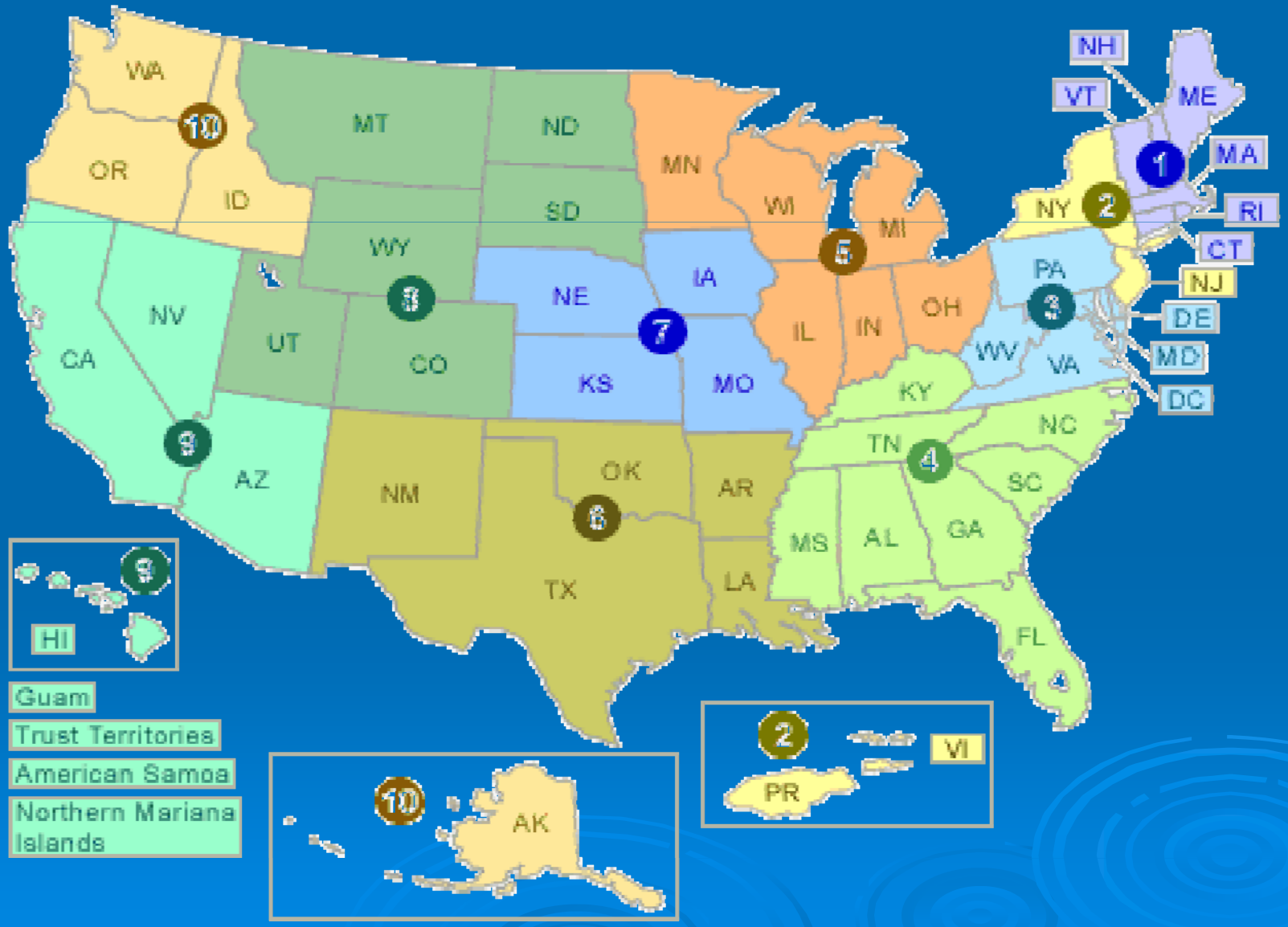
EPA Regions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TAB Assistance to Communities

- 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
  - 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

Workshops/Training Sessions

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

Community Outreach

- Redevelopment Planning

Visioning

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1 JOBS INCOME TECH
CELL TOWER, COMMUNICATIONS, WIND, SOLAR
3 COMMUNITY LIFE FUTURE
ASSISTED LIVING, INTER GENERATIONAL, HOTEL/LODGING
2 HEALTH + RECREATION
EXTREME SPORTS, TENNIS, XC SKI, GOLF, POOL
4 GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE
ECO BUILD
5 LOCAL COMMERCE
WINE, CHEESE, PARTNERSHIPS
FITNESS + HEALTH
INTERNS
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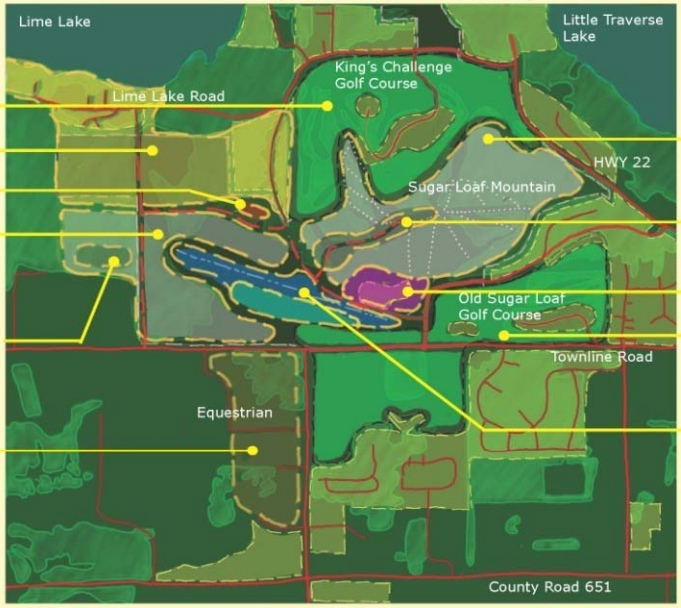
Visioning

Potential Redevelopment Scenario #1: Leelanau County Resort Center

County-wide focused redevelopment.



The scenario plan and concept sketches are based on public input, are intended to be flexible, and provide a tool for continued dialog.

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

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ESPASSING

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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

Community Involvement Tools

Community Outreach

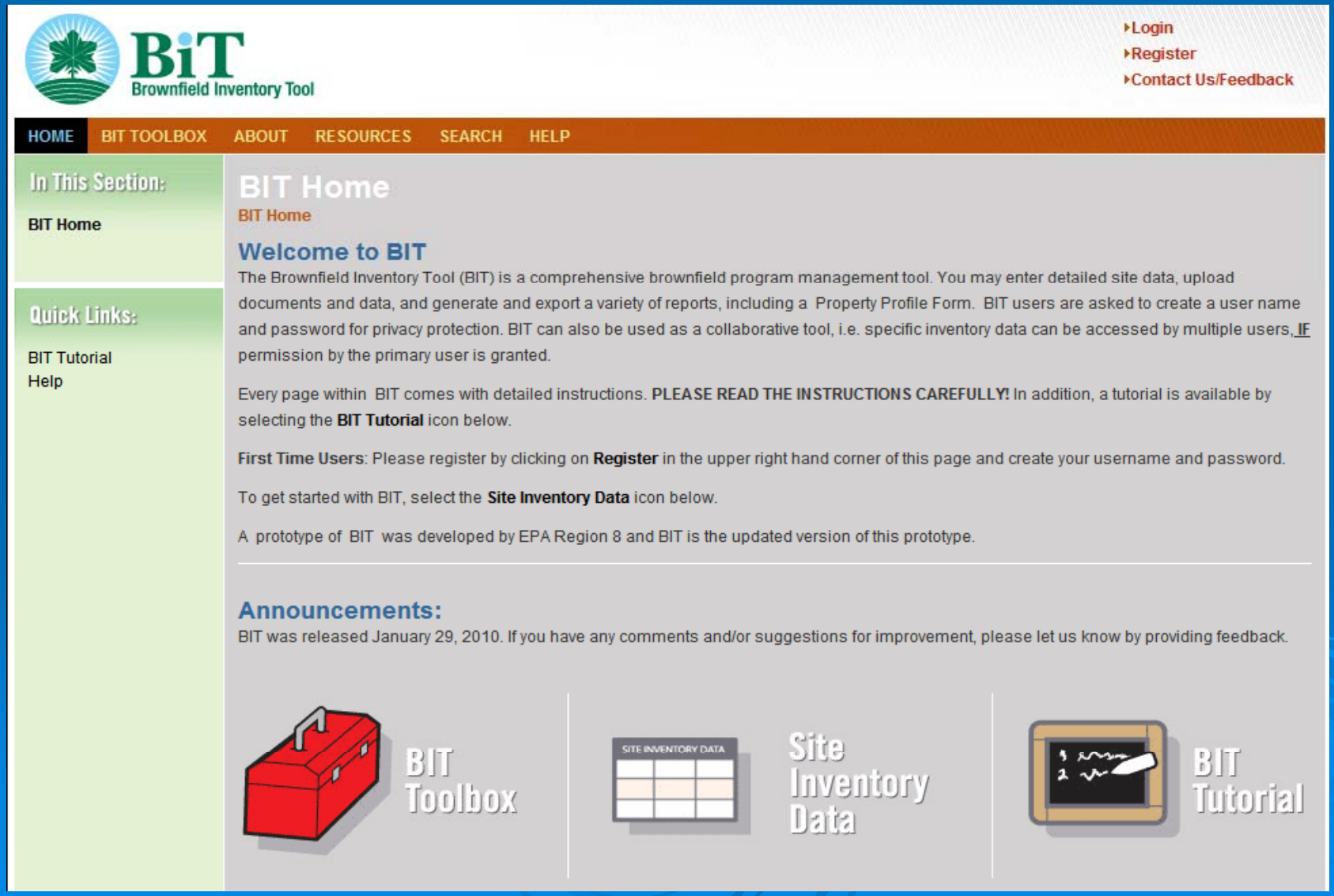
- Community Day/Fair
- Bus Tours
- Walking Tours
- Workshops/Seminars
- Public Meetings

If you feed them, they will come

Special Projects

Web - based software: TAB-BIT

www.tab-bit.org



TAB-BIT
Brownfields Inventory Tool

- Released January 29, 2010
- Free, web-based and desk-top version
- Desk-top version to be released later this year

Background

- Prototype developed by EPA Region 8
- Intended to help Response Grant, and other brownfields grant recipients with survey & inventory, public record, oversight & enforcement, assessment and cleanup, and administrative reporting requirements
- Tool became obsolete due to MSWindows upgrades

BIT Features

- Password protected
- Multiple users possible, if permission is granted, or “read only” feature
- Database
- Import/export function
- Search function

What can TAB-BIT do?

Data Management:

- Brownfields related data
- Other environmental data
- Track funding
- Upload documents or enter data directly
  - Site information
  - Redevelopment data

What can TAB-BIT do? Cont.

Data Management:

- Program admin. data
- Enforcement documentation
- Complaints

What can TAB-BIT do? Cont.

Report Generation:

- Property Profile Form (e-submit to ACRES)
- Quarterly report form (outline)
- Forms for enforcement, complaints, ICs, inspection/oversight, public record reports, etc.
- Customized reports
- Maps

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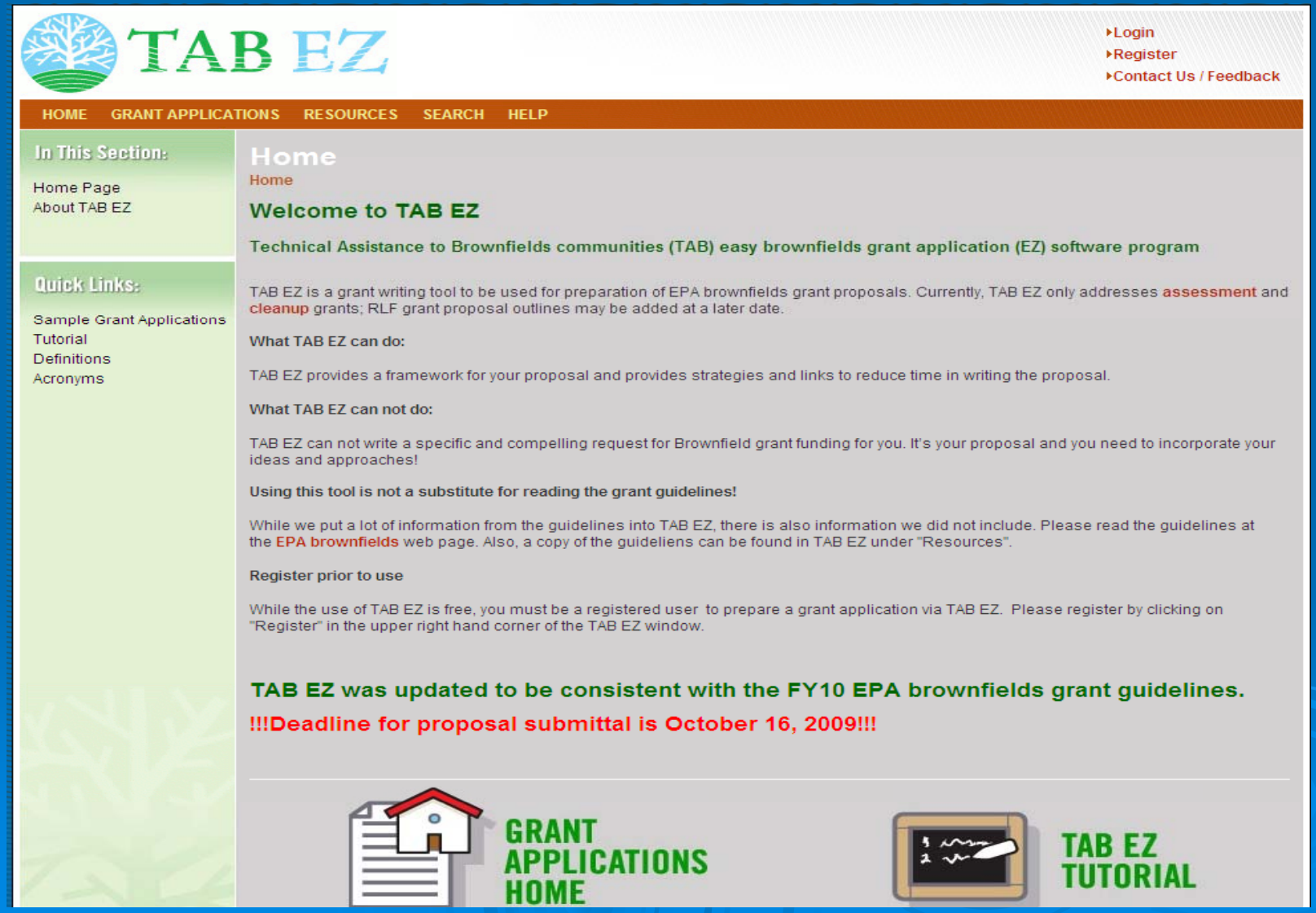
Web - based software: TAB EZ

www.tabez.org



WHY TAB EZ?

- Levels playing field for small/ rural communities, disadvantaged cities and towns and not-for-profits
- Tool is time and place independent: flexibility critical to community resources that are stretched to capacity

Features and Benefits to Users

- User friendly and can be accessed anytime at the user's own pace
- Integrates Brownfield education with online support: definitions, regulatory citations and pertinent federal/state web links
- Helpful Hints for every criteria to be addressed

What TAB EZ CAN and Can NOT do

***TAB EZ* can**:

- provide a framework for the community's proposal
- provides strategies and links to reduce time in writing the proposal

***TAB EZ* cannot**:

- write a specific and compelling proposal for you

It's your proposal!

TAB EZ is NOT a substitute for reading the grant guidelines!!!

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