

The TAB Program

Technical Assistance to Brownfields

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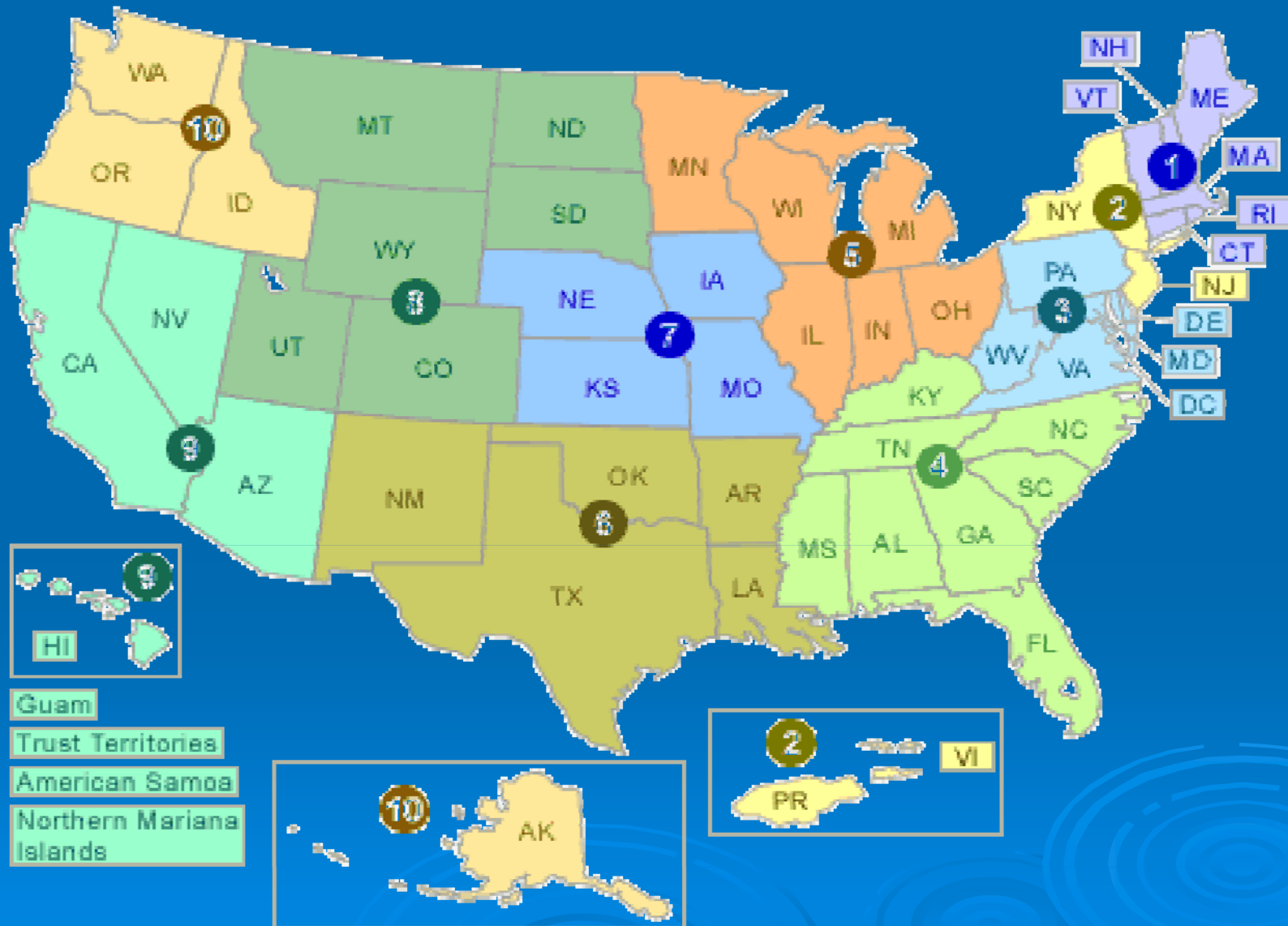
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Technical Assistance to Brownfield (TAB) Communities

- 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



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



Visioning



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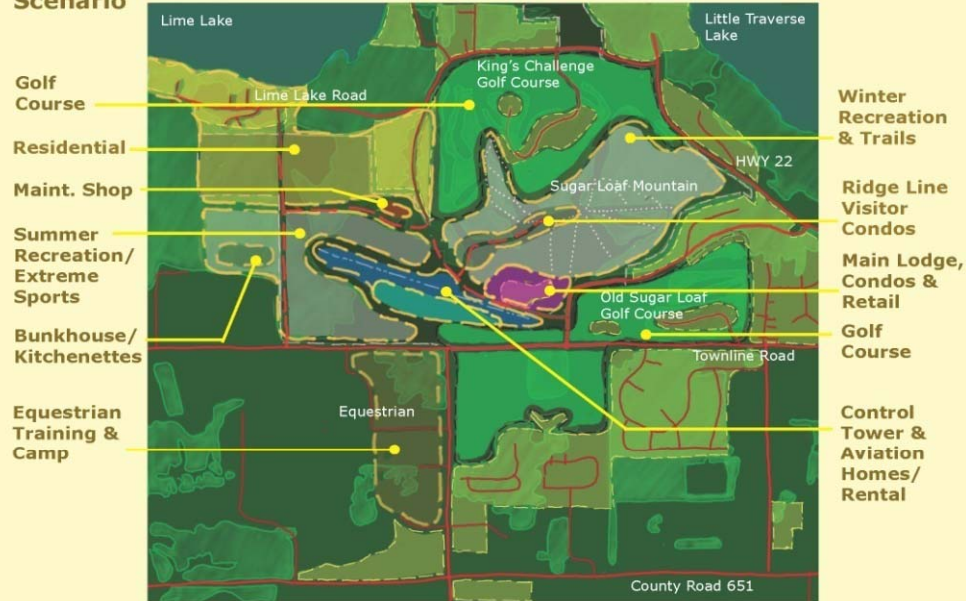
Visioning



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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



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

Explore

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Search

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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
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If you feed them, they will come



TAB-BIT

Brownfields Inventory Tool

- Released January 29, 2010
- Free, web-based and desk-top versions

BIT (Brownfields Inventory Tool)

www.tab-bit.org

Stores & Manages Data:

- Site survey & inventory
- Assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment progress
- Public notice records
- Oversight & enforcement
- Reporting

The screenshot shows the BIT website homepage. At the top left is the BIT logo, a green tree inside a circle, with the text "BiT Brownfield Inventory Tool". 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", "BIT TOOLBOX", "ABOUT", "RESOURCES", "SEARCH", and "HELP". The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column has a green background and contains "In This Section:" with links for "Privacy Policy" and "Terms of Use", and "Quick Links:" with links for "BIT Tutorial" and "Help". The right column has a white background and contains the "BIT Home" section. It includes a "Welcome to BIT" message, a paragraph explaining the tool's purpose, and instructions for users. Below this are sections for "First Time Users" and "Announcements". At the bottom of the main content area are three icons: a red toolbox labeled "BIT Toolbox", a grid labeled "Site Inventory Data", and a tablet labeled "BIT Tutorial".

BIT Home
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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:

1. BIT was released January 29, 2010. If you have any comments and/or suggestions for improvement, please let us know by providing feedback.
2. The October 6, 2010 Desktop edition of BIT, that allows users to store data on their individual computers, is available for download by clicking the following link: tab-bit.org/BitDesktop

BIT Toolbox | **Site Inventory Data** | **BIT Tutorial**

BIT (Brownfields Inventory Tool)

Structure Mirrors the
Brownfields
Redevelopment Process

- Site Identification
- Assessment & Sampling
- Cleanup
- Institutional/Engineering Controls
- Redevelopment/Reuse

The screenshot displays the BIT web application interface. At the top left is the BIT logo (Brownfields Inventory Tool) with a green leaf icon. Below the logo is a navigation menu with 'HOME' and 'BIT TOOLBOX'. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- In This Section:** Site Inventory Data, Import Data (Tables), Generate Reports, Data Search / Export, View Sites on Map.
- Quick Links:** BIT Tutorial, Help.
- Site Data:** -Site Information, -Site Assessment, -Sampling, -Cleanup, -Institutional Controls, -Redevelopment/Reuse.
- Site Admin Info:** -Complaints, -Inspection/Oversight, -Enforcement.
- Other Links:** Funding Summary, View/Upload Documents, Activity Log, Back to Site Inventory.

The main content area features a map titled 'Multiple Property Profile Form' with a sub-section 'PART I - Property Information'. The map shows a street grid with several red location pins. A blue box highlights the 'Site Data' menu items, and blue arrows point from these items to the corresponding sections in the main content area. At the bottom of the page, there are links for 'Privacy Policy', 'Terms of Use', and 'Contact us/Feedback'.

BIT (Brownfields Inventory Tool)

- Start using before writing grants
- Then use to show progress and plans in proposals, for:
 - Survey and inventory of potential brownfields
 - Site statistics in area
 - Priorities for assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment

The screenshot displays the BIT (Brownfields Inventory Tool) interface. The top navigation bar includes links for ABOUT, RESOURCES, SEARCH, and HELP. The main content area is divided into two sections: 'Plant B Site: Site Information' and 'Data Search / Export'.

Plant B Site: Site Information

Navigation: BIT Home > Bit Toolbox > Site Inventory Data > Site Information

Site Details | Ownership | PPF Status and Approvals

Site Name	Site Status	Street Address/P.O. Box (Address)
Plant B Site	In Assessment	5100 Upper Metro Place
Plant C Site	In Assessment	Lower Metro Place
Plant F Site	In Assessment	Lower Metro Place

Form fields for 'Plant B Site':

- Site Name: Plant B Site
- Site Status: In Assessment
- Site Type: Industrial Site
- ACRES Property ID (if available):
- Street Address/ City/ State/ Zip Code/ County:
- Site Size (acres):
- Current Zoning:

Data Search / Export

Navigation: BIT Home > Bit Toolbox > Data Search / Export

Search criteria: Dublin OH BF Program

Search filters:

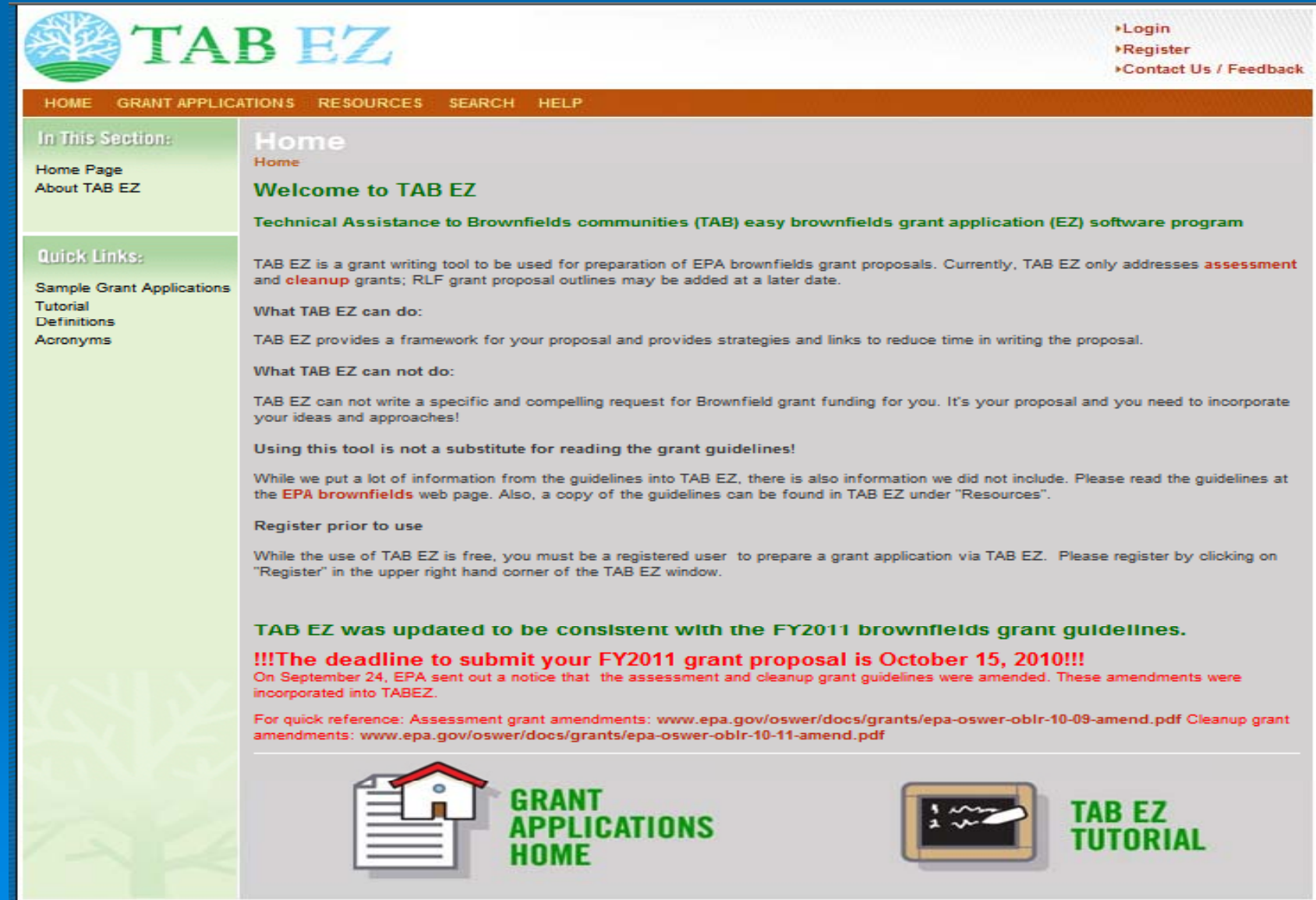
- Site Information
- Site Status: Match Exact | In Assessment
- Current Zoning: Match Exact | Industrial
- Redevelopment/Reuse: Yes
- Rail (Other Improvements): Match Exact | Paved
- Access Roads: Match Exact | Paved
- Gas (Utilities Present): Match Exact | Yes
- Electric (Utilities Present): Match Exact | Yes
- Sanitary (Sewer): Match Exact | Yes

Buttons: Add a New Search Field, Remove Category, Add a New Category, Search, Blank Template

Special Projects

Web - based software: TAB EZ

www.tabez.org



The screenshot shows the home page of the TAB EZ website. At the top left is the TAB EZ logo, which features a stylized tree icon and the text "TAB EZ". To the right of the logo are navigation links: "Login", "Register", and "Contact Us / Feedback". Below the logo is a horizontal menu with the following items: "HOME", "GRANT APPLICATIONS", "RESOURCES", "SEARCH", and "HELP".

The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains two sections: "In This Section:" with links to "Home Page" and "About TAB EZ"; and "Quick Links:" with links to "Sample Grant Applications", "Tutorial", "Definitions", and "Acronyms".

The right column contains the main content, starting with the heading "Home" and a sub-heading "Home". Below this is the text "Welcome to TAB EZ" followed by a bolded subtitle: "Technical Assistance to Brownfields communities (TAB) easy brownfields grant application (EZ) software program".

The main text describes TAB EZ as a grant writing tool for EPA brownfields grant proposals, noting that it currently addresses assessment and cleanup grants. It lists what TAB EZ can do (providing a framework and strategies) and what it cannot do (writing specific requests). It also includes a deadline notice for FY2011 grant proposals, stating that the deadline is October 15, 2010, and provides links to EPA grant amendment documents.

At the bottom of the page, there are two icons: one for "GRANT APPLICATIONS HOME" (a house icon) and one for "TAB EZ TUTORIAL" (a chalkboard icon).

TAB EZ

- Free tool to assist in writing EPA brownfields assessment and cleanup grant applications
- Lots of support and helpful hints

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

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