

# The TAB Program

## Technical Assistance to Brownfields

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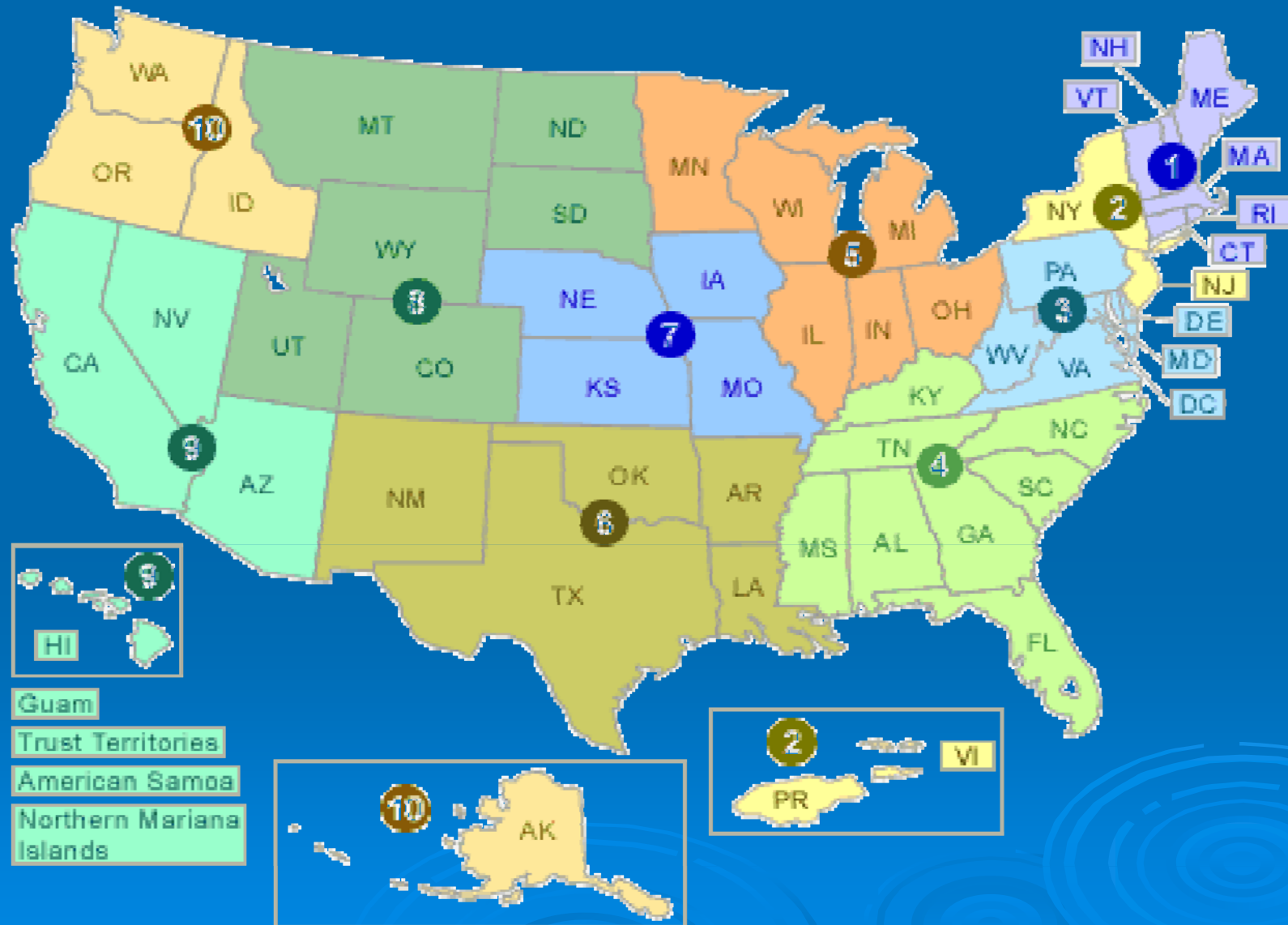
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# Technical Assistance to Brownfield (TAB) Communities

- 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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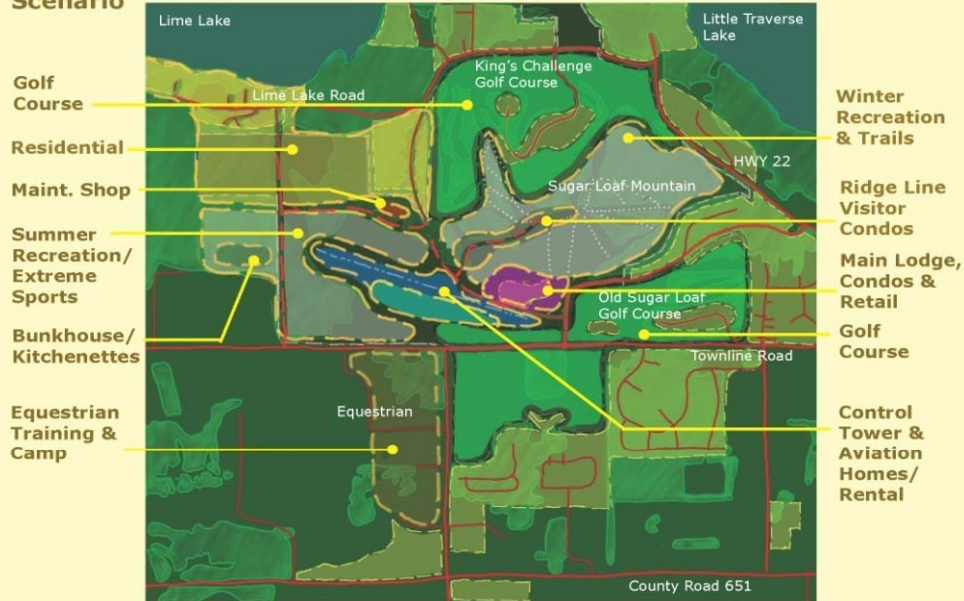
# Visioning



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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**



**Bunkhouse/Kitchenettes**



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

Search

## 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

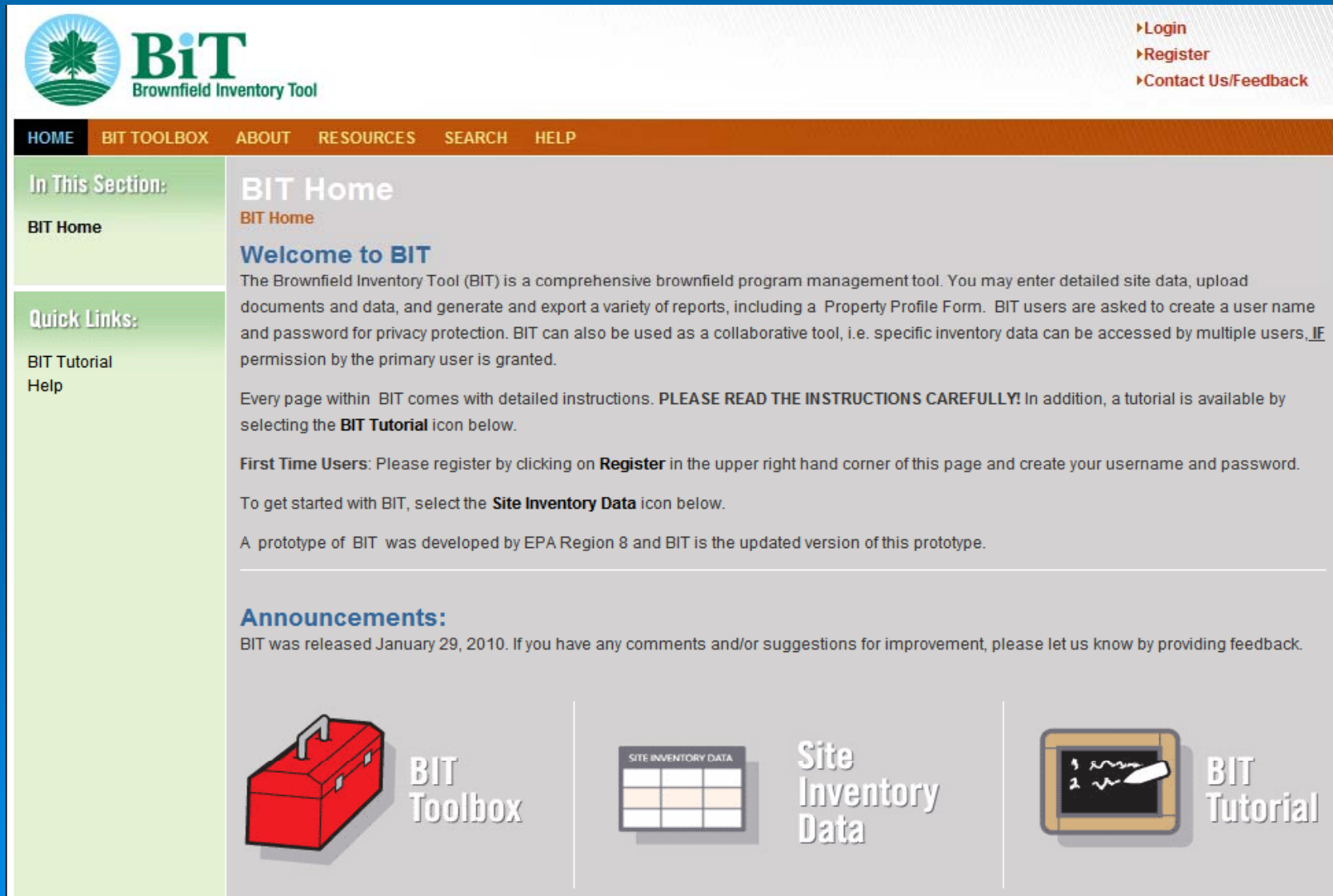
- Community Day/Fair
- Bus Tours
- Walking Tours
- Workshops/Seminars
- Public Meetings

If you feed them, they will come



# Special Projects

Web - based software: TAB-BIT  
[www.tab-bit.org](http://www.tab-bit.org)



The screenshot shows the BIT website homepage. At the top left is the BIT logo, a green maple leaf inside a circle, with the text "BiT Brownfield Inventory Tool". To the right are links for "Login", "Register", and "Contact Us/Feedback". Below the logo is a navigation bar with "HOME", "BIT TOOLBOX", "ABOUT", "RESOURCES", "SEARCH", and "HELP". The main content area is divided into a left sidebar and a main content area. The sidebar has "In This Section:" with a link to "BIT Home" and "Quick Links:" with links to "BIT Tutorial" and "Help". The main content area has a "BIT Home" heading, a "Welcome to BIT" section with a paragraph describing the tool, a "First Time Users" section with instructions to register, and an "Announcements" section stating the tool was released on January 29, 2010. At the bottom, there are three icons: a red toolbox for "BIT Toolbox", a grid icon for "Site Inventory Data", and a chalkboard icon for "BIT Tutorial".

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Brownfield Inventory Tool

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## BIT Home

**BIT Home**

### 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.

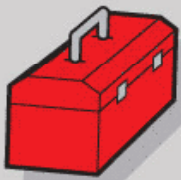
To get started with BIT, select the **Site Inventory Data** icon below.

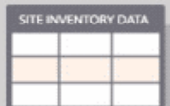
A prototype of BIT was developed by EPA Region 8 and BIT is the updated version of this prototype.


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### 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 Data**

 **BIT Tutorial**



# TAB-BIT

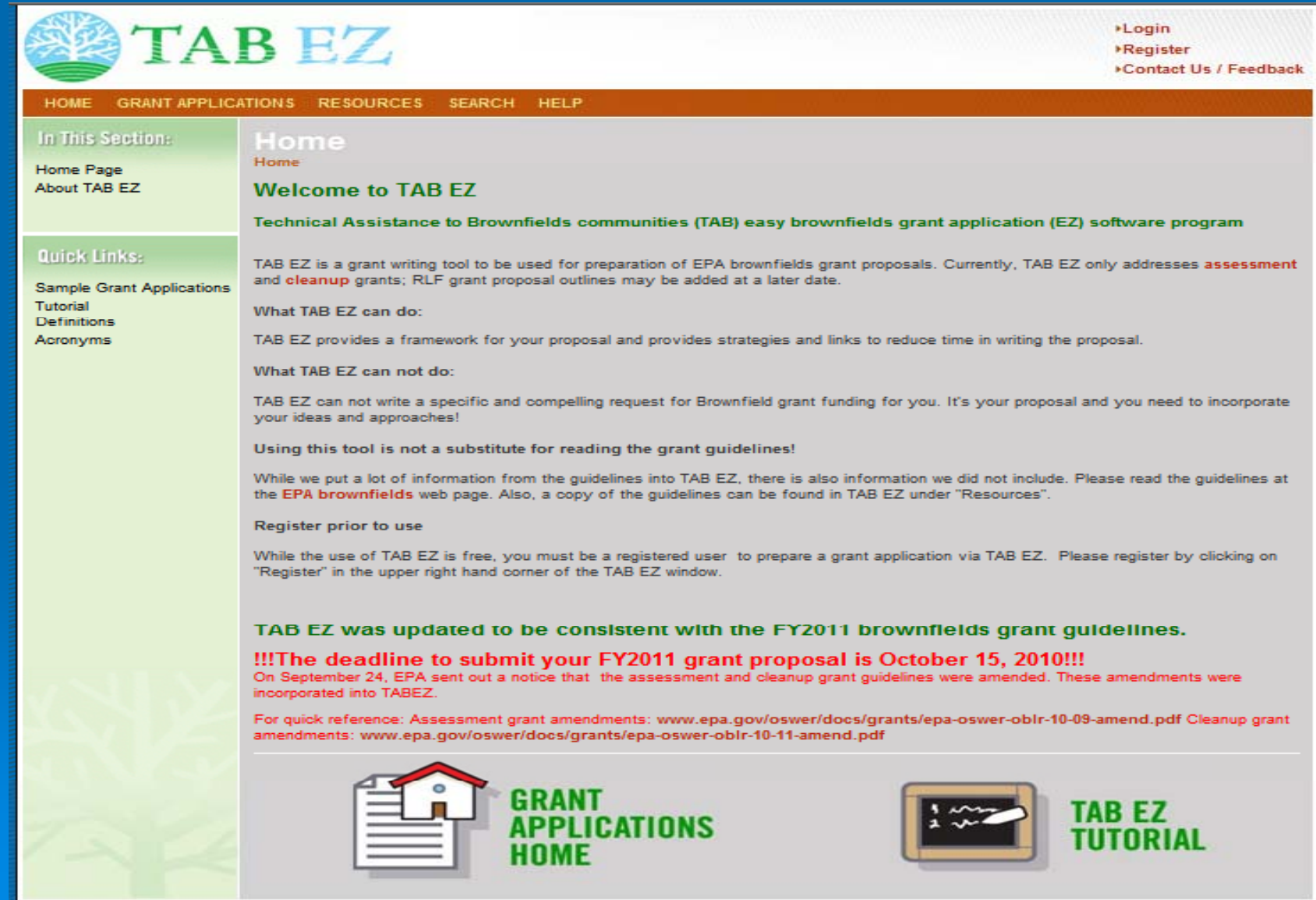
## Brownfields Inventory Tool

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

# Special Projects

Web - based software: TAB EZ

[www.tabez.org](http://www.tabez.org)



The screenshot shows the home page of the TAB EZ website. 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 navigation links: "Login", "Register", and "Contact Us / Feedback". Below the logo is a horizontal navigation bar with links for "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 for "Home Page" and "About TAB EZ"; and "Quick Links:" with links for "Sample Grant Applications", "Tutorial", "Definitions", and "Acronyms".


The right column features a "Home" heading followed by a "Welcome to TAB EZ" section. This section includes a sub-heading: "Technical Assistance to Brownfields communities (TAB) easy brownfields grant application (EZ) software program". The text explains that TAB EZ is a grant writing tool for EPA brownfields grant proposals, currently covering assessment and cleanup grants. It lists what the tool can do (provide a framework and strategies) and what it cannot do (write specific requests). A prominent red notice states: "!!!The deadline to submit your FY2011 grant proposal is October 15, 2010!!!". Below this, it provides links for assessment and cleanup grant amendments.

At the bottom of the page, there are two icons with text: a house icon labeled "GRANT APPLICATIONS HOME" and a chalkboard icon labeled "TAB EZ TUTORIAL".

# 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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