

EPA Brownfield Grant Proposal Writing Strategies Workshops

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will soon be announcing the availability of Federal grant and loan funds of \$200,000-\$1,000,000 per award for the environmental assessment and cleanup of brownfield sites. The term 'brownfields' is used to describe abandoned or underutilized industrial and commercial properties, such as former gas stations and automotive service sites, petroleum bulk plants, closed factories, foundries or dry cleaners, or old buildings with hazardous materials, such as asbestos.

These EPA brownfield grants are available to cities, counties, local government entities, and Indian tribes, in order to help facilitate environmental planning, assessment, and cleanup activities at brownfield sites that communities seek to acquire, redevelop and reinvigorate through enhanced economic development, the creation of greenspace, or public use of direct value to residents.

As the EPA brownfield grant process is competitive, we are hosting a grant application workshop to help Kansas entities that seek to learn more about these grant opportunities, the application process, and 'tips and tricks' to make grant applications more competitive. The workshop is designed for communities interested in applying for EPA Brownfields Assessment Grants (Community-Wide, Site-Specific or Coalition) or Hazardous Waste Cleanup Grants (soil, groundwater, or asbestos contaminants are eligible). The workshop will assist participants in detailing response strategies to Threshold and Ranking Criteria as well as utilizing the TAB EZ grant writing tool and discuss the planning process, specifically engaging the community and partners in the Brownfields initiative. The workshops will also highlight additional brownfield technical and financial resources available through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Bureau of Remediation.

Workshops will be held from 9:00am – 4:00pm in the following location and date:

Kansas City, KS– Thursday, August 30- EPA Office Building, 901 N. 5th Street, Kansas City, Kansas.

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While there is no registration fee, lunch is not included. We will have a lunch break with some restaurants within walking distance. Coffee, rolls, and afternoon refreshments will be provided.

Draft Agenda: For a review of the tentative agenda and topics to be covered at the workshop, go to: http://www.engg.ksu.edu/CHSR/outreach/tab/workshops/2012BF_KansasCity_KS.html

This Workshop is being offered by **TAB (Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities)** in collaboration with EPA Region 7.