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Federal Economic Development Forum March 15-17, 2009 in Alexandria, VA

The 2009 IEDC Federal Economic Development Forum will bring together economic developers from across the nation to discuss federal policy, programs, and issues with their peers and engage with Federal leaders. The current state of the economy and the nation's energy policy pose significant challenges while also creating substantial opportunities for economic developers. With a brand new presidential administration, a new Congress and complex issues demanding a renewed Federal policy presence there has never been a more important time to attend the IEDC Federal Economic Development Forum.

Click [here](#) for more information and to register.



Digging In: The Theory and Practice of Ecological Landscaping Conference February 27-28, 2009

MassMutual Center
Springfield, MA

The conference features over eighteen seminars and workshops presented by passionate practitioners, talented writers, and prominent educators in the fields of landscaping, gardening, eco-design solutions, and more. Sessions explore all aspects of ecological, sustainable and organic landscaping, including minimizing water use, developing healthy soils, supporting urban and suburban forests, and designing and building gardens with diversity and native populations in mind.

Click [here](#) for more information and to register.



Sustainable Property Transactions: Doing Contaminated Site Redevelopments in a Downturned Market

April 6, 7, 8, 2009
Washington, DC

Explore how complex deals involving environmental contamination and sustainable development issues can be successfully managed—how sites get cleaned up and redeveloped. Employing environmental, legal, financial/accounting and risk management tools, the corporate dealmakers have a war chest of alternative environmental due diligence techniques and risk financing methods (institutional and engineered controls, stringent environmental agreements and environmental insurance, etc.) to get the transactions done with the able involvement of in-house and outside counsel, liability buyout and guaranteed fixed price remediation programs, and equity and debt financing firms. There will be sessions that demonstrate green building design, remediation, construction, evolving underwriting standards based on the LEED certification process and monetizing carbon finance assets in real estate transactions.

- [Conference Brochure](#)
- [Program](#)
- [Registration](#)



Environmental Merit Awards

For over thirty years, EPA New England has honored those who have made outstanding contributions on behalf of our region's environment. [EPA's Environmental Merit Award](#) program has recognized teachers, citizen activists, business leaders, scientists, public officials and others who exemplify true leadership in protecting public health and New England's environment, and provide hope and inspiration for the future.

The nomination period for the 2009 Environmental Merit Awards (EMA) opens **January 26, 2009** with [Nomination Forms](#) due on **March 6, 2009**.



Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) Grant Program RFP

[Guidelines are now available](#) for preparing proposals to receive financial assistance through the Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) program. CARE is a unique community-based, community-driven, multimedia demonstration program designed to help communities understand and reduce risks due to toxic pollutants and environmental concerns from all sources. The CARE grant program works with the eligible entities to help their communities form collaborative partnerships, develop an understanding of the many local sources of risk from toxic pollutants and environmental concerns, set priorities, and identify and carry out projects to reduce risks through collaborative action at the local level. CARE's long-term goal is to help communities build self-sustaining, community-based partnerships that will continue to improve human health and local environments into the future. The objective of the CARE grant program is to work collaboratively within the community to investigate the effectiveness of the CARE process--whether this cross-Agency, multi-media program provides greater environmental benefits than either non-collaborative or single media approaches.

Click [here](#) to learn more and apply for funding.
Deadline is March 16, 2009



Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities (TAB) Brochure

EPA's TAB Communities Program helps guide communities through the cleanup and redevelopment process at brownfield properties. A new TAB brochure describing the TAB grant services and current grantees is now available - [TAB Brochure](#)



Brownfields 2009

The next Brownfields Conference is scheduled for **November 16 – 18, 2009** in New Orleans.

- [Call for Ideas](#) is open. Due date is **May 2009**.
- [Exhibitor](#) information.
- Become an [Endorser](#).
- Become a [Sponsor](#).
- Visit the [Brownfields 2009 Website](#)



The Big Deal 2009

The [National Brownfield Associations](#) and its partner, the City of Phoenix, a leader in green building, invite you to [THE BIG DEAL 2009](#), at the Phoenix Convention Center, March 24 & 25, 2009.

- [Registration & Program](#).
- Find out how to be an [exhibitor](#) or [sponsor](#).
- Showcase your property at the [Brownfield Transaction Forum](#).



Smart Growth Implementation Assistance: 2009 Request for Application

Applications are due at 5:00 pm EST, April 23, 2009

The Development, Community, and Environment Division in EPA's Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation is seeking applications for technical assistance from communities that want to incorporate smart growth in their future development to meet environmental and other community goals. Eligible entities are tribal, local, regional, and state governments, and nonprofit organizations that have a demonstrated partnership with a governmental entity.

Selected communities or states will receive assistance in the form of a multi-day visit from a team of experts organized by EPA and other national partners to work with local leaders. EPA plans to assist three to five communities over a period of twelve months. The Agency anticipates announcing the selected communities in fall of 2009.

For more information and application materials, visit http://epa.gov/smartgrowth/2009_sgja_rfa.htm.

Send your Brownfields-related items for inclusion in this newsletter to Joe Ferrari at ferrari.joe@epa.gov.

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