

# BROWNFIELDS WHAT'S NEW

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## **September Tips-and-Tricks Sessions**

The half-day *outreach sessions* for applying for next year's grants are almost behind us already. We had full houses at our sessions on Monday September 8, 2008 at the Sheraton Harborside Hotel in Portsmouth, NH; and on Tuesday September 9, 2008 at the Regency Inn & Conference Center in Westford, MA.

One session left – 9:00am to 12:00pm Tuesday September 16, 2008 at Rensselaer in Hartford, CT! If you want to try and squeeze in at the last moment, please call Rachel Olfato at (703) 284-7369.

The grant guidelines are *changing drastically* this year, so these "how-to's" and "tips-and-tricks" have been more important than ever! These are for anyone planning on applying for brownfields funding, and the sessions are put on by the EPA New England Brownfields Section. They are planned to give prospective Brownfields grant applicants some of the "tips-and-tricks" to promote successful grant writing.



#### September Webinar Sessions

In case you missed the two meeting sessions: Tips-and-Tricks "Webinar" Clu-in sessions are also being offered. Registration for both dates is open. These Grant Writing Workshops are meant to lend better

understanding of the proposal criteria and selection process for EPA's FY-2009 Brownfields grants. Hit here for info; & visit the web sites:

9-17-08 Assessment Session 9-18-08 Cleanup & RLF Session

# '09 Assessment, Cleanup & RLF Applications

The FY09 US EPA Brownfields **Assessment**, **Cleanup** and **RLF Guidelines** are now posted on-line. All applications must be postmarked by **November 14**, **2008**. Good Luck to all. Hit this link for the <u>Guidelines</u>; hit here for <u>Fact Sheets</u>, <u>FAQ's and Other Information</u>.

## '09 Job Training Applications

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#### "TAB EZ"

Kansas State University, one of EPA's TAB grantees, has developed a software tool called "TAB EZ" that can assist communities in putting together their assessment and cleanup proposals. TAB EZ is available free of costs to everyone nationwide at the following URL: <a href="http://www.tabez.org/">http://www.tabez.org/</a>

While EPA is not endorsing this tool, we want to make sure that communities know about its availability.



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#### **EJ Newsletter**

We are pleased to present the 8th edition of our EJ Newsletter, where you will find interesting articles about current EJ-related activities taking place throughout the Region. We hope you find the newsletter to be a useful source of information and encourage you to contact the Office of Civil Rights & Urban Affairs if you have any questions. Contact information for EPA New England's EJ Staff is provided on the last page of the newsletter. The newsletter can be found at 8th Edition EJ Newsletter; past newsletters in the Archives.



# Brownfields 2009 Conference

New Orleans, Louisiana will be the site for the next National Brownfields Conference, which will be from November 16-18, 2009 at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. Plan ahead!



#### **Green Remediation Primer**

The new Green Remediation Primer, a publication from EPA's Brownfields and Land Revitalization Technology Support Center (BTSC), is now available electronically at <a href="mailto:this.web.site">this.web.site</a>. More info about EPA's BTSC can be found <a href="mailto:here">here</a>.

Green remediation is the practice of considering all environmental effects of cleanup actions and incorporating strategies to maximize the net environmental effects of those actions. The sustainable practices emphasize the need to more closely evaluate core elements of a cleanup project such as energy requirements and air emissions.



### New England States Brownfields Websites

Want a quick link to the Brownfields web sites of the various New England state governments, to see what's happening there? Click CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, or VT!



# Stormwater Management in Dense Urban Areas

The EPA has introduced *two new publications* on the subject: Design Principles for Stormwater

Management on Compacted, Contaminated Soils in Dense Urban Areas; and Case Studies for the same.

#### **Federal Brownfields Tax Incentive**

While there have been a number of bills introduced in Congress proposing to extend the Brownfields Tax Incentive, so far, none of the bills has been enacted into law. The 110th Congress has recessed prior to acting on the latest bill, the "Jobs, Energy, Families, and Disaster Relief Act of 2008 (S. 3335)", which included extending the Federal Brownfields Tax Incentive. The bill provides a one-year extension of the current brownfield tax incentive till December 31, 2008, retroactively from when it expired on December 31, 2007. For more information, go to <a href="http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/">http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/</a>

#### Online Grant Writing Workshop

It's not too late to participate in an interactive online workshop hosted by **EPA Region 8**, on **September 15**, **2008** from 3:00pm to 5:00pm EDT. Visit the Workshop Registration Link at: http://www.clu-in.org/conf/tio/r8bfguidelines/

This *free*, *internet-based* grant writing workshop is designed to help applicants tap into resources about:

- Basics of brownfields
- New grant guidelines
- Helpful hints on writing effective proposals
- Answers to your questions

Send your Brownfields-related items for inclusion in this newsletter to Steve Chase at <a href="mailto:chase.steve@epa.gov">chase.steve@epa.gov</a>.

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