EPA's Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Communities Program

Providing Technical Assistance to Communities Facing Brownfields Challenges



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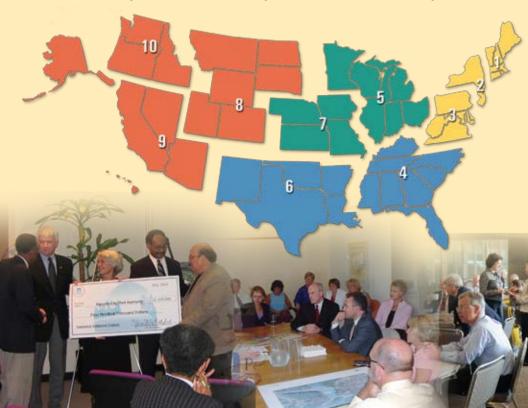
What is TAB?

EPA's Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Communities Program helps guide communities through the cleanup and redevelopment process at brownfield properties. Communities and municipalities often need help to understand the technical issues associated with brownfields projects—issues such as: deciphering technical reports; realizing health impacts and risks; financing brownfields projects; understanding science or environmental policy; learning how best to involve the community; and working with local, state or federal governments. The TAB grantees provide technical assistance to assist communities and individuals that need it.

There are four organizations with TAB grants that offer technical assistance to communities facing brownfields challenges. Some types of support TAB grantees provide to communities include:

- Reviewing and explaining brownfield related technical reports
- Providing information about basic science, environmental policy and other technical matters related to brownfield sites
- Helping understand health risks associated with a brownfield property
- Providing information to assist with understanding environmental issues and how they affect brownfield cleanup and redevelopment
- Facilitating brownfield redevelopment efforts by supporting community and other stakeholder involvement activities

Each TAB grantee provides a wide range of services, including specialized services specific to their area of expertise. For more information about support available in your area, please see the list of TAB grantees and which EPA regions they support on the next page.



TAB Tools

✓ Workshops
✓ Webinars and Trainings
✓ Resource Centers

- ✓ Web sites and other Web-based Tools
- Newsletters and Case Studies
 - ✓ Special Projects

TAB Grantees

New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT)–EPA Regions 1, 2 and 3

Assists communities that are struggling or stalled with brownfields redevelopment, as well as those communities in the beginning stages of brownfields projects, in order to help them avoid complications and problems as they move forward. The basic types of activities provided include: direct technical mentoring; technical assistance workshops; and information sharing and education.

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Enterprise Corporation of the Delta, Inc (ECD)—EPA Regions 4 and 6 Provides communities with: Brownfields 101 (also provided to local government)

Provides communities with: Brownfields 101 (also provided to local governments); assistance with brownfields site inventories; brownfields redevelopment plans and strategies; facilitated community involvement; and brownfields grant writing workshops. Dee Jones: 601-944-1100 / djones@ecd.org

Kansas State University (KSU)–EPA Regions 5 and 7

Provides technical assistance and education to urban, rural and tribal brownfields communities. Specially, KSU helps identify potential funding sources and contractors; reviews and summarizes technical documents and grant applications; assists with community outreach; provides visioning workshops; serves as a liaison between communities and state or federal agencies; and offers workshops, seminars and training. Sabine Martin: 785-532-6474 / smartin1@ksu.edu www.engg.ksu.edu/CHSR/outreach/tab/

Center for Creative Land Recycling (CCLR)—EPA Regions 8, 9 and 10

Specific assistance includes: Web- and phone-based Resource Center; custom trainings for stakeholders interested in brownfield redevelopment; technical assistance to stakeholders with limited resources (i.e., help with inventories, strategic planning and execution; environmental site assessment review, remedial action planning and regulatory facilitation, negotiations support, risk management review, community involvement, assistance with deal structuring and brownfield financing); and special initiatives.

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TAB Q&A

- **0**. How much will TAB assistance cost me or my project?
- A. Most TAB services are provided free of charge-check with your specific TAB provider.
- **Q.** How do I find my TAB provider?
- A. Locate your state and EPA region on the map inside this brochure. Each TAB provider offers technical assistance to several regions. Once you have found your provider, contact them directly.
- **Q.** I need help understanding the technical and scientific information on the assessments done on my brownfields project before I move forward with cleanup. Can TAB assist me?
- **A.** Yes. Your TAB provider can help you decipher reports, such as those related to site sampling, site assessment or federal regulations.
- **0.** How will the TAB provider assist me?
- A. There are many ways for TAB providers to assist with your challenge—they may sponsor a workshop that addresses your issues, provide answers to questions posted on their Web site, hold a Webinar you can attend remotely, provide information through a periodic newsletter, or meet directly with you. Refer to the TAB Tools section of this brochure or the TAB grantee Web site for specific information on how the TAB provider can help you.

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