

SABR Brownfield Interested Party List Newsletter

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Division of Emergency & Remedial Response

SAVE THE DATE

2009 Ohio Brownfield Conference

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February 2, 2009

Please mark your calendars now for the 2009 Ohio Brownfield Conference, which will be held **May 12-14, 2009** at the **Roberts Centre in Wilmington, Ohio**. Registration information for exhibitors and attendees will be sent out in the near future via email to those on the interested party list. To enroll in the Ohio Brownfield Interested Party List, please visit <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/derr/SABR/Email/email.html>.

Sign up now for hospitality opportunities during the mixer and the conference. Be advised that hospitality opportunities during the mixer and conference are limited and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. All hospitality reservations must be made directly through the Roberts Centre. Please refer to the additional information included in this mailing.

Hotel reservations can be made by calling the Holiday Inn's main number at 1-800-654-7036 and stating the name of the event. A block of rooms is on hold for \$94 + tax per room per night.

Ohio Voters Renew Clean Ohio

Ohio voters passed the \$400 million Clean Ohio bond issue that was on the November 2008 ballot. The new program, similar to the original which passed in 2002, will split the revenues: \$200 million to preserve wildlife habitat & farmland and provide recreation opportunities; and another \$200 million to clean up brownfields. The repayment source is general obligation bonds.

Changes to the brownfield revitalization programs of the Clean Ohio Fund include:

Streamlining processes by adding more frequent CORF rounds. There will now be two rounds per year. Round 7 applications will be due to public libraries on July 25, 2009 with award decisions made in November.

Increasing responsiveness to customers by allowing both CORF and COAF grantees to submit disbursement requests every 30 days.

Making bid information for COF projects throughout state available to small and minority-owned businesses.

New inter-agency Clean Ohio Fund web site: www.clean.ohio.gov.

Special points of interest:

- Save the Date for the 2009 Ohio Brownfield Conference
- Renewal of Clean Ohio
- U.S. EPA CARE Grants
- Conferences and Training Opportunities
- Case Study Request from GLEP
- Brownfield Tax Incentive

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U.S. EPA 2009 CARE Grants Available

The 2009 U.S. EPA CARE Cooperative Agreement RFP is now available online at http://www.epa.gov/air/grants_funding.html#0902. The deadline for application is March 16, 2009, with awards anticipated for October 1, 2009.

Around \$3 million will be available in 2009 to support community-based partnerships to reduce pollution at the local level through the Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) program. Awards are planned to be given in two levels. Level I will range from \$75,000 to \$100,000 and will help establish community-based partnerships to develop local environmental priorities. Level II will range from \$150,000 to \$300,000 and will support communities which have established broad-based partnerships, have identified the priority toxic risks in the community, and are prepared to measure results, implement risk reduction activities and become self-sustaining.

Eligible applicants include county and local governments, tribes, non-profit organizations and universities. EPA will conduct three conference calls for prospective applicants to have the opportunity to ask questions about the application process:

February 3, 2009	12:30-2:00 EST
February 24, 2009	12:30-2:00 EST
February 27, 2009	10:00-11:30 EST

To register for an upcoming CARE Internet seminar, please go to <http://www.cluin.org/studio/seminar.cfm>.

NBA Big Deal 2009

Phoenix, Arizona, March 24-25, 2009

Be among industry mavericks and meet the best minds in the green build, real estate and brownfield redevelopment industries, there to help you gain the know-how to finance, insure, engineer and build your next big project.

Visit the conference web site at www.nbabigdeal.org for additional information.

Business of Brownfields Conference

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 16-17, 2009

The program will feature the main actions of brownfields development.

Visit the conference web site at www.eswp.com/brownfields/index.htm for additional information.

Greening the Heartland Conference

Detroit, Michigan, May 31-June 2, 2009

One of the largest and most successful conferences on green building practices and initiatives, presented by the US Green Building Council Detroit Regional Chapter and the Engineering Society of Detroit.

Visit the conference web site at <http://www.greeningtheheartland.org/> for additional information.

Reclaiming Vacant Properties: Building Leadership to Restore Communities

Louisville, Kentucky, June 1-3, 2009

The National Vacant Properties Campaign presents the only national conference focusing on building knowledge, leadership and momentum to reclaim vacant and abandoned properties for thriving neighborhoods.

Visit the conference web site at <http://reclaimingvacantproperties.org/registration/> for additional information.

Energy Performance Contracting (EPC) for PHA's

June 22-26, 2009 (Chicago) If interested, email egoldf1@uic.edu.

Public Housing Authorities use EPC to raise private capital and to perform rehabilitation that lowers energy costs and makes dwelling units more comfortable. The only comprehensive 5-day EPC course, it uses role-playing exercises and case studies from successful projects.

Orientation to Environmental Assessment (OEA)

May 2009 (Los Angeles) & August 10-14, 2009 (Chicago) If interested, email egoldf1@uic.edu.

Environmental responsibilities under NEPA and other authorities have been delegated by 24 CFR 58 to local governments for many HUD programs, such as CDBG, HOME, subsidized and public housing. This course has many guest speakers and also uses an interactive simulation.

Nuts & Bolts of Brownfield Redevelopment for Local Governments

Not yet scheduled. Interest will determine if it is offered/scheduling. If interested, email egoldf1@uic.edu.

Many urban centers have been left with vacant contaminated land that blights local neighborhoods and undermines the local tax base. Participants interact with over 30 expert speakers and work on teams to progress through each stage of a simulated brownfield redevelopment process.

OEA for Tribal Governments and Rural Areas

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Submit Your Case Studies to GLEP

Do you have an interesting case study?

Great Lakes Environmental Planning (GLEP) is now collecting them for use in training & for posting on their website, developing them into resources for practitioners (e.g., contact another community that has faced a similar challenge).

mail case studies to glep@glep.info or view format criteria at www.glep.info.

We're on the web!

<http://www.epa.state.oh.us/derr/SABR/sabr.html>

Bailout Package Extends Brownfields Tax Incentive

The Brownfield Tax Incentive encourages brownfields cleanup and redevelopment by allowing taxpayers to immediately reduce their taxable income by the cost of their eligible cleanup expenses. The incentive creates an immediate tax advantage from these expenses, helping to offset short-term cleanup costs.

Under the tax incentive, certain environmental cleanup costs targeted at sites may be fully deducted by eligible taxpayers in the year in which they are incurred, rather than having to be capitalized and spread over a period of years.

Visit <http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/bftaxinc.htm> for guidelines, a fact sheet and additional information.