

# SABR Brownfield Interested Party List Newsletter

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Division of Emergency & Remedial Response



## U.S. EPA Announces Availability of Funds

EPA recently announced the availability of funds to provide training, research and technical assistance to communities facing brownfield cleanup and redevelopment challenges. They currently are soliciting applications from eligible entities and nonprofit organizations, with a proposal deadline of May 1, 2008.



EPA is particularly interested in projects in the areas of protection of human health and the environment, sustainable development and equitable development.

For more information, see <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/trta.htm>. Any questions should be directed to Sven-Erik Kaiser at 202-566-2753 or [Kaiser.sven-erik@epa.gov](mailto:Kaiser.sven-erik@epa.gov).

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### Special points of interest:

- Availability of EPA funds for training, research and technical assistance
- Revision of 104(k) grant guidelines
- Brownfields 2008 Hotel-only travel scholarships
- Nominations Open for 2008 Phoenix Awards
- Training Opportunities

## U.S. EPA Revising 104(k) Grant Guidelines

In the March 24, 2008 edition of the Federal Register, EPA published notice regarding their intent to revise the 104(k) grant guidelines. The deadline for submitting comments on the guidelines is **April 7, 2008**.

The draft guidelines are available at <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>.

The link to the Federal Register notice is as follows:  
<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20081800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-5880.pdf>.

Comments or questions should be directed to Megan Quinn at EPA at 202-566-2773 or [Quinn.Megan@epa.gov](mailto:Quinn.Megan@epa.gov). The RFP based on the proposed guidelines is expected in late Summer 2008.

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## Brownfields 2008 Hotel-Only Travel Scholarships Available

A limited number of hotel-only travel scholarships are available for the National Brownfields Conference, to be held in Detroit, May 5-7, 2008.

For more information and to apply, go to:  
[http://www.sustainablecommunitydevelopmentgroup.org/scholarship\\_app.htm](http://www.sustainablecommunitydevelopmentgroup.org/scholarship_app.htm).

Deadline for applications is **March 31, 2008**.



## Nominations Open for 2008 Phoenix Awards for Excellence in Brownfields Redevelopment



\*\*\* All applications must be **received** by **June 30, 2008**.

For over 10 years, **the Phoenix Awards** have recognized exemplary projects that transform old, contaminated areas into productive new uses. They honor individuals and groups that have implemented innovative, yet practical, programs that remediated environmentally impacted sites, and simultaneously stimulated economic development and job creation or retention. The awards showcase these successful solutions and publicize these premier redevelopment projects as models for other communities around the world.

One winner will be selected from each of EPA's 10 regions, along with special winners for community impact, green building, innovative techniques, and cooperative multiple-party efforts. Any individual, group, company, organization, government body, or agency may apply. Criteria focus on the magnitude of the project, innovative techniques, solutions to regulatory issues, and impact upon the community.

For more information and the application, visit [www.brownfields2008.org/documentupload/2008%20Phoenix%20Awards%20Application.doc](http://www.brownfields2008.org/documentupload/2008%20Phoenix%20Awards%20Application.doc).

## Orientation to Environmental Assessment (OEA) & Conference for Experienced Practitioners

April 28 – May 2 & August 18 - 22, 2008 (Chicago)

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. To view agenda & register on line e-mail [syn@uic.edu](mailto:syn@uic.edu) for instructions, or call UIC at 312-996-6904.



## Environmental Assessment for Experienced Practitioners

This training will most likely be a two day training, scheduled for Fall, 2008 in Chicago.

To help HUD develop an agenda for experienced practitioners, please visit:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=gRNpBRBquSbaBARh9crVKg\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=gRNpBRBquSbaBARh9crVKg_3d_3d).

## Energy Performance Contracting (EPC) for PHA's

4 ½ days – June 16-20, 2008 (Chicago)

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. To view agenda & register online follow this link: <http://delta-institute.org/gleplanning/EPC/index.php> (or you may call 312-554-0900).

## Nuts & Bolts of Brownfield Redevelopment for Local Governments

April 14-17 (Los Angeles) & July 21-25 (Kansas City) (possibly another late Fall in Midwest)

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.

To view agenda & register: <http://delta-institute.org/gleplanning/nutsbolts/index.php> (or you may call 312-554-0900).

**“Nuts & Bolts” is a great way to learn the full range of skills needed to clean up and redevelop Brownfields.”**

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## Summit on the Sustainable Redevelopment of Brownfields

September 2008 (Manhattan, KS)

The summit includes cutting edge speakers on sustainable design and resources to overcome the barriers to sustainability, as well as interactive charettes to apply these principles to site and building design. Agenda & registration are currently under development.



## 2008 Regional Economic Development Conference

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For more information, visit their web site at <http://www.edaconference.com/>.

