

SABR Brownfield Interested Party List Newsletter

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Division of Emergency & Remedial Response

SAVE THE DATE for the 2009 Ohio Brownfield Conference

Please mark your calendars now for the 2009 Ohio Brownfield Conference! Next year's conference will be a three-day event, held **May 12-14, 2009**. Additional details will be e-mailed to those on the interested party listed in the very near future. To enroll in the Ohio Brownfield Interested Party List, please visit <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/derr/SABR/Email/email.html>.

FY09 ARC Grant Proposal Guidelines Posted

The FY09 Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund and Cleanup (ARC) Grants have been posted to the U.S. EPA Brownfields website at: <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/applicat.htm>.

The proposal deadline is **November 14, 2008**.

Opportunities for funding are as follows:

Assessment Grants: no match required; each funded up to \$200,000 over three years; \$1,000,000 for Assessment Coalitions; provide funding to inventory, characterize, assess, and conduct planning and community involvement related to brownfield sites;

Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grants: require a 20 percent match; each funded up to \$1,000,000 over five years; provide funding to capitalize a revolving fund and to make loans and provide subgrants to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites;

Cleanup Grants: require a 20 percent match and must have fee simple title by June 30, 2009; each funded up to \$200,000 over three years; provide funding for a grant recipient to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites that are owned by the grant recipient.

Please visit the SABR web site at www.epa.state.oh.us/derr/SABR/Brown/Grants/grants.html, to view the resource links available regarding FY09 Brownfield ARC Grants, which includes **guidelines for obtaining a state support letter**.



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Special points of interest:

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TAB EZ Free Grant Writing Tool Available

Kansas State University's Center for Hazardous Substance Research (KSU CHSR) just released a free, web-based tool intended to facilitate writing US EPA Brownfield **assessment** and **cleanup** grant proposals. TAB EZ provides a framework for your proposal and provides strategies and links to reduce time in writing the proposal. To access TAB EZ go to: <http://www.tabez.org>. Please note that using the tool is no substitute for reading the grant guidelines!

Funding for TAB EZ is provided by US EPA through a grant to the KSU CHSR.

Coding vs. Zoning: How to make your community more sustainable

(from ICMA's "Six Ways to Make Your Community More Sustainable", <http://www.icma.org/main/ns.asp?nsid=3951&LGM=1&t=0>)

If you are looking to revitalize your downtown district, refocus development on your existing communities by moving beyond conventional zoning to new urbanist form-based codes. Coding decriminalizes a mix of uses and mixed housing types, de-emphasizes land use regulation in favor of shaping form, focuses attention to the streetscape and the public realm, establishes coherent public participation processes for determining overall form and character of neighborhoods, tells developers what you want, and it gives citizens confidence that they are going to get what they wanted in their vision for the community.

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.

Vita Nuova Free Sustainability Series Fall Webinars

Vita Nuova has announced their Fall line-up of free webinars focusing on sustainable development topics. The webinars will be held on the last Friday of every month for one hour, and will feature various experts who will host diverse sustainability discussions. The next webinar is scheduled for **September 26, 2008**. To see the schedule, please visit <http://www.vitanuova.net/journal/?p=6>.





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

Planning for 2009 (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.

Energy Performance Contracting (EPC) for PHA's

Planning for 2009

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.

Nuts & Bolts of Brownfield Redevelopment for Local Governments

Planning for 2009

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.

Regarding the above three Housing & Urban Development Environmental Training events:

*Class size is limited.

*Questions on the courses or orders for references cds (\$25) should be directed to Eugene Goldfarb at egoldf1@uic.edu.

*CE credit may be available if requested in advance.

*Scholarships are available; download at:

<http://www.glep.info/322Train%20Discount-ScholarshipRequestForm.pdf>.

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US EPA Region 5 Sustainable Practices, Brownfields Prevention Challenge 3: Elkhart County, Indiana Internet Seminar

September 10, 2008 (11:00-12:30 EST)

Moderator: Laura Coyne, Elkhart County Redevelopment Office

Speakers: John Hulewicz, Elkhart County Health Department and Ryan Dudley, Symbiont

Description: Elkhart County has a well established groundwater protection program that is being retooled to include brownfield inventory and prevention. The application of GIS to successful brownfields prevention will be discussed.

Register at: <http://www.clu-in.org/conf/tio/r5bfelkhart>

We're on the web!

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

**FY09 Brownfields Job Training Grants
Request for Applications Issued**

US EPA has announced the availability of funding and is soliciting applications from eligible entities and non-profit organizations to provide environmental job training projects focused on brownfields assessment, cleanup and redevelopment activities. The objective of the Brownfields Job Training Grant Program is to recruit, train and place unemployed and under-employed individuals from brownfields-impacted communities in full-time sustainable environmental employment.

Applications must be postmarked by **October 15, 2008, 5:00 p.m.** More information is available by visiting the following link: <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/epa-oswer-oblr-08-10.pdf>.