

provided to systems, it inadvertently off-set a corresponding number of hours. However, although system costs were off-set by grant funding, the amount of labor hours required to complete all requirements of the Act remains the same. Therefore, EPA has added these previously unaccounted for hours into the official inventory.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) or Superfund, Section 104(k)(6); Announcement of Proposal Deadline for the Competition for the 2004 National Brownfields Job Training Grants

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency.

ACTION: Notice of the availability of
Brownfields Job Training Grant
application guidelines and deadline for
submissions of proposals.

SUMMARY: The United States
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
will begin to accept proposals for the
National Brownfields Job Training
Grants on September 30, 2003. This
notice provides information on how to
obtain the application guidelines. These
grants provide training to facilitate site
assessment, remediation of brownfields
sites, or site preparation (see Catalogue
of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:
66.815).

The National brownfields job training
grants will be awarded on a competitive
basis using a one-step proposal selection
process. To ensure a fair selection
process, evaluation panels consisting of
EPA Regional and Headquarters staff
and other federal agency representatives
will assess how well the proposals meet
the selection criteria outlined in the
application booklet, *Proposal
Guidelines for Brownfields Job Training
Grants (September 2003)*. Proposals will
be evaluated and ranked by National
Evaluation Panels. Final selections will
be made by EPA Senior Management
based upon the ranking of Final
Proposals by the National Evaluation
Panels. Applicants are encouraged to
contact and, if possible, meet with EPA
Regional Brownfields Contacts.

DATES: This action is effective as of
September 30, 2003. EPA expects to
make up to 10 job training grant awards
in fiscal year 2004 contingent upon the
availability of funds. *The application
deadline for Proposals for the 2004 Job
Training grants is December 1, 2003.*
Proposals must be postmarked by USPS
or delivered to U.S. EPA Headquarters
no later than December 1, 2003, and a
duplicate copy sent to the appropriate
U.S. EPA Regional Office by other
means.

ADDRESSES: Mailing addresses for U.S.
EPA Regional Offices and U.S. EPA
Headquarters are provided in the
Proposal Guidelines.

OBTAINING PROPOSAL GUIDELINES: The
proposal guidelines are available via the
Internet: [http://www.epa.gov/
brownfields/](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/).

Copies of the proposal guidelines will
also be mailed upon request. Requests
should be made by calling the U.S. EPA
Call Center at the following numbers:
Washington, DC Metro Area at 703-
412-9810; Outside Washington, DC
Metro at 1-800-424-9346; TDD for the
Hearing Impaired at 1-800-553-7672.

In order to ensure that the guidelines
are received in time to be used in the
preparation of the proposal, applicants
should request a copy as soon as
possible and in any event no later than
ten (10) working days before the
proposal due date. Applicants who
request copies after that date might not
receive the proposal guidelines in time
to prepare and submit a responsive
proposal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
EPA's Office of Solid Waste and
Emergency Response, Office of
Brownfields Cleanup and
Redevelopment, (202) 566-2777.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On
January 11, 2002, President George W.
Bush signed into law the Small Business
Liability Relief and Brownfields
Revitalization Act. This act amended
the Comprehensive Environmental
Response, Compensation and Liability
Act to authorize federal financial
assistance for brownfields revitalization,
including grants for assessment,
cleanup, and job training.

Funding for the brownfields job-
training grants is authorized under
section 104(k)(6) of the Comprehensive
Environmental Response,
Compensation, and Liability Act of
1980, as amended, (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C.
9604(k)(6). Eligibility for Brownfields
grants is limited to "eligible entities" as
defined in section 104(k)(1) of CERCLA
and nonprofit organizations as defined
in section 4(6) of the Federal Financial

Assistance Management Improvement
Act of 1999, Public Law 106-107.
"Eligible entities" include a General
Purpose Unit of Local Government;
Land Clearance Authority or other
quasi-governmental entity that operates
under the supervision and control of, or
as an agent of, a general purpose unit of
local government; Governmental Entity
Created by State Legislature; Regional
council or group of general purpose
units of local government;
Redevelopment Agency that is chartered
or otherwise sanctioned by a state; State;
Indian Tribe other than in Alaska; and
Alaska Native Regional Corporation,
Alaska Native Village Corporation, and
Metlakatla Indian Community and non
profit organizations. For the purposes of
the brownfields grant program, EPA will
use the definition of nonprofit
organizations contained in section 4(6)
of the Federal Financial Assistance
Management Improvement Act of 1999,
Public Law 106-107. The term
"nonprofit organization" means any
corporation, trust, association,
cooperative, or other organization that is
operated primarily for scientific,
educational, service, charitable, or
similar purpose in the public interest; is
not organized primarily for profit; and
uses net proceeds to maintain, improve,
or expand the operation of the
organization.

In addition, Intertribal Consortia,
other than those composed of ineligible
Alaskan tribes, are eligible to apply for
the brownfields job training grants.

The evaluation panels will review the
proposals carefully and assess each
response based on how well it addresses
the criteria, briefly outlined below.
There are two different types of
criteria—threshold criteria and ranking
criteria. Responses to the criteria will be
used to determine whether to make an
award and the amount of funds to be
awarded. There is no guarantee of an
award.

Job Training Grants

Threshold Criteria

- A. Location of Project
- B. Applicant Eligibility
- C. Proof of Non-Duplication of Effort

Ranking Criteria

- A. Community Need (a maximum of 10
points may be received for this
criterion)
- B. Institutional Capacity (a maximum of
15 points may be received for this
criterion)
- C. Training Program Objectives and
Plans (a maximum of 30 points may
be received for this criterion)