Brownfields 2013 Job Training Grant Fact Sheet
St. Louis Community College, MO

EPA Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grant Program

In 2010, the Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR) led an effort to more closely collaborate with other programs within EPA on workforce development and job training. Program offices now participating in the expanded initiative include the Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery (ORCR), Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation (OSRTI), Office of Underground Storage Tanks (OUST), Federal Facilities Restoration and Reuse Office (FFRRO), Center for Program Analysis (CPA), Innovation, Partnerships, and Communication Office (IPCO), Office of Wastewater Management (OWM), Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP), and the Office of Emergency Management (OEM). This initiative was created to develop a job training cooperative agreement opportunity that includes expanded training in other environmental media outside the traditional scope of brownfields hazardous waste remediation. As a result of this effort, the Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants Program now allows applicants to deliver other training in the environmental field, in addition to the core traditional brownfields hazardous waste and petroleum training historically provided.

Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grant funds are provided to nonprofit organizations and other eligible entities to recruit, train, and place predominantly low-income and minority, unemployed and underemployed residents from solid and hazardous waste-impacted communities. Residents learn the skills needed to secure full-time, sustainable employment in the environmental field, including a focus on assessment and cleanup activities. Since 1998, EPA has funded 206 job training grants totaling over $45 million through the Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants Program. As of March 2013, approximately 11,473 individuals have completed training, of which approximately 8,198 have obtained employment in the environmental field with an average starting hourly wage of $14.12. This equates to a cumulative placement rate of approximately 71% since the program was created.

Job Training Grant

$199,994

EPA selected St. Louis Community College (SLCC) for an Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grant. SLCC plans to train 81 students, place 55 graduates in environmental jobs, and track graduates for one year. The core training program includes 222 hours of instruction, including coursework in 40-hour HAZWOPER, introduction to environmental technology; Occupational Safety and Health Administration courses in 10-hour safety, chemical hazards, bloodborne pathogens, fall protection, excavation and trenching, and permit required confined spaces; radiation worker I; lead and asbestos abatement worker; mold remediation; lead renovator, repair, and painting; leaking underground storage tank corrective action (e.g., site assessment or remediation) awareness, including procedures for tank removal when necessary to perform corrective action; environmental sampling and monitoring; innovative/alternative treatment technologies; stormwater management; and ecosystem restoration. A total of 12 state and federal certifications will be offered. St. Louis Community College is targeting unemployed and underemployed residents of St. Louis. Key partners include St. Louis University's College of Public Health and Social Justice Center for Environmental Education and Training, St. Louis Development Corporation, Father's Support Center, St. Patrick's Center, St. Louis City Workforce Investment Board, YouthBuild St. Louis, Operation Excel, and the Carpenters District Council of Greater St. Louis.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

EPA Region 7 Brownfields Team
(913) 551-7357
EPA Region 7 Brownfields Web site
(http://www.epa.gov/region07/cleanup/brow nfields/index.htm)

Grant Recipient: St. Louis Community College, MO
(314) 644-9621

The information presented in this fact sheet comes from the grant proposal; EPA cannot attest to the accuracy of this information. The cooperative agreement for the grant has not yet been negotiated. Therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

United States
Environmental
Protection Agency
Washington, DC 20450

Solid Waste
and Emergency
Response (5105T)

EPA 560-F-13-202
June 2013