

Brownfields Job Training  
Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)

**REGISTER TODAY!**

PLC #2 is taking shape. A new series of ten, 30-minute telephone conferences have been scheduled to discuss successful approaches to developing sustainable Brownfields Job Development and Training Programs.

The PLC telephone conferences are informal and will be held every other Wednesday beginning April 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 2:30 p.m. EDT. Email and Web discussions will enhance the telephone conferences.

PLCs are collaborative cultures with a focus on learning for all. Open dialogue and shared experiences are crucial to productive PLCs. Please see the excerpt below from the initial PLC flyer for detailed information.

There is **no charge** to be a member of the Brownfields Job Training PLC. To register and receive telephone conference details, please email the contact information requested below to Michael Senew, HMTRI, at [msenew@aol.com](mailto:msenew@aol.com).

- Name
- Address
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- Web site (if applicable)

**SCHEDULE AND TOPICS**

Specific content will be determined by the needs and interests of the group. General topic areas will include:

Session 1 – April 14, 2:00 p.m. EDT

**Brownfields Job Development and Training** – Participant introductions, PLC goals and objectives, conferencing guidelines, participant interests, job development and training, Brownfields basics, green jobs/Brownfields jobs

Session 2 – April 28, 2:00 p.m. EDT

**Funding Sources** – Funding sources available to communities for job training, sustaining Brownfields job training programs, technical and non-financial resources

Session 3 – May 12, 2:00 p.m. EDT

**Working Within the Community** – Marketing Brownfields job training, community awareness, labor market assessments, partnering, working with organized labor, economic benefits associated with Brownfields job training

Session 4 – May 26, 2:00 p.m. EDT

**Program Scope and Definition** – Defining target participants, green jobs, energy jobs, environmental and remediation jobs, establishing advisory boards, program implementation

Session 5 – June 9, 2:00 p.m. EDT

**Program Startup** – Certifications to be offered, core curriculum, training timetables, developing a green jobs curriculum, program length and depth, dual track programs, life skills and remedial offerings

Session 6 – June 23, 2:00 p.m. EDT

**Student Recruitment and Assessment** – Marketing and recruitment strategies, application process, student assessment, student retention, physical and academic requirements, training evaluation and effectiveness

Session 7 – July 7, 2:00 p.m. EDT

**Certifications I** – Health and safety training, OSHA certifications, state certifications

Session 8 – July 21, 2:00 p.m. EDT

**Certifications II** – Remediation jobs, RRP, lead and asbestos, state requirements

Session 9 – August 4, 2:00 p.m. EDT

**Certifications III** – Energy/environmental related jobs, weatherization technicians, inspectors, auditors

Session 10 – August 18, 2:00 p.m. EDT

**Student Placement, Tracking, and Program Sustainability** – Placement techniques, job development, tracking strategies, graduates as mentors and program resources

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More about  
**Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)**

HMTRI, in cooperative agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, has organized Brownfields Green Job Training PLCs. PLCs are composed of Brownfields stakeholders interested in developing programs to train underemployed and unemployed residents for environmental jobs created by Brownfields economic redevelopment in their communities. There is no charge to become a PLC member.

This is not a workshop, a conference, or grant preparation webinar. PLC members will:

- Engage in actual program development activities.
- Receive coaching and technical mentoring to assist them in establishing a sustainable job development program in their Brownfields community.

**BACKGROUND**

EPA has funded 144 Brownfields Job Development and Training programs, finding employment for over 3,100 program participants. HMTRI assists these and other programs not receiving federal funds to build, maintain, and sustain effective green jobs training programs.

### OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO PLC MEMBERS

- Collaborate, network, and share experiences with other PLC members.
- Learn solutions to common problems associated with the development of green jobs training programs.
- Learn from experienced mentors operating successful Brownfields job development and training programs.
- Discover and compare green jobs development and training resources to share with the group.
- Receive an invitation to the *Annual Brownfields Job Training All-Grantee Meeting* where you can network with HMTRI staff, current and past grantees, EPA regional job development contacts, and EPA headquarters staff.

### METHODS OF PLC COMMUNICATION

The principal method by which PLC members communicate are bi-weekly conference calls. Conference calls will be supported with printed/download materials, online threaded discussions, blogs, Web presentations, podcasts, emails, and listservs. Face-to-face networking is also a key component of the PLC. For those PLC members who choose to attend, the *Annual Brownfields Job Training All-Grantee Meeting* will provide an opportunity to have open conversation in breakout sessions with experienced Brownfields job training program managers.

### SIGN UP TODAY

Limited space—

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