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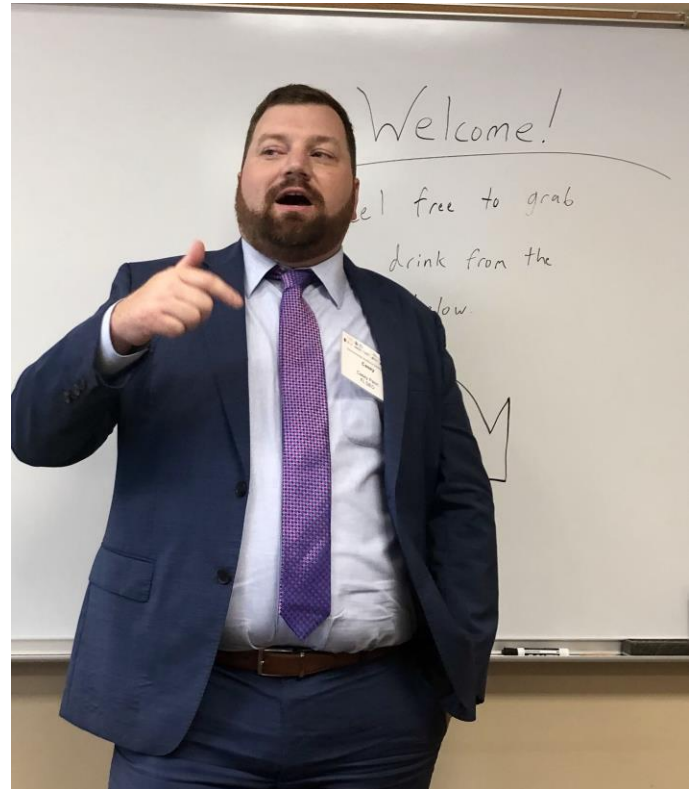
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NJIT TAB Brings Brownfield Workforce Development Boot Camp To Florida

On August 21, 2019, NJIT TAB co-hosted a Brownfields Workforce Development Boot Camp in Panama City, FL. This boot camp convened experts from across the nation and the state of Florida to build the region's capacity to develop an environmental workforce that can contribute to the economic growth in the region, in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael.

The forum was highlighted on local news media: <https://www.mypanhandle.com/news/workshop-explains-grant-and-job-training-opportunities/>

NJIT TAB, as well as experts from USEPA, USDA, USEDA, state, and local government programs and non-profits, provided information about funding programs and resources available to develop and train local environmental workforces.



Casey Penn, Florida Dept. of Economic Opportunity

This boot camp provided a platform for interested governmental and Non-Governmental Entities (NGOs) to meet and exchange information on programs and resources for communities interested in improving and sustaining job opportunities in Florida. The boot camp also highlighted the USEPA Workforce Development and Job Training Grant program.

Approximately 30 people attended the event in northern panhandle of Florida, which targeted rural communities that have been impacted by natural disasters. The audience primarily consisted of local, county, and state government officials, as well as nonprofits, colleges, and secondary educational institutions. **Overall, attendees described the boot camp as extremely useful** and attendees remarked that they will use this information to work with partners on brownfield opportunities and grants.

