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NJIT TAB Conducts Record Number of EPA ARC Grant Critiques



For the FY2020 EPA ARC grant solicitation cycle, the New Jersey Institute of Technology Technical Assistance to Brownfields Program (NJIT TAB) broke last year's record of 34 critiques by three, providing 37 critiques for communities from EPA Regions 1, 3, & 4. Each year for the past four solicitation cycles there has been a substantial demand and increase for this service. Communities requesting assistance included non-profits, municipalities, planning commissions and economic development corporations.

NJIT TAB provided communities with detailed critiques and feedback that included examples of successful grant narratives, assuring that grant guideline requirements are met, and techniques to better prepare a competitive ARC grant application. NJIT TAB is proud of the fact that it provided application critiques to all those eligible entities that requested one.

Assistance was not solely limited to hard copy application reviews. The NJIT TAB team also conducted numerous one-on-one phone calls to walk applicants through the submission process and help them develop a successful approach to gathering the necessary application information and data.

The 37 reviews consisted of 27 applications from Region 4, 7 from Region 1, and 3 from Region 3. In total, there were 21 community wide assessment grants, 1 site specific assessment grant, 4 assessment coalition grants, 9 cleanup grants, and 2 revolving loan fund grants.