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- All participants will be muted
- Please submit questions via the Q&A pane
- A recording of this webinar as well as a copy of the presentation will be made available on the NJIT TAB website under "Resources"
- Please fill out the post event survey



NJIT TAB – EPA REGION 2

NJIT has served as an EPA designated technical assistance provider since 2008

NJIT TAB serves as an independent resources to: state, territory, regional, county, tribal, and local government entities, and nonprofits attempting to learn about, identify, assess, cleanup and redevelop brownfields.

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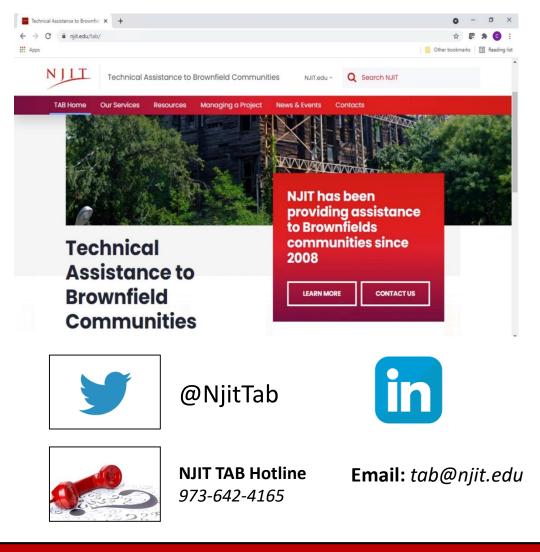


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Assistance is provided through...

- Resource Center
- Brownfield Educational Forums
- One-on-one Technical Assistance

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EPA Brownfield Grants

GET A JUMP ON THE COMPETITION!





EPA Brownfield Grants

- Brownfield Assessment Grants provide funding for brownfields inventories, planning, environmental assessments, and community outreach.
- Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grants provide funding to capitalize loans that are used to cleanup brownfields.
- Brownfield Cleanup Grants provide funding to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites by the applicant.
- Brownfields Multipurpose Grant provide funding to conduct a range of eligible planning, assessment and cleanup activities at one or more brownfield sites in target area(s).

Available to State, County, Local, and Tribal Governments as well as Non-profits



Typical EPA Solicitation Cycle

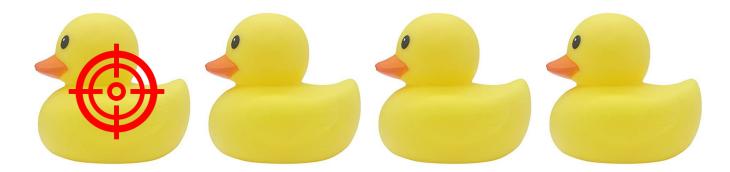
- Request for Applications (RFA) Fall
- Submission Date Approximately 6 weeks after RFA
- Announcement of Successful Grant Applicants Spring
- Funding become available to grantees Late Summer





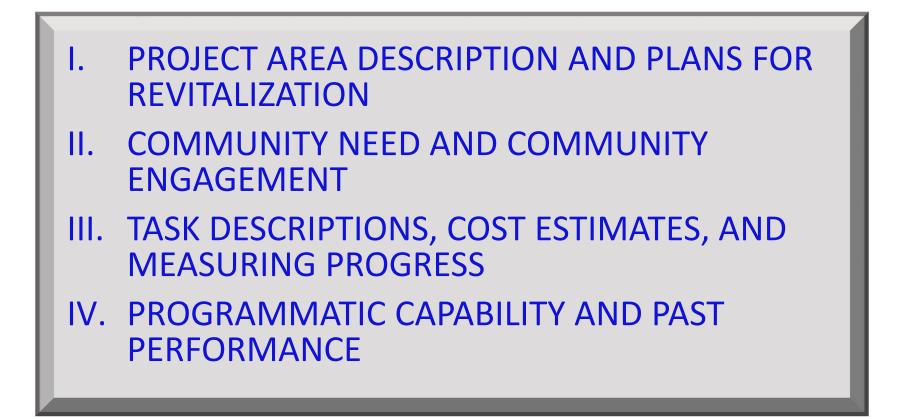
Why Starting Early is Important?

- Only six weeks from RFA to submission date
- Builds a solid planning foundation or continues existing planning efforts
- Provides time to address EPA application emphasis areas
- Allows for more involved technical assistance





Narrative Ranking Criteria





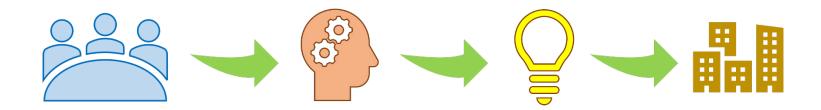
What You Should Start Now

✓ Community Engagement ✓ Demographic & Health Data Collection ✓ Identification of Relevant Planning **Efforts & Documentation** Brownfields Identification and Prioritization

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Community Engagement

- Begin community/stakeholder outreach
- Identify project goals
- Identify completed outreach activities





Community Engagement

Identifying stakeholders/partners

Typical partners include:

- government agencies: federal, state, and local
- real estate development professionals
- colleges and universities
- banks/lenders
- chamber of commerce/business owners
- neighborhood associations and other community groups
- non-profits
- environmental consultants
- environmental justice organizations

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Also go beyond the 'usual suspects':

- faith based organizations
- arts and culture community
- medical community



Demographic & Health Data Collection

Community Need Data

Why is data critical for a competitive application?

- 1. Quantifies Community Needs and Challenges
- 2. Supports Community Story
- 3. Helps Identify Project Goals





Demographic & Health Data Collection

Identify data sources

Sources for Information:

- Census Data
- Health Department Data
- County Health Rankings
- Center for Disease Control
- State records
- Census tract data
- Community Health Needs Assessments

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- EPA EJSCREEN
- EPA Envirofacts



- Google Maps
- Recent local Comprehensive or Revitalization Plans
- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy or other Regional Plans
- Local Hospitals or Urgent Care Centers

Demographic & Health Data Collection

Websites for Information:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: National Environmental Health Tracking Network - <u>https://ephtracking.cdc.gov/</u>
- County Health Rankings and Roadmaps <u>https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/</u>
- City Health Dashboard - <u>https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/?gclid=CjwKCAjwxuuCBhATEiwAllIz0c0HYQ-</u> <u>Vq_NBiKjgRucUkJz267Syq8PiX3o4hdLT8EJ14FV_ac8MqhoCM18QAvD_BwE</u>
- EPA Envirofacts <u>https://enviro.epa.gov/</u>
- EJSCREEN <u>https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen</u>
- Poverty Statistics (USDA) <u>https://www.ers.usda.gov/topics/rural-economy-population/rural-poverty-well-being/</u>
- HealthData.gov <u>https://healthdata.gov/</u>
- National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System -<u>https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/index.htm</u>
- <u>HealthData.gov</u> <u>https://www.HealthData.gov</u>
- Kaiser Family Foundation <u>https://www.kff.org/statedata/</u>
- United States Virgin Islands Community Health Assessment -<u>https://doh.vi.gov/sites/default/files/USVI_CHA%202020_Final_06.02.20.pdf</u>

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Identification of Relevant Planning Efforts & Documentation

Plans to Consider:

- Target Area Specific Redevelopment Plans
- Master Plans
- Zoning
- Transportation Plans
- Stakeholder/Community Engagement Findings



How do planning activities/documents relate to focus area(s) and priority brownfield(s)?



Brownfield Identification and Prioritization

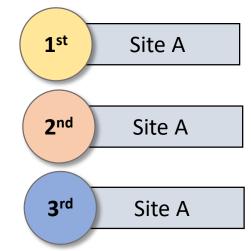
Why is site identification & prioritization important for a competitive application?

- ✓ Shows a Comprehensive Approach
- ✓ Makes the Best Case for Application Story
- ✓ Focuses Project Goals

Things to consider:

- Existing Brownfield Inventory
- Site(s) Location
- Meets Brownfield Definition
- EPA Eligibility
- Associated Compelling Data
- Site(s) Potential to Meet Project Goals
 - Site(s) Size
 - o Zoning
 - o Access

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All Things Considered

Which came first - your priority brownfields sites or your focus area?





Questions & Answers





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