

**DATE:** January 19, 2007



**HMTRI**

**TO:** Brownfields Job Development and Training grantees

**FROM:** Glo Hanne, Heidi Hilbert, and Mike Senew, HMTRI

**RE:** Annual Brownfields Job Training and Development grantee meeting

The Hazardous Materials Training and Research Institute (HMTRI), under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, invites you to attend the **ANNUAL BROWNFIELDS JOB TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTEE MEETING: STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION**, April 16-17, 2007, in Alexandria, Virginia. All grantees are strongly encouraged to attend. This meeting provides a unique opportunity to share a variety of approaches to Brownfields Job Training and Development. The focus of the meeting is for grantees to exchange information and ideas with each other and with EPA Regional/Headquarters representatives. The goal of the meeting is to assist every grantee to develop their best possible job training program. By attending, you will be provided the following opportunities:

1. Sharing information that will include basic program component guidelines necessary for successful completion of your program, initiatives that support and interact with Brownfields activities, key measures and expectations, partnering, and related job development program issues;
2. Sharing project plans and implementation strategies with other grant recipients and your EPA project officer; and
3. Sharing information on available technical resources and technical assistance sources.

## **AGENDA DETAILS**

This year's meeting will include an EPA-sponsored training session for using the Assessment, Cleanup, and Redevelopment Exchange System (ACRES). ACRES is EPA's new Web-based reporting tool for electronically submitting Brownfields grant data. FY06 Job Training grant recipients will be provided access to ACRES to electronically submit their Job Training Reporting Form data. Training is not required to use ACRES.

Along with the ACRES training mentioned above, this year's agenda will also include small group sessions. Please indicate three session topics that you are interested in or are having problems with in the space provided on the attached registration form. I will use the suggestions as guidance in developing the agenda. A draft agenda will be emailed to you before the meeting.

The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Monday evening, April 16. This will allow you to travel the same day. **Monday evening will be a working session so it is important that you arrive on time.** We will meet and share information all day on Tuesday, April 17. Breakfast and a working lunch will be provided on Tuesday and we will adjourn at 6:00 p.m. This will allow you more travel options to return home on Wednesday.

## **COST**

There is no fee to attend. Participants from out-of-town will have their lodging paid for two nights (Monday and Tuesday) through the master contract we have set up with the Hilton. A dessert bar will be provided on Monday evening, and a continental breakfast and a working lunch will be provided on Tuesday.

## **MEETING DETAILS AND HOTEL INFORMATION**

### **WHEN**

Monday, April 16, 2007

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Salon A and B

A dessert bar will be provided.

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Salon A and B

Continental breakfast and working lunch will be provided.

### **NOTE**

Monday evening will be an important working session.

**CASUAL DRESS IS REQUIRED!**

## WHERE

Hilton Alexandria Old Town  
1767 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
Reservations phone number: 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667)

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hilton. HMTRI will pay for your lodging costs, but you will be responsible for making your own hotel reservations. Call the reservations number listed above and identify yourself as being with the **BROWNFIELDS GRANTEE MEETING** to be put in the reserved block of rooms at the group rate of \$199. **The deadline for making reservations is Monday, March 26, 2007.** After that date, any remaining rooms will be released for general sale and will be handled on a space availability basis at a higher rate. ***If you make your reservation after the deadline and receive a higher rate, you will be responsible for paying the difference between the group rate and the higher rate.*** The hotel will ask for your credit card number when you call to make your reservation only to confirm your lodging and to pay for incidentals. The hotel must be notified of any cancellations 48 hours prior to your arrival date. ***Charges incurred for rooms not canceled within this time restraint will be billed to your credit card.***

## MATERIALS AND HANDOUTS

Please send us materials about your program to share with other participants. We are assembling three-ring binders with resources, a snap-shot of each EPA-funded Job Training program, and a complete participant list with contact information so you may continue networking after the meeting is over. Please mail your electronic or hard copy masters (hard copy preferred) to:

Mike Senew, HMTRI, 6320 Capital Blvd., Suite 116, Raleigh, NC 27616  
Phone: (919) 872-6601 Fax: (919) 872-6626 E-mail: [msenew@aol.com](mailto:msenew@aol.com)

Mike must receive your masters no later than Monday, April 1 for them to be included in the binders. If you have color brochures or something similar that is not easily duplicated, please send Mike 60 copies to insert in the binders. No duplicating will be done on-site so last minute materials will be duplicated and distributed by mail after the workshop. Examples of materials may include but is not limited to:

- Program summaries
- Brochures
- Successes and failures of your program
- Curriculum
- Recruitment and/or placement materials
- Administrative forms and/or applications
- Survey forms
- Certificates
- Video/CD/DVD presentations
- Progress reports
- Anything else you would like to share

## HOW TO REGISTER

A registration form is included with this letter. Please include all of the requested information in an email to Glo at [ghanne@eicc.edu](mailto:ghanne@eicc.edu) or complete the form and fax it to (563) 441-4080. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2007.**

The effectiveness of this meeting depends on the participation of EPA regional project officers and a representative from each Job Training program. ***You are strongly encouraged to attend.*** If you have any questions, please contact Glo at (563) 441-4081 or toll-free at (866) 419-6761, or by E-mail at [ghanne@eicc.edu](mailto:ghanne@eicc.edu).

Thank you. We hope to see you soon!



# REGISTRATION FORM

## ANNUAL BROWNFIELDS JOB TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTEE MEETING: STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

April 16-17, 2007  
Alexandria, Virginia

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Which Job Training Program are you representing?

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Please list three general topics that you would like to have included in the meeting agenda.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Please fax or email this registration  
BEFORE March 26, 2007  
to:

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Fax: (563) 441-4080  
E-mail: [ghanne@eicc.edu](mailto:ghanne@eicc.edu)