

Provider Information

Tab Provider:

New Jersey Institute of Technology

EPA Regions Served:

1, 2 (through 2013), and 3

Areas of Expertise:

Interpret environmental laws and regulations and technical documents, site cleanup and redevelopment strategic planning, community engagement, workshops on brownfield issues

Contacts

For further information about the New Jersey Institute of Technology and its technical assistance to brownfields communities, visit www.njit.edu/tab. To reach the NJIT TAB Hotline, call (973) 642-4165.

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site at www.epa.gov/brownfields or call (202) 566-2777.

EPA Technical Assistance to Brownfield Communities Program

EPA's Technical Assistance to Brownfield Communities Program (TAB) empowers states, tribes, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

The TAB Program funds organizations such as the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) who work with a network of partner organizations to provide technical assistance to communities and other stakeholders helping them tackle the challenge of assessing, cleaning up, and preparing brownfields sites for redevelopment, especially underserved, rural, small, and otherwise distressed communities. Technical assistance being provided through NJIT's TAB Program helps communities increase their understanding and involvement in brownfields cleanup and revitalization and move brownfield sites forward in the process toward cleanup and reuse. The NJIT TAB Program serves as an independent resource assisting state, regional, county, local and tribal government agencies and nonprofits. NJIT TAB's technical assistance includes: developing and assisting with community involvement activities regarding site cleanup, remediation and redevelopment; explaining the health impacts of brownfield sites; explaining the science and technology relating to brownfield site assessment, remediation, and site preparation activities; developing grant management techniques; prioritizing sites; developing strategies to integrate approaches to brownfield cleanup and redevelopment; facilitating stakeholder involvement; identifying sources of brownfields assessment and cleanup funding; explaining state brownfields and voluntary cleanup program requirements; and developing strategies for site redevelopment and facilitating redevelopment activities.

Organization Description

NJIT is one of the nation's leading public technology and research universities and has been providing brownfield services to Northeast U.S. communities for 20 years. The NJIT TAB Program multi-disciplinary team consists of professionals with applied research, government, industry and consulting experience. The program taps the collective experience of team members who have participated in many facets of brownfields assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment.

Technical Assistance Provided

NJIT's TAB Program provides assistance to communities throughout the brownfields reuse process. From explaining legal and regulatory programmatic requirements to providing technical assistance related to site assessments, remediation and redevelopment, the NJIT TAB team professionals work hand-in-hand with communities. The NJIT TAB Program provides technical assistance through various means and tailors its assistance to individual community needs. For communities that have quick brownfield questions, the NJIT TAB team can be easily reached by telephone or via email. For communities that require more in depth assistance, the NJIT TAB team provides one-on-one technical mentoring and helps a community over the course of weeks to years on various brownfield site issues and sites. Other types of NJIT TAB assistance includes community visioning workshops, participation in public meetings, facilitating discussions amongst community stakeholders on many different brownfield issues, and designing and conducting seminars and workshops on specific brownfield issues. Additionally, NJIT hosts a technical assistance to brownfield communities website (www.njit.edu/tab) that contains information on many different brownfield issues and conducts webinars on various brownfield topics. NJIT TAB's services are provided at no charge to state, regional, county, local and tribal government agencies and nonprofits.