

Provider Information

TAB Provider:

Kansas State University

EPA Regions Served:

5, 6, 7, 8 and Nationwide

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 Kansas State University and its technical assistance to brownfields communities, visit www.ksutab.org. To reach KSU TAB Program, call (785) 532-6519.

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 Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program 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 Kansas State University (KSU), that work with a large team and 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 distressed communities.

Technical assistance being provided through KSU's TAB Program helps communities across the country increase their understanding and involvement in brownfields cleanup and revitalization, and moves brownfields sites forward in the process toward cleanup and reuse. KSU, through the TAB Program, among other things, will serve as an independent resource assisting communities with community involvement, better understanding the health impacts of brownfield sites, science and technology relating to brownfield site assessment, remediation, and site preparation activities, brownfield finance questions, information on integrated approaches to brownfield cleanup and redevelopment, facilitating stakeholder involvement, identifying sources of brownfields assessment and cleanup funding, understanding and complying with state brownfields and voluntary cleanup program requirements, and facilitating redevelopment activities.

Organization Description

KSU is a public university in Manhattan, Kansas with more than 23,000 students. Under the College of Engineering, the Center for Hazardous Substance Research at KSU conducts research, education, and service pertaining to environmental topics. Through this Center, KSU provides TAB assistance to communities dealing with environmental issues, including tailored support based on specific needs. The program taps the collective experience of team partners who have experience in many facets of brownfields assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment.

Technical Assistance Provided

KSU provides technical assistance and education to urban, rural and tribal brownfields communities and guides communities through the entire brownfields revitalization process. KSU often works with city, county, and redevelopment agency officials, providing assistance during brownfields assessment, cleanup, and reuse. Among other things, KSU helps identify potential funding sources for revitalization projects; assists with redevelopment planning and community outreach by providing visioning workshops; reviews brownfields grant applications; provides economic feasibility studies, assists with environmental contractor selection; reviews and summarizes technical documents; serves as a liaison between communities and state or federal agencies; and offers workshops, seminars, and trainings on brownfields-related topics. Customized technical assistance is available to address many additional brownfields issues a community might have. The Center also offers two free, online tools: (TAB EZ) to help in preparing EPA Brownfields grant applications (www.tabez.org), and the Brownfields Inventory Tool (BIT, at www.tab-bit.org).

Nationwide coverage will include the online tools (including a new one on assessing and building community capacity), a resource center, national webinars and workshops on brownfield basics, redevelopment, building and enhancing tribal response programs, leveraging both EPA and non-EPA resources, and other national tools for evaluating public health impacts at brownfield sites and help in prioritizing your brownfields.