

# Brownfields 2020 Job Training Fact Sheet

## *Southern University at Shreveport, Allendale, Ledbetter Heights, Lakeside, Cedar Grove, Martin Luther King, Jr., Queensborough neighborhoods, Shreveport, LA*

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### Overview of the EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, 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 Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act of 2002, as amended by the Brownfields Utilization, Investment and Local Development Act of 2018, was passed to help states and communities around the country clean up and revitalize brownfield sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through five competitive grant programs: Multipurpose Grants, Assessment Grants, Revolving Loan Fund Grants, Cleanup Grants, and Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grant funds are provided to nonprofit organizations and other eligible entities to recruit and train unemployed and underemployed residents from solid and hazardous waste-impacted communities and place them in environmental jobs. To date, EPA has funded 305 job training grants totaling over \$63 million through the Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training program. As of October 2019, more than 18,300 individuals have completed training, and of those, almost 13,700 have obtained employment in the environmental field, an average starting wage of over \$14 an hour. This equates to a cumulative placement rate of approximately 75% since the program was created in 1998.

### Job Training Grant

\$200,000.00

EPA has selected the Southern University at Shreveport for an Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grant. The Southern University at Shreveport plans to train 60 students and place at least 51 graduates in environmental jobs. The training program includes 290 hours of instruction in 40-hour HAZWOPER, OSHA 10-hour construction industry safety, OSHA 30 construction industry safety, renovation, repair, and painting, asbestos worker, forklift operator, manlift operator, mold remediation, confined space entry, asbestos abatement, and lead abatement. Participants who complete the training will earn three state and nine federal certifications. The Southern University at Shreveport is targeting residents of the low-income and high unemployment neighborhoods of Allendale, Ledbetter Heights, Lakeside, Cedar Grove, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Queensborough in Shreveport, with an emphasis on recruiting and training ex-offenders. Key partners include the City of Shreveport Department of Community Development, Goodwill Industries of North Louisiana Inc., Volunteers of America of North Louisiana, Biomedical Research Foundation of Northwest Louisiana, Caddo Parish Department of Juvenile Services, National Association of Women Judges, 1 Priority Environmental Services, and Abatement Services Inc.

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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