

Brownfields 2025 Job Training Fact Sheet

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EPA Information

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Job Training Grant

\$315,000.00

EPA has selected Southwest Economic Solutions for a Brownfields Job Training Grant. Southwest Economic Solutions plans to train 60 students and place 34 in environmental jobs. The training program includes 110 hours of instructional training, as detailed in the chart below. Students who complete the training will earn up to 12 federal certifications. Southwest Economic Solutions is targeting students within the City of Detroit, with a focus on unemployed, underemployed, and economically underserved adults, as well as veterans and individuals experiencing homelessness. Key partners include the American Job Center, the Michigan Works Agency, Detroit at Work, Detroit Home Builders, the Michigan Department of Corrections, and North America's Building Trades Unions.

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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Certificates & Technical Curriculum Supported by EPA

- 40-Hour HAZWOPER
- OSHA 30-Hour Health and Safety
- Asbestos Abatement Worker
- OSHA 30-Hour Construction or General Industry

Other Curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead Abatement Worker • National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER): Introduction to Material Handling • NCCER: Basic Safety in the Construction Site • Introduction to Construction Math • Introduction to Hand Tools • Introduction to Power Tools • Introduction to Construction Drawings • Introduction to Basic Rigging
Additional Skills and Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Communication Skills • Basic Employability Skills

Overview of the EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, Tribal Nations, 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, Tribal Nations, 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 Brownfields Job Training Grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Brownfields Job Training Grant funds are provided to nonprofit organizations and other eligible entities to recruit and train unemployed and underemployed residents from communities affected by environmental pollution, economic disinvestment, and brownfields and place them in environmental jobs. Since the program was created in 1998, EPA has awarded 430 job training grants totaling over \$113.1 million through Brownfield Job Training Programs. With these grants, approximately 23,460 individuals have completed training and over 17,450 individuals have been placed in careers related to land remediation and environmental health and safety. This equates to a cumulative placement rate of approximately 74 percent. The average starting wage for these jobs over the last five years is approximately \$23 an hour.

The information presented in this fact sheet comes from the grant application; EPA cannot attest to the accuracy of the information. The cooperative agreement is negotiated after the selection announcement. Therefore, the funding amount and activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.