Brownfields 2026 Job Training Fact Sheet

Alaska Forum, Inc., AK

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Job Training Grant

$480,500.00

EPA has selected Alaska Forum Inc. for a Brownfields Job Training Grant. Alaska Forum Inc. plans to train 100 students. The training program includes 184 hours of instructional training, as detailed in the chart below. Students who complete the training will earn up to 13 federal certifications. Alaska Forum Inc. is targeting Alaska natives, low-income individuals, unemployed and underemployed workers, veterans, and justice-involved individuals within rural and remote Alaska communities. Key partners include the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Defense, Department of the Interior, Environmental Management Inc., Republic Services, Jacobs, ChemTrack, and Anchorage Solid Waste Services.

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 • Confined Space Entry • Hazardous Materials Operations • Environmental Field Sampling • Asbestos Abatement • Lead Abatement

	• RCRA Waste Management • Disaster Site Worker (OSHA 7600) • CPR/First Aid
Other Curriculum	• Community Emergency Response Team • Alaska Landfill Operator • Bear Awareness and Firearms Safety • Household Hazardous Waste • HAZWOPER Refresher • Asbestos Refresher
Additional Skills and Services	• Job Readiness and Life 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 456 job training grants totaling over $119.8 million through Brownfield Job Training Programs. To date, excluding pilot program years, approximately 22,400 individuals completed training, and over 16,600 individuals have been placed in careers related to land remediation and environmental health and safety. This equates to a cumulative placement rate of 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.