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OER Updates

Brownfield WORKS! Wage Subsidy Program 2011



NYC OER, in partnership with NYC HRA and local environmental training programs, is happy to announce Brownfield Works! – NYC’s Subsidized Brownfield Job/Training Program.

This program provides employers reimbursement of wages up to \$12/hour for hiring qualified graduates of local environmental technician training programs and providing 105 hours of training within the subsidy period. (The training may be class-based, online, or on-the-job.)

Contact [Lee Ilan](#) to get the form to describe your job/training, a flyer about the program, and a description of the training programs that graduates have completed. Start now to take advantage of the full six-month subsidy.

NYC Brownfield Cleanup Program



The NYC BCP is now accepting applications for enrollment. OER is pleased to announce that so far in 2011, 7 new projects have been admitted into the NYC BCP and have obtained an approved Remedial Action Work Plan.

Interested parties are encouraged to [contact OER](#) for more information.

NYC Brownfield Incentive Grant Program



Since the Brownfield Incentive Grant (BIG) Program launched in 2010, OER has approved six grants to community organizations and ten grants for cleanup and redevelopment projects in New York City. With these grants, we have already earmarked over \$750,000 to projects in all five boroughs.

BIG grants for projects enrolled in the NYC Brownfield Cleanup Program are eligible for funding ranging from \$60,000 to \$140,000.

BIG grants for \$5,000 are also available for qualifying hazardous materials e-designation projects that have received a Notice of Satisfaction from OER.

For more information on BIG Grants, visit www.nyc.gov/big or contact the BIG Program Administrator at 212.380.1562 or at Grants@nycBIG.info.

OER Receives Grant to Promote Brownfield Education

The Rockefeller Brothers Fund has awarded the Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation and the Mayor's Fund for New York City a grant to help establish online educational materials, including videos and documentaries, to promote broader public education on environmental investigation cleanup and redevelopment of brownfield properties. The project will be performed in collaboration with three New York City library systems to make educational materials more readily available to the public.

PlaNYC 2.0 Upcoming Release

In fall 2010, OER took part in community meetings throughout the city to prepare for this *PlaNYC* update. These meetings gave New Yorkers in all five boroughs an opportunity to share their ideas on how to create a greener, greater New York and contribute to the update process of *PlaNYC*.

PlaNYC was released on Earth Day 2007 to outline New York City's sustainability plan. The plan was designed to accommodate a projected population growth of one million New Yorkers over the next 20 years while enhancing the quality of life, protecting public health and the environment, creating economic opportunities, and combating climate change. Brownfield cleanup and redevelopment is essential to these goals. *PlaNYC* is currently being updated and will be released on Earth Day 2011, April 22. We are pleased to report that OER completed all *PlaNYC* 2007 initiatives.

For more information, visit www.nyc.gov/planyc2030.

Applications are being accepted for the following NYC Brownfield Partnership programs:

Big Apple Brownfield Awards

The NYC Brownfield Partnership is accepting nominations for its 2011 BIG Apple Brownfield Awards Program. The Awards honor the best examples of brownfield redevelopment projects in New York City.



Nominations are being accepted for the following categories:

- Affordable Housing Award
- Brownfield Opportunity Area
- Community Award
- Collaboration Award
- Community Outreach Award
- Economic Development Award
- Environmental Protection Award
- Green Building Award
- Innovation Award
- Open Space Award
- Sustainable Remediation Award

The Partnership's Brownfield Awards program aims to celebrate and bring public attention to the City's most successful brownfield clean-up and redevelopment projects, such as those that have utilized innovative remediation techniques, had positive effects on the community, and demonstrated ingenuity in sustainability and green construction.



The deadline to apply has been extended to **February 15, 2011**. For more information on eligibility requirements and nomination instructions, please visit the NYC Brownfield Partnership website at www.brownfieldnyc.org.

Scholarship Program for Brownfield Studies

The NYC Brownfield Partnership is accepting applications for its 2011 Scholarship Program for brownfield Studies.

The scholarship application deadline has been extended to **March 1, 2011** and the scholarship is open only to students enrolled at any of the colleges affiliated with CUNY.

Applicants must intend to pursue studies related to brownfields. For more information about applying and eligibility, visit www.brownfieldnyc.org.

NYC Brownfield Internship Program

The NYC Brownfield Partnership is currently accepting applications for the 2011 Internship Program. The program provides valuable experience for students interested in the brownfield profession by connecting them with NYC Brownfield Partnership member organizations. To apply, students should e-mail their resume and cover letter to info@brownfieldnyc.org. Applications are accepted on a **rolling** basis.

Upcoming Brownfield Events

Northeast Sustainable Communities Workshop: February 17, Bridgeport, CT

The 3rd Annual Northeast Communities Workshop will be held **February 17, 2011** in Bridgeport, CT. The workshop will highlight best practices in brownfields redevelopment and sustainable communities from across the region. Mayor Bill Finch will deliver the keynote address highlighting his sustainability initiative, BGreen 2020, that is co-managed by RPA. Visit www.nscw.net to view the Agenda and Register.

2011 National Brownfields Conference: April 3-5, Philadelphia, PA



The National Brownfields Conference 2011 will take place in Philadelphia on **April 3-5, 2011**. It is the largest, most comprehensive conference focused on redeveloping America's brownfield properties and promoting environmental revitalization and economic redevelopment.

Registration for the conference is **FREE** so sign up today and gain

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access to the educational program, as well as outstanding plenary sessions, 200 exhibitors, scores of networking events, film screenings, book signings, and much, much more. For more information please visit the conference website at www.brownfields2011.org

Note that OER Director Dan Walsh is speaking on the following panels:

- April 4 Patient Partnerships
 - April 4 Innovations: Progressive Programs and Policies
 - April 5 Collaborative Approaches to Area-Wide Brownfield Redevelopment
 - April 5 Tracking and Evaluating Brownfields Programs
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