

Kansas State University

Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Communities Fact Sheet

Provider Information

Tab Provider:

Kansas State University

EPA Regions Served:

5 and 7

Areas of Expertise:

Grant proposal writing, workshops on brownfields issues, review of contractor bids and technical reports, community engagement

Contacts

For further information about Kansas State University and its technical assistance to brownfields communities, visit <http://www.engg.ksu.edu/chsr/outreach/tab/>. For more information about this project, call (785) 532-6474.

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 <http://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. TAB provides technical assistance to Brownfields Grantees and other communities facing brownfields challenges. TAB providers assist communities with reviewing and explaining brownfield related technical reports; providing information about basic science, environmental policy and other technical matters related to brownfield sites; helping to understand health risks associated with a brownfield property; providing information to assist with understanding environmental issues and how they affect brownfield cleanup and redevelopment; and facilitating brownfield redevelopment efforts by supporting community and other stakeholder involvement activities.

Organization Description

Kansas State University (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.

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, or 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 contractor selection; reviews and summarizes technical documents; reviews brownfields grant applications; assists with community outreach by providing visioning workshops; 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 a free, online tool (TAB EZ) to help writing EPA Brownfields grant applications (<http://www.tabez.org>).