



# Brownfields 2025

*Sustainable Communities Start Here*

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## Building Futures: Supporting Communities with U.S. EPA's Brownfields Job Training Grant

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# Disclaimer

The EPA's Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR) currently has an open Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and grant competition. Please be advised that EPA employees will not address any questions beyond Threshold Questions, nor discussing topics related to the NOFO or the competition during this conference. For Threshold Questions, we will refer only to the information available in the Frequently Asked Questions Document or the NOFO itself.

# Agenda

1. Understanding the EPA's Brownfields Job Training Program
2. Program Showcase
3. Introduction to Technical Assistance & Support Resources
4. Mini Roundtable Discussions
5. Closing



# Understanding the EPA's Brownfields Job Training Program

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# The Brownfields Job Training Program is designed to:

- Recruit, train, and place unemployed and under-employed residents from communities impacted by brownfields.
- Help graduates develop wider skill sets that improve their ability to secure full-time, sustainable employment within the larger environmental field.
- Further sustainable community revitalization by ensuring that residents benefit from the revitalization and cleanup of brownfields.



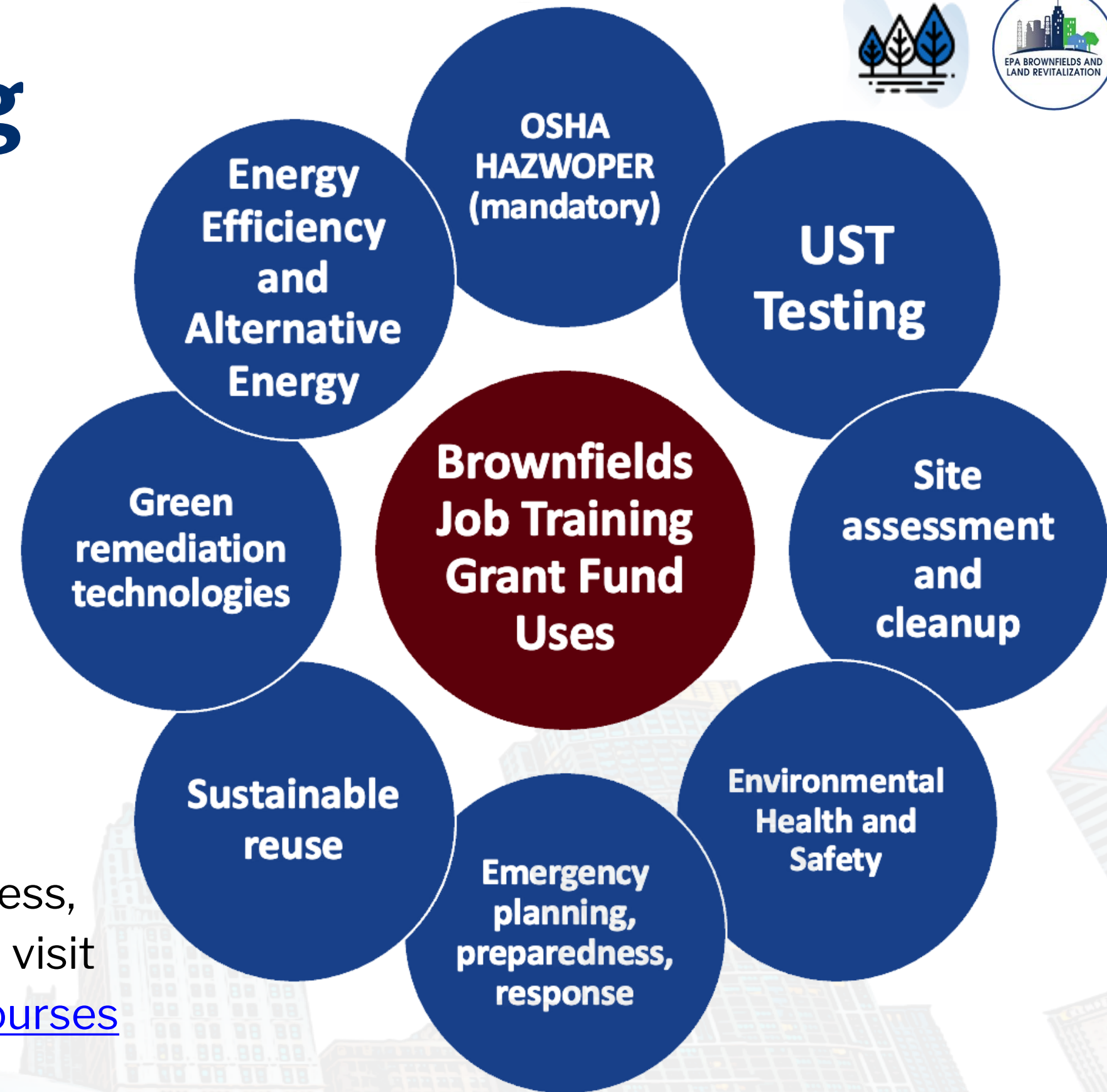
*Region 9, Los Angeles Conservation Corps HAZWOPER Training*



# What Types of Training Are Eligible?

All training must relate to facilitating the inventory of brownfield sites, site assessments, remediation of brownfield sites, community involvement, or site preparation.

**Note:** All the above training can be delivered at awareness, intermediate, or advanced levels. For more information visit [List of Eligible and Ineligible Brownfield Job Training Courses](#) available on the [Brownfields Job Training page](#).





# What Types of Costs Are Eligible?



## Additional eligible uses of grant funds:

- Personnel costs for instructors to conduct training, fringe benefits, and/or tasks associated with programmatic reporting requirements
- Costs for screening and placement of students
- Costs associated with health exams, drug testing, licensing fees
- Costs for training materials and work gear associated with the training curriculum
- Outreach activities directed toward engaging prospective employers to be involved in the job training program and to hire graduates
- Participant support costs (up to 40% of the grant funds)
  - Transportation
  - Childcare
  - Time for participating in training



*Region 9- Job Training class, Los Angeles  
Conservation Corps*

# Who is Eligible to Apply?

## Eligible Entities:

- City, county, state, Tribe, other general purpose unit of local government
- Regional council
- Workforce Investment Board or One-Stop Center
- Nonprofit organization
- Redevelopment agencies
- Colleges and universities

## You are **NOT** eligible to apply if you are:

- Nonprofit organizations described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engage in lobbying activities as defined in Section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995
- For-profit or proprietary organization or trade school



# Project Period of Performance



The project period for these grants is **up to 5 years**:

- Year 1 & 2: recruitment and screening/beginning of training
- Year 3 & 4: continued recruitment and screening/continuation and conclusion of training
- Year 5: placement and tracking of graduates and reporting results to EPA



*Students of the Isles, Inc. Brownfields Job Training Program.*



# Resources

Find the **FY26 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)** and **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)** at:

<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/fy-2026-brownfields-job-training-grants>





# Program Showcase

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PathStone Corporation, Puerto Rico





BluePrint502, Louisville, KY





Coalfield Development, West Virginia



# Introduction to Technical Assistance & Support Resources

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TO BROWNFIELDS**  
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# Brownfields Job Training Technical Assistance



- Professional Learning Community (PLC) Calls
- Resource Development & Webinars
- 2025 Best Practices Guide
- Virtual 1-on-1 Support



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[www.epa.gov/brownfields/forms/brownfields-job-training-program-technical-assistance-inquiry-form](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/forms/brownfields-job-training-program-technical-assistance-inquiry-form)



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# Professional Learning Community

- Connect with BFJT grantees, prospective applicants, technical assistance providers, and EPA staff.
- Share best practices and real-world strategies for program implementation
- Troubleshoot challenges
- Hear grantee success stories and foster peer-to-peer learning
- Stay up to date on EPA resources and upcoming opportunities

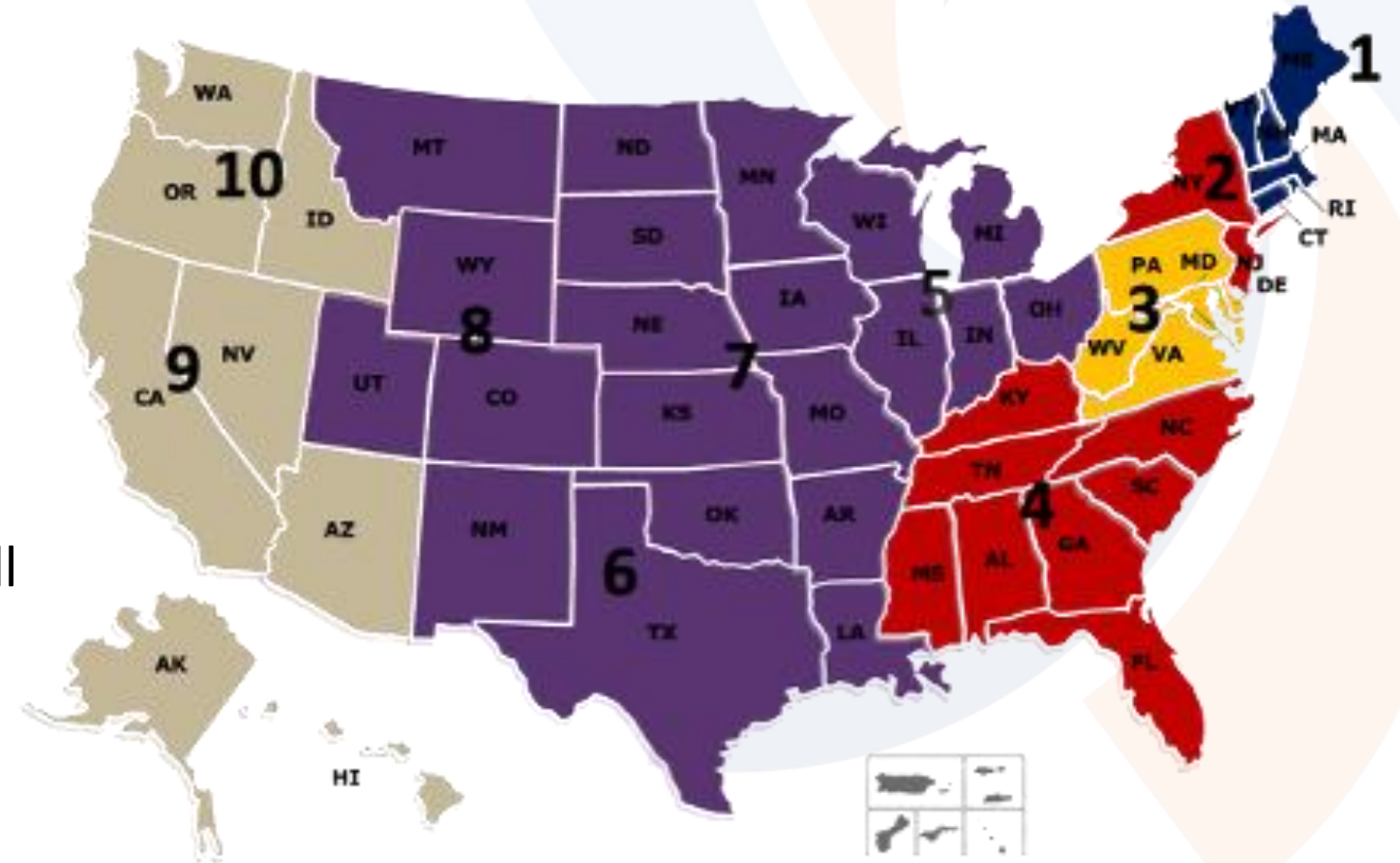


To be included on the invites for future PLC calls, submit an [inquiry form](#) and state in the "Inquiry" field a request to "Add me to future PLC call invites."



# Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB)

- National program funded by U.S. EPA
- Assist communities and tribes with the brownfield assessment, cleanup and redevelopment process
- Planning, environmental and economic development expertise
- Dedicated TAB services provider for each EPA region & a dedicated TAB services provider for all federally recognized Tribes & Alaska Native villages
- Services provided are FREE and tailored to address specific community needs
- Webinars, workshop, e-tools (e.g., BiT, TAB EZ) and online resources
- And much, much more...



[University of Connecticut](#) – EPA Region 1

[New Jersey Institute of Technology \(NJIT\)](#) – EPA Regions 2

[Mid-Atlantic TAB](#) – EPA Region 3

[Kansas State University \(KSU\)](#) – EPA Regions 5, 6, 7, & 8

[Center for Creative Land Recycling \(CCLR\)](#) – EPA Regions 9 & 10

[KSU – ITEP – ANTHC](#) – Tribal TAB

# TAB Can Review your Draft Job Training Grant Application

Regional TAB staff will provide a thorough review of your EPA Grant application!

**Review Time: ~3 to 4 business days.**

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# Mini Roundtable Sessions

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## TABLE 2 | GRANT READINESS

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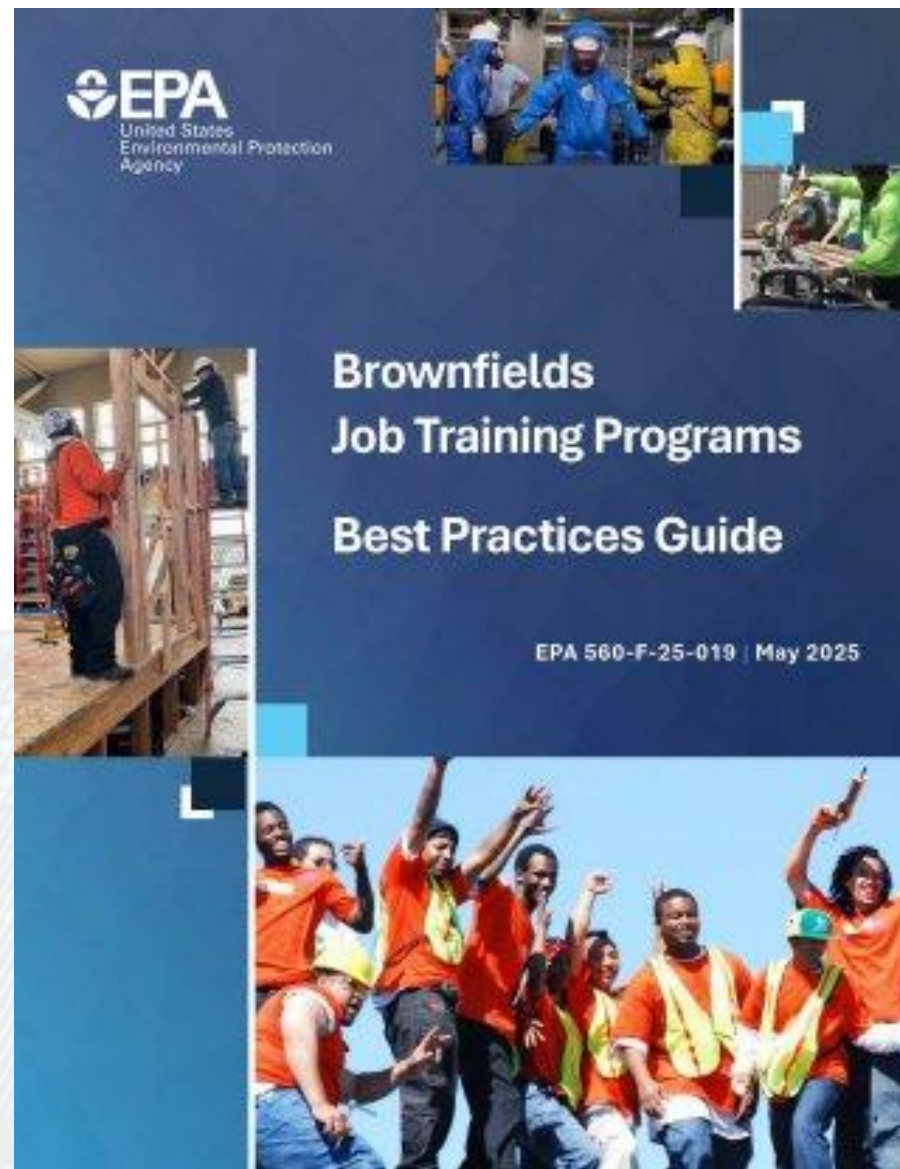
## TABLE 3 | IS THIS THE RIGHT PROGRAM FOR ME? (BFJT BEGINNER)

DANIELLE GETSINGER

## TABLE 4 | OVERCOMING BARRIERS TO PROGRAM SUCCESS (BFJT INTERMEDIATE)

KRISANDRA PROVENCHER

# 2025 Brownfields Job Training *Best Practices Guide*



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# Thank You!

- Upcoming Professional Learning Community (PLC) Call: Wednesday, September 17th
- If you or an associate would like to receive notice of upcoming meetings and events, send your contact information to: [brownfieldsjobtraining@adaapta.com](mailto:brownfieldsjobtraining@adaapta.com)
- Submit an inquiry or request for technical assistance at [www.epa.gov/brownfields/forms/brownfields-job-training-program-technical-assistance-inquiry-form](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/forms/brownfields-job-training-program-technical-assistance-inquiry-form)



