U.S. EPA Environmental Workforce and Job Training Grant Awards for 2015



Grantee/Location	Class Metrics	Training Offered	Certifications Provided	Students Targeted	Key Partners	Grant Amount
CLIMB Community Development Corporation; Gulfport, Mississippi MS	Train 40 students and place at least 30 graduates in environmental jobs.	Up to 200 hours of training in 40-hour HAZWOPER, invasive species management, and National Incident Management System emergency response. In addition, CLIMB is leveraging funds from a U.S. Department of Labor grant to provide instruction in OSHA safety (40 hours), National Center for Construction Education and Research construction (300 hours), and job skills readiness and employability skills training (400 hours).	Five state or federal certifications.	Unemployed/ underemployed residents of the City of Gulfport and Harrison County, Mississippi, with a particular emphasis on disadvantaged youth and veterans.	Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District The Nature Conservancy Pascagoula River Audubon Center Mississippi Departments of Environmental Quality and Health City of Gulfport Harrison County WIN Job Center	\$192,300.00
Coalfield Development Corporation; Southern West Virginia.	Train 72 students, place at least 63 graduates in environmental jobs, and track graduates for three years.	The core training program includes 218 hours of instruction in 40-hour HAZWOPER; lead and asbestos abatement; lead renovation, repair, and painting; mold awareness; methamphetamine lab cleanup; chemical inventory, storage, and handling; site surveying and blueprint reading; and several job readiness and life skills training courses that are being leveraged by partners.	Seven state or federal certifications and licenses.	Underemployed/ unemployed residents of Cabell, Wayne, Lincoln, and Mingo Counties in West Virginia, with an emphasis on young adults, veterans, and coal miners living in areas environmentally degraded by coal mining.	West Virginia Region 2 Workforce Investment Board Wayne County Economic Development Authority Southern West Virginia Community Action Agency Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition Veterans Employment Council,	\$192,300.00
Denver Indian Center Inc.; Denver, Colorado	Train 52 students, place at least 37 graduates in environmental jobs, and track graduates for two years.	The core training program includes 118 hours of instruction, including coursework in 40-hour HAZWOPER; Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) asbestos contractor/supervisor; lead renovation, repair, and painting; and occupational safety and health training.	One state and four federal certifications.	Underemployed/ unemployed residents of metro Denver's seven-county region, including Native Americans.	Denver Indian Family Resource Center Denver Indian Health and Family Services Denver Public Schools Indian Education Program Colorado State Workforce Centers Rocky Mountain Indian Chamber of Commerce	\$192,300.00
Florida State College at Jacksonville; Jacksonville, Florida	Train 60 students and place at least 45 graduates in environmental jobs.	The core training program includes 277 hours of instruction in 40-hour HAZWOPER; disaster site work; National Incident Management System emergency response; asbestos work; lead renovation, repair, and painting; confined space entry; integrated	Up to eighteen state or federal certifications.	Unemployed/ underemployed individuals living in targeted urban areas in Jax, with emphasis on recruiting	CareerSource Jacksonville Housing Authority FSCJ Student Services FSCJ Foundation	\$192,300.00

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		pest management; blood-borne pathogens; OSHA construction safety; oil spill supervision; haz material technician; haz waste operator; and Florida stormwater, erosion & sedimentation control inspection.		ex-offenders, vets, single mothers, the homeless, low- income/ minority residents & displaced workers.	City of Jacksonville Goodwill Job Junction WorkSource	
The Fortune Society Inc.; New York, New York	Train 50 students and place 42 graduates in environmental jobs.	The core training program includes more than 240 hours of instruction in 40-hour HAZWOPER; innovative and alternative treatment technologies; stormwater management and green infrastructure; lead renovation, repair, and painting; disaster site worker; asbestos handler; OSHA confined space entry; global hazard communication; and several other awareness-level and advanced courses.	Up to eight state or federally recognized certifications.	Unemployed/ underemployed residents of New York City with criminal histories.	Newtown Creek Alliance Robin Hood Foundation New York City Office of Workforce Development CUNY Bronx Community College	\$192,300.00
Fresno Area Workforce Investment Corporation; Fresno, California	Train 70 students and place at least 60 graduates in environmental jobs.	All students will receive training in 40-hour HAZWOPER. Participants will then choose from among three tracks: 1) solid waste management or cleanup (up to 180 hours of instruction); 2) wastewater treatment certification (up to 414 hours of instruction); or 3) pest control advisor (up to 990 hours of instruction).	UCLA's recycling & solid waste management certificate, state wastewater treatment certificate or state pest control advisor license	Unemployed/ underemployed residents of Fresno County, with an emphasis on at-risk youth, veterans, and disadvantaged job seekers with barriers to training and employment.	 Fresno Economic Development Corporation Malaga County Water District Laborers' Training and Retraining Trust Fund for Northern California Clovis Community College Center 	\$192,300.00
Great Lakes Community Conservation Corps.; Racine, Wisconsin	Train 80 students and place at least 64 graduates in environmental jobs.	The training program includes 480 hours of instruction in 40-hour HAZWOPER, beginning wastewater operator, certified renovator, asbestos abatement, confined space entry, integrated pest management, blood-borne pathogens/emergency response, National Incident Management System training, solid waste management/debris collection and recycling, and a number of other advanced and awareness-level courses	Eleven state or federal certifications.	Underemployed/ unemployed residents of the City of Racine, including ex-offenders and veterans.	City of Racine Racine Vocational Ministry Racine Health Department Gateway Technical College Racine County Economic Development Corporation Racine County Workforce Development Center	\$192,300.00
Groundwork Providence; Providence, Rhode Island	Train 52 students and place at least 39 graduates in environmental jobs.	The training program covers 222 hours of classroom instruction, including core coursework in 40-hour HAZWOPER; OSHA 10-hour construction safety; underground storage tank operator training; lead renovation, repair, and painting; asbestos supervisor training; vapor intrusion and mold awareness; solid waste management; innovative and alternative treatment technologies; storm and wastewater management; and green infrastructure training.	Five state or federal certifications.	Unemployed/underemployed residents of the urban communities of Providence, Pawtucket, Central Falls, and Woonsocket.	Providence Housing Authority Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management Workforce Solutions of Providence/Cranston	\$192,300.00
Merrimack Valley Workforce Investment Board; Lawrence, Massachusetts	Train 45 students and place at least 32 graduates in environmental jobs.	The training program includes 200 hours of instruction and will be offered twice in English and once in Spanish. Core courses include 40-hour HAZWOPER, construction site/municipal stormwater management, OSHA 10-hour construction safety, asbestos worker, fall protection, deleader worker (Spanish-only), wastewater overview (Spanish-only), excavation safety (English-only), and backhoe/front-end loader (English-only). The English language training cycles will offer additional training in either asbestos	Ten state or federal certifications.	Unemployed/underemployed residents of the City of Lawrence	 City of Lawrence Community Development and Economic Development Departments Groundwork Lawrence Lawrence CommunityWorks Merrimack Valley Planning Commission 	\$192,300.00

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		supervisor and deleader worker or basic wastewater treatment and certified erosion, sediment, and stormwater inspector.				
Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board; Milwaukee, Wisconsin	Train 40 students and place at least 35 graduates in environmental jobs.	The core training program includes 212 hours of instruction in 40-hour HAZWOPER, asbestos operations and maintenance, lead-safe renovator, mold remediation worker, lead worker, blood-borne pathogens, first aid/CPR, and commercial driver's license.	Seven state or federal certifications.	Underemployed/ unemployed residents of Milwaukee's citydesignated Complete Milwaukee zone, an area of the city hardest hit by unemployment, poverty, and disinvestment.	 City of Milwaukee Milwaukee Housing Authority Milwaukee Christian Center Northcott Neighborhood House Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership/BIG STEP 	\$192,300.00
OAI Inc. (Opportunity Advancement Innovation in Workforce Development); Chicago, Illinois	Train 45 students and place at least 40 graduates in environmental jobs.	The core training includes four modules: environmental health and safety (82 hrs), stormwater management (400 hrs), ecological restoration and natural resources (485 hrs), and career guidance and environmental justice (90 hrs). The EPA grant will cover several technical courses, including 40-hour HAZWOPER, 10-hour OSHA construction safety, horticulture, low-impact development, green infrastructure installation, and ecological restoration. The remaining coursework will be leveraged by partners.	Five federal or state certifications and one regional certification.	Disadvantaged and, unemployed/ underemployed residents primarily from the South and West Sides of Chicago, including Empowerment Zones and Renewal Communities. A special emphasis will be placed on recruiting women, veterans, dislocated workers, exoffenders, and at-risk young adults	City of Chicago Department of Transportation and Mayor's Office WRD Environmental Forest Preserves of Cook County Literacy Chicago National Able Network Chicago Women in Trades Cook County Department of Environmental Control	\$192,300.00
Oregon Tradeswomen Inc.; Portland, Oregon	Train 50 students, place at least 42 graduates in environmental jobs, and track graduates for two years.	The core training includes 80 hours of instruction in 40-hour HAZWOPER, OSHA 10-hour safety, solid waste management, innovative and alternative treatment technologies, and coursework focusing on the Portland Harbor Superfund site. In addition, all students will receive 112 hours of in-kind job readiness and life skills training. Students who pursue the environmental focus track can choose electives in erosion and sediment control (16 hours), Building Performance Institute training (40 hours), or lead renovation, repair, and painting (16 hours).	Five state or federal certifications	Unemployed/ underemployed women living in industrial areas near the Portland Harbor Superfund site and the Columbia Slough, with a particular emphasis on single mothers, women of color, veterans, ex-offenders, and survivors of domestic violence.	 Portland Brownfields Program Groundwork Portland Portland Development Commission Portland Community College 	\$192,300.00
PathStone Corporation; Puerto Rico	Train 55 students and place 40 graduates in environmental jobs.	The core training program includes 140 hours of instruction in 40-hour HAZWOPER, pesticide application safety, asbestos and lead abatement, forklift training, and heavy vehicle operation with hazmat certification.	Six state or federal certifications.	Unemployed/ underemployed residents of the municipalities of Guayanilla, Penuelas, and Ponce, Puerto Rico.	 DISUR, Ponce and Suroeste Consortiums University of Puerto Rico, Occupational Safety Training Corp. ALTOL Training Center 	\$192,300.00
City of Richmond ; Richmond, California	Train 51 students and place at least 45 graduates in environmental jobs.	The core training program includes 366 hours of instruction in 40-hour HAZWOPER; lead and asbestos abatement; confined space entry; OSHA 10-hour construction safety; refinery safety (Bay Area Training Trust certification); emergency response; solar	Four federal, two state, and three industry certifications and licenses.	Low income and unemployed/ underemployed veterans and disadvantaged minority residents of Richmond.	 Richmond One-Stop, Literacy for Every Adult Program RichmondWORKS/WIB Contra Costa Community College 	\$192,300.00

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		installation; forklift, logistics, and warehouse training; and Richmond BUILD pre-apprenticeship construction.			Richmond Housing Authority San Pablo Economic Development Corporation	
Rose State College; Oklahoma, City, Oklahoma	Train 75 students and place at least 56 graduates in environmental jobs.	Each student will receive 136 hours of core training in 40-hour HAZWOPER, water and liquid waste treatment system operator, wastewater treatment plant lab operator, confined space entry, trenching and excavation, lock out/tag out, and respiratory protection. Additional in-kind career readiness and life skills training will be offered.	Two federal and three state certifications, including the basic certifications and licenses needed to become an entry-level wastewater operator in Oklahoma.	Underemployed/ unemployed residents of Oklahoma City, with a focus on recruiting lowincome minorities, women, and military veterans residing in 36 of the city's most impoverished census tracts.	 Oklahoma Water and Pollution Control Association Central Oklahoma Workforce Investment Board Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality Urban League of Greater Oklahoma City Oklahoma Municipal League 	\$192,300.00
St. Louis Community College; St. Louis, Missouri	Train 69 students and place at least 55 graduates in environmental jobs.	Each student will receive 244 hours of core training in 40-hour HAZWOPER; lead and asbestos abatement worker; mold remediation; lead renovator, repair, and painting; underground storage tank removal; environmental sampling and monitoring; stormwater management; innovative and alternate treatment technologies; OSHA 10-hour construction safety; OSHA chemical hazards; OSHA blood-borne pathogens; radiation worker; fall protection; confined space entry; and other advanced safety and ecosystem restoration coursework.	Nineteen federal, state, or university certifications. Two of the certifications will lead to four licenses, a license for Lead Abatement in Missouri and in Illinois, and a license for Asbestos Abatement also in both states. State certifications will be for both Missouri and Illinois, allowing graduates to work in the bi-state region.	Unemployed/ underemployed residents of the St. Louis metro area, including those living in the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County in Missouri, and in the City of East St. Louis in Illinois. Recruitment efforts will focus on individuals living in areas impacted by hazwaste sites, as well as dislocated workers and veterans.	St. Louis Development Corporation Eastern Missouri Laborers District Council Fathers' Support Center Connections to Success City of St. Louis and St. Louis County Workforce Investment Boards YouthBuild of St. Louis Operation Excel	\$192,300.00
Tarrant County College District; Tarrant County, Texas	Train 57 students and place at least 45 graduates in wastewater treatment facility jobs.	The core training includes 172 hours of instruction in 40-hour HAZWOPER and a suite of wastewater-related training that includes coursework in basic wastewater operation, treatment, and collection; water utility safety and calculations; and wastewater laboratory. Trainees also will participate in a 252-hour advanced wastewater internship program.	In addition to a HAZWOPER certification, graduates will earn a wastewater operator license from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.	Unemployed/ underemployed residents of Tarrant County, including military veterans.	 City of Fort Worth Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County United Way of Tarrant County American Water Works Association. 	\$158,462.00
West End Neighborhood House; Wilmington, Delaware	Train 60 students and place at least 50 graduates in environmental jobs.	The core training program includes 50 hours of instruction in 40-hour HAZWOPER and OSHA 10-hour construction safety. Students will then choose one of two tracks: 1) environmental remediation, which includes 58 hours of coursework in lead renovator, repair, and painting; asbestos worker; environmental field sampling; and forklift operator; or 2) wastewater operator, which includes 106 hours of coursework in wastewater operations and site visits. West End Neighborhood House will provide an additional 216 hours of in-kind life skills and GED preparation training.	Seven state or federal certifications.	Underemployed/ unemployed residents of Wilmington neighborhoods most impacted by brownfields, with an emphasis on recruiting veterans and low-income minorities	Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control Delaware Technical Community College Wilmington Office of Economic Development Delaware Economic Development Office Delaware Workforce Investment Board	\$192,300.00
Zander Environmental Health and Research Group; Alaska	Train 35 students, place 32 graduates in environmental jobs, and track graduates for 15	The core training program includes 193 hours of instruction, including coursework in 40-hour HAZWOPER, Freon recovery, home fuel tank assessment, resource recovery and solid waste management, landfill operator, forklift operator, wastewater	Up to 12 state or federal certifications or licenses.	Unemployed/ underemployed residents of small and rural Alaskan Native Villages.	 Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Association of Village Council Presidents Kawerak, Inc. 	\$192,300.00

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	months.	lagoon and honey bucket sanitation, spill and emergency response,			University of Washington Department of	
		hazard communication, confined space entry, site alternative			Environmental and Occupational Health	
		treatment, leaking underground and aboveground storage tank			Sciences	
		removal, Incident Command System training, water and soil			University of Alaska at Fairbanks.	
		sample collection, and sediment and erosion control.				

