



March 27, 2009

Mayor Thomas Friedel
And Common Council
Racine, WI 53403

Your Honor and Aldermen:

I respectfully request permission to apply and accept for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: Brownfields Job Training Grant through the Environmental Protection Agency. The Finance Department has been contacted for coordination, and the grant control number is 2009-011.

The grant is for \$500,000 over a one year period of time from July 1, 2009- June 30, 2010. Partners in the collaborative include Gateway Technical College, Racine County Workforce Development, Racine County Economic Development Corporation, City of Racine Development Department, and City of Racine Environmental Health Department. Community partners include Racine Vocational Ministry and First Choice Pre-Apprenticeship Program, and Racine/Kenosha Community Action Agency. This opportunity has two main purposes: The first is to provide environmental job training projects that will facilitate the assessment, remediation, or preparation of brownfield sites. The final purpose is to provide training for residents of communities affected by brownfields, to facilitate cleanup of brownfield sites and prepare trainees for future employment in the environmental field. The collaborative will provide the following roles:

1. **Gateway Technical College:** Curriculum Development, Training, and Certification
2. **Racine County Workforce Development:** Recruitment, Remediation (GED, life skills, case management) and Career Development Training.
3. **Racine County Economic Development Corporation:** Identifying/consulting with companies for job training needs and job placement.
4. **Racine/Kenosha Community Action Agency-** Weatherization and energy audit training.
5. **City of Racine Development:** Identifying brownfield sites.
6. **City of Racine Environmental Health:** Community/neighborhood education.
7. **Racine Vocational Ministry and First Choice Pre-Apprenticeship Program:** Referrals

There is no hard match requirement. However, a soft match is recommended.

Sincerely,



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