



January 27, 2011

Mayor John Dickert  
And Common Council  
Racine, WI 53403

Your Honor and Aldermen:

I respectfully request permission to apply for the 2011 Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grant through the Environmental Protection Agency. The Finance Department has been contacted for coordination, and the grant control number is 2011-007.

The grant is for \$300,000 over a two year period of time.. Partners in the collaborative include Gateway Technical College, Racine County Workforce Development, Racine County Economic Development Corporation, City of Racine Development Department, Racine Unified School District, Professional Services Group, Racine Family Y, and Human Capital Services (First Choice Pre-Apprenticeship Program) 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/Credit
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. **City of Racine Development:** Identifying brownfield sites.
5. **City of Racine Environmental Health:** Community/neighborhood education.
6. **First Choice Pre-Apprenticeship Program:** Referrals/Training
7. **Racine Unified School District:** Recruitment/Credit/ Distance Learning
8. **Professional Services Group:** Job Development

Outcomes include:

1. Help residents take advantage of jobs created by the assessment, cleanup, and management of solid and hazardous waste sites and facilities;
2. Provide training that leads to sustainable employment in the environmental field and green economy;



3. Improve community involvement and stimulate the development of constructive partnerships;
4. Foster self-sufficiency and enhance the skills and availability of labor for environmental remediation in communities impacted by environmental contamination; and
5. Enable residents to participate in the promotion of environmental health and occupational safety, both on the job and in their communities.

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

Sincerely,

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Grants Facilitator