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Hazardous Materials Training & Research Institute

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Capacity-builders who help communities develop successful job training programs

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## INTRODUCTION

Since its inception in 1995, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) [Brownfields Program](#) has recognized the importance of community participation when revitalizing abandoned, contaminated properties. It made little sense to invest in infrastructure and economic development when surrounding communities continued to experience high levels of poverty, crime, and a lack of employment opportunities. To assist underserved community residents living in areas affected by contaminated properties, EPA funded several pilot job training programs in 1998, called Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training (EWDJT), to demonstrate the feasibility of recruiting and training low-income, unemployed, and underemployed people living in areas affected by solid and hazardous waste. Through these pilot programs, participants acquired the skills and certifications they needed to secure full-time, sustainable employment in the environmental field. Graduates were, for the first time, able to participate in the economic benefits associated with the cleanup of their neighborhood.

The huge success of those initial pilot job training programs resulted in the expansion of the EWDJT program. Annual competitions for EWDJT funds allow nonprofit and other organizations to establish environmental job training programs in their communities. Since the program's inception, thousands of graduates have been placed in environmental careers with training provided, in part, by EPA's EWDJT program.

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# Professional Learning Community (PLC)

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30 min phone call every other week

- Wed, 2 p.m. ET
- 319.527.3513 Access code 550105
- Upcoming dates for PLC Cycle 21
  - July 17, 2019
  - July 31, 2019
  - August 14, 2019
  - August 28, 2019
  - September 11, 2019
  - September 25, 2019
  - October 9, 2019
  - October 23, 2019
  - November 6, 2019
  - November 20, 2019

# Questions?

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Attendees at HMTRI's 2018 All-Grantee Meeting

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