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TABEZ - Free E-Tool to Facilitate Writing of EPA Assessment and Cleanup Grants

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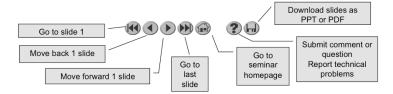
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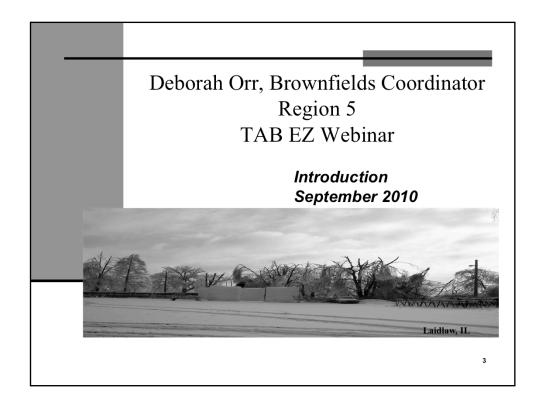
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# TAB EZ (www.tabez.org)

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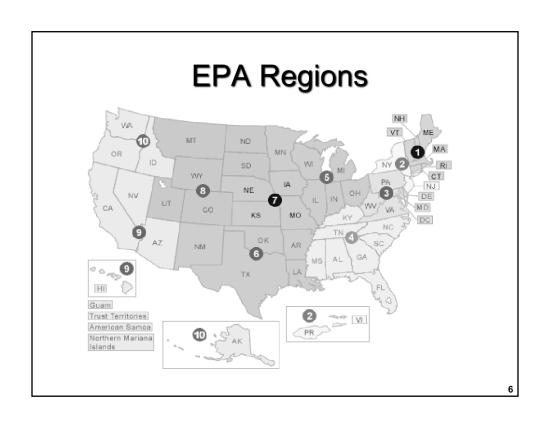
## Technical Assistance to Brownfield (TAB) Communities

- A national program
- Funded by EPA headquarters via grants to 4 different entities
- Free to communities
- K-State assists communities in EPA Regions 5 and 7





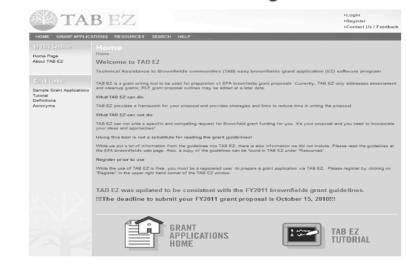
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#### **TAB Assistance to Communities**

- · Tailored to specific community needs
- Typically coordinated through the city, tribal or non-profit brownfields project manager
- May include:
  - Help identifying funding sources for revitalization projects
  - · Review of EPA and other grant applications
  - · Help finding a consulting firm
  - · Review of project plans, technical reports
  - · Assistance with community outreach/involvement
  - · Educational workshops and redevelopment visioning
  - Other assistance, as needed and agreed upon
- Communities accepted on a 'first come' basis
- · Depends on staff/funding availability

## Special Projects Web - based software: TAB EZ www.tabez.org







Free, online tool developed to simplify the EPA Brownfields grant application process



#### **Background**

- Prototype developed by Purdue University with EPA TAB funding (Midwest Hazardous Substance Research Center)
- Center for Hazardous Substance Research at Kansas State University developed latest version, released on September 4, 2008

#### WHY TAB EZ?

- Levels playing field for small/ rural communities, disadvantaged cities and towns and not-forprofits
- Tool is time and place independent: flexibility critical to community resources that are stretched to capacity
- Integrates brownfield education with support for all stakeholders

## What TAB EZ CAN and Can NOT do

#### TAB EZ can:

- provide a framework for the Community's proposal
- provides strategies and links to reduce time in writing the proposal

#### TAB EZ cannot:

 write a specific and compelling proposal for you It's your proposal!

# TAB EZ is NOT a substitute for reading the grant guidelines!!!

#### Features and Benefits to Users

- User friendly and can be accessed anytime at the user's own pace
- Integrates Brownfield education with online support: definitions, regulatory citations and pertinent federal/state web links
- Helpful Hints for every criteria to be addressed

#### **TAB Contacts**

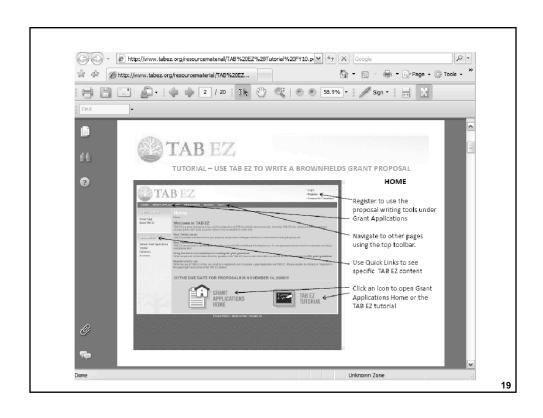
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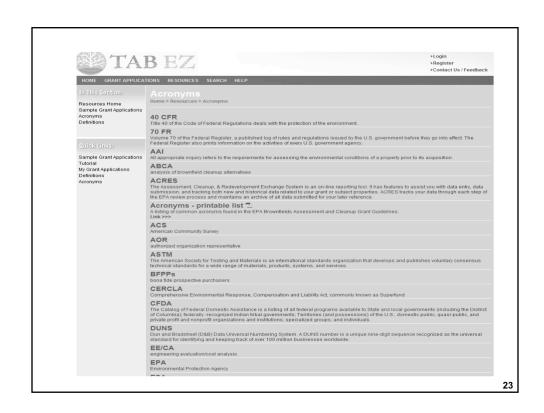






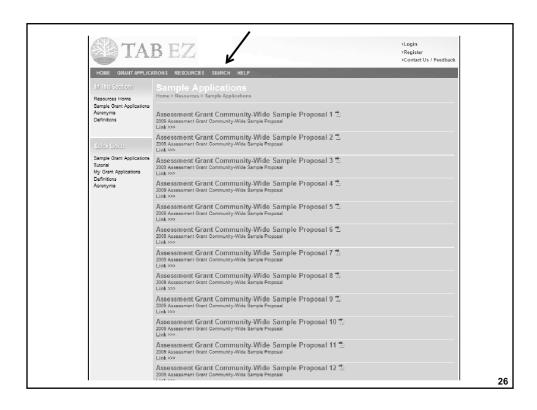


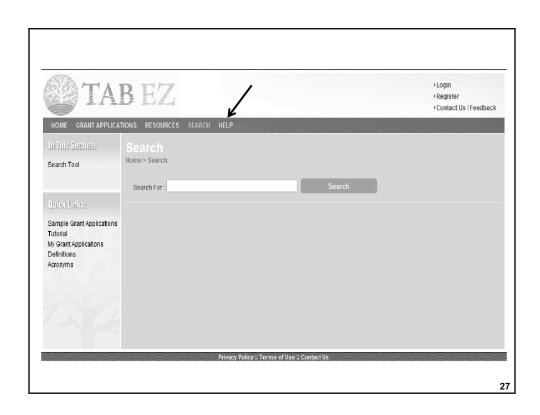


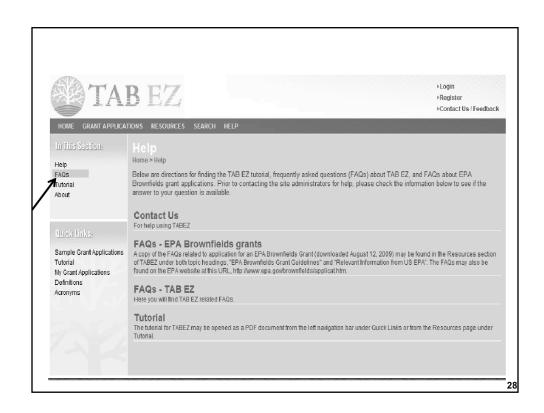


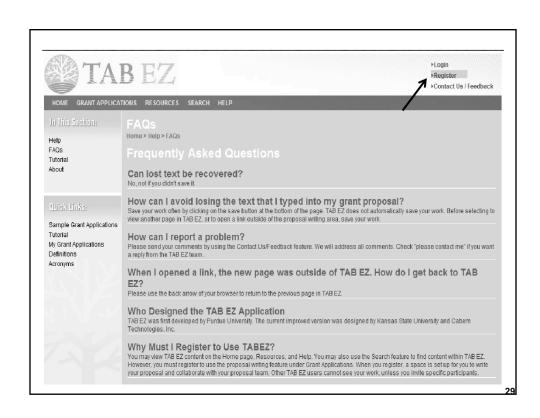














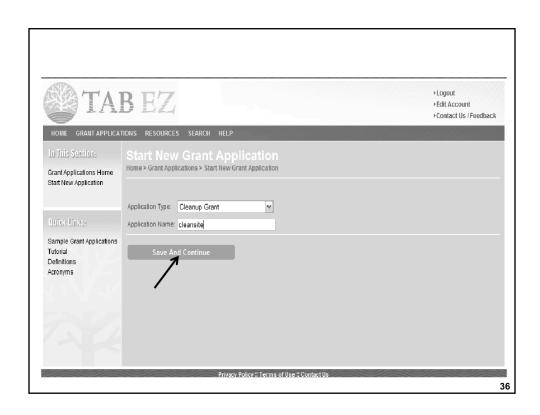
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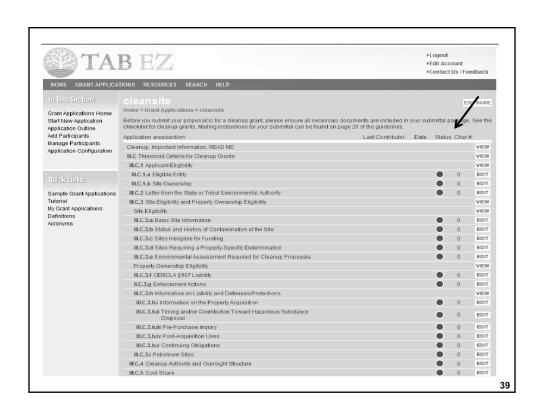


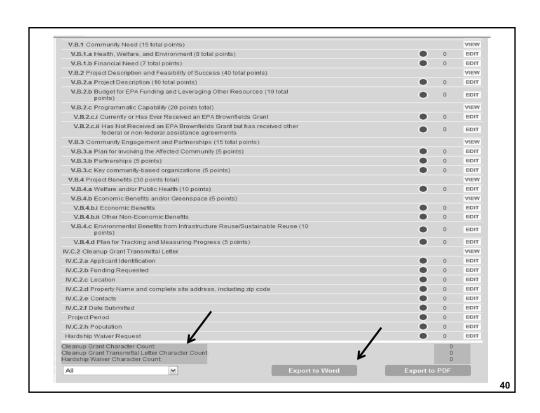




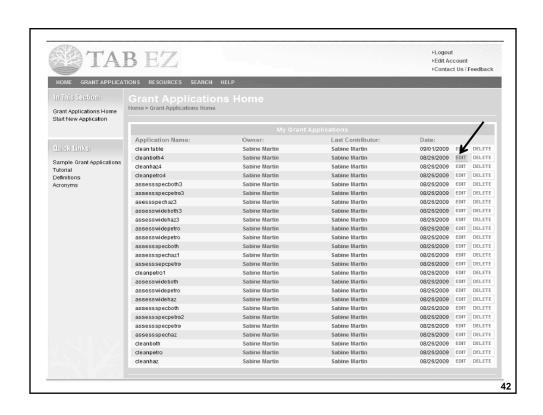


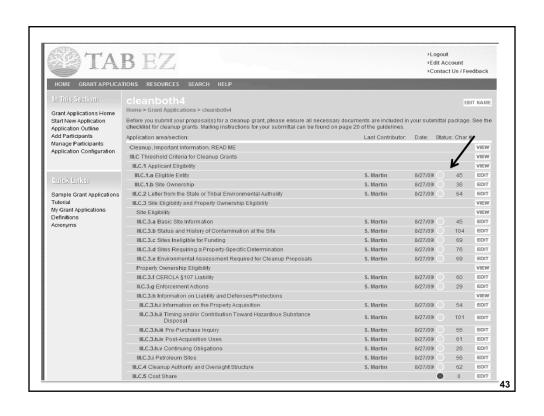


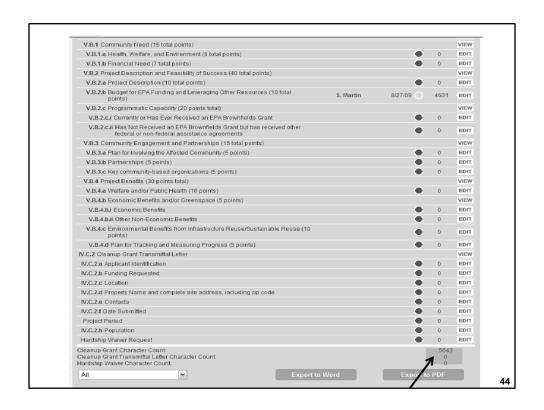


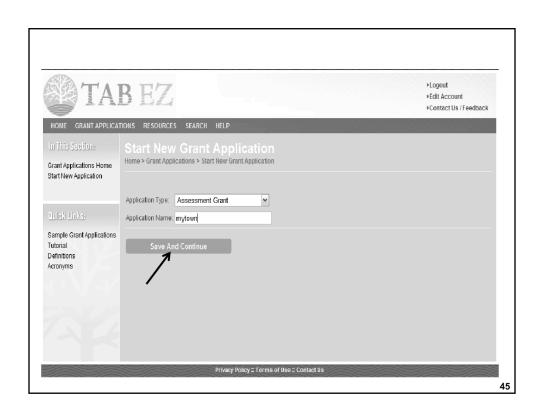


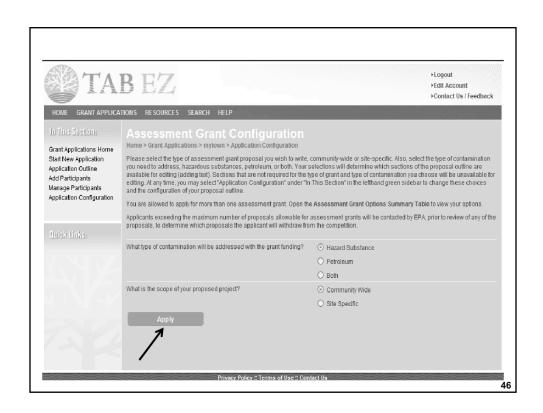














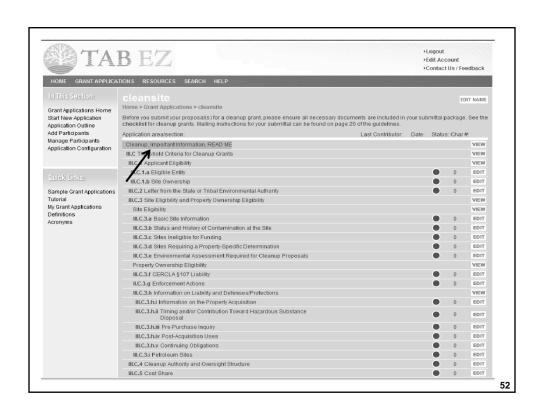


Sabine Martin has invited you to help write a brownfields grant proposal using the TAB EZ software at www.tabez.org.

You have been invited to participate on the following TAB EZ project: mytown This project has been added to your Grant Application list.



# **Questions?**



### Cleanup, Important Information, READ Home > Grant Applications > clean1 > Cleanup, Important Information, READ ME

Grant Applications Home

Start New Application Application Outline Add Participants Manage Participants Application Configuration

Narrative Proposal - General requirements
The narrative proposal includes all applicable responses to threshold criteria (see section III.C. of the guidelines) and responses to all ranking criteria (see section V.B. of the guidelines). The narrative proposal must be clear, concise, and specifically address all of the applicable threshold and ranking criteria. Responses to the criteria must include the criteria number and title (TAB EZ will do this automatically for you) but need not restalte the entire leaf of the criteria. Proposals must provide sufficient detail to allow for an evaluation of the ments of the proposal. Factual information about your proposed project and community must be provided. Do not include discussions of broad principles that are not specific to the proposed work or project covered by your proposal.

Sample Grant Applications Tutorial My Grant Applications Acronyms

Make sure you address all required criteria and every component of the respective criteria. If it appears at first that a criterion is not applicable to your project, take a real hard look at your project to make sure there is absolutely nothing that is relevant to this particular criterion. Example: Unless a project involves creation of a park or other greenspace features, applicants often think that the "greenspace" criterium is not applicable to their project. However, most projects have some feature that does apply to greenspace creation/preservation, even if it is "only" the preservation of greenspace because a brownfield is being revitalized, instead of building on a greenfield. If you really cannot find a link between your project and a required criterion, say so and explain why. Provide an answer to every section of the proposal outline.

Aside from providing the required information in your proposal, be sure to link that information to your project. Example: If you quote statistics, be sure to explain why and how the figures are relevant to your project.

Page Limitations, Required Font Size, Attachments:
The narrative proposal shall not exceed 18 single spaced pages. Any pages submitted over the page limit will not be evaluated by EPA. When using 71-8 EZ, the program will count the characters of each section you write and give you that number under "Character Count" above the text box. On the "Application Outline" screen, you will see the total count for your narrative proposal as well as the individual character count for each section. As a guideline: An 18 page narrative with font size 12 will have between 60,000 and 70,000 characters.

The narrative proposal must be typed, on letter-sized paper, with a standard font size no smaller than 12 point and 1-inch margins. In TAB EZ, the font size is set by default to 12 and you will not be able to change that

Only required attachments are allowed by EPA. No other attachments will be considered.

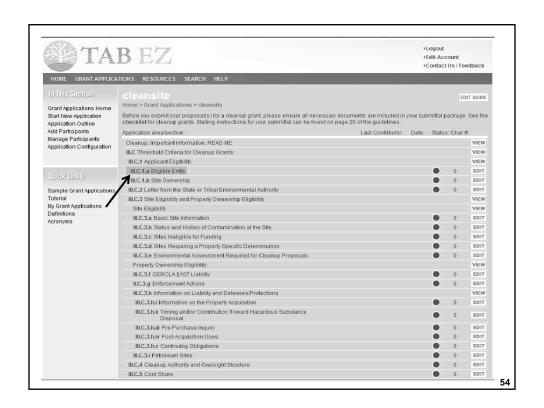
Refer to the sections indicated in the grant outline for detailed instructions on what to include in your proposal.

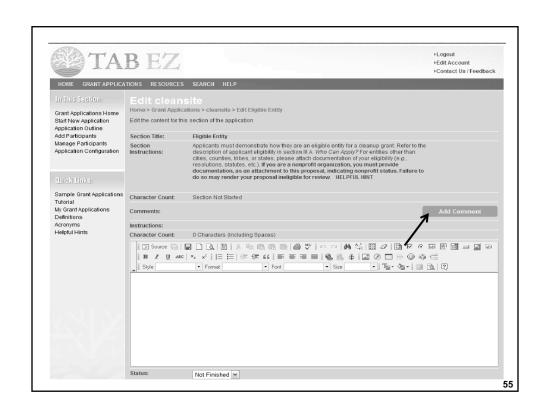
"Polishing" your Proposal
After you export what your wrote in TAB EZ to a WORD document, make sure you read through your entire proposal and edit where necessary.
Especially, you'll need to polish your transmittal letter as TAB EZ will only make sure you provide the required information. It is up to you to write a compelling transmittal letter.

### Availability of EPA to answer questions

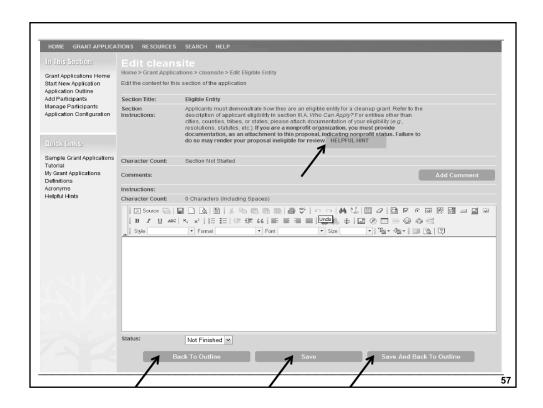
EPA regional brownfields coordinators will be available to answer eligibility questions and any questions general in nature pertaining to your grant application thoughout the competition period. When in doubt, call EPAI

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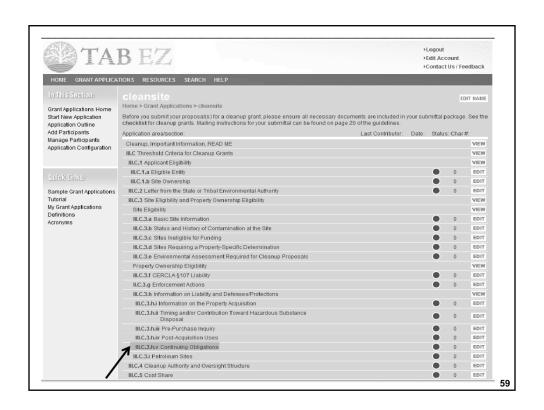


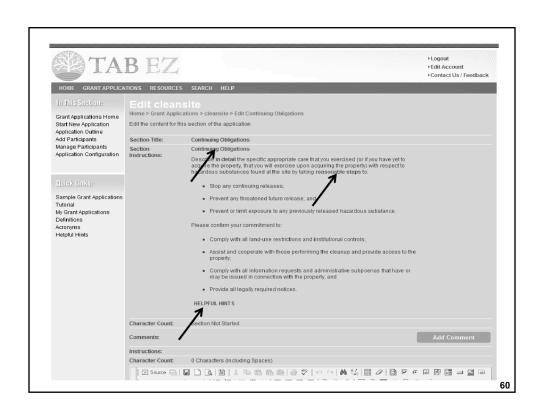






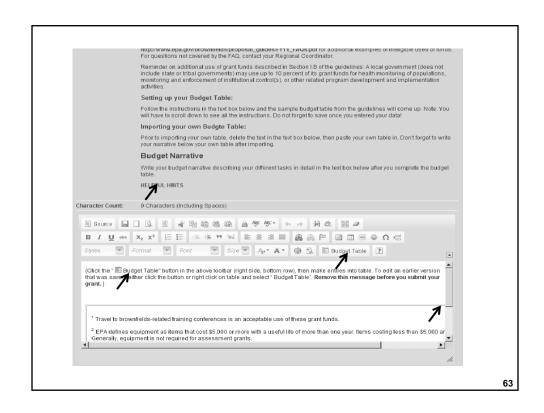




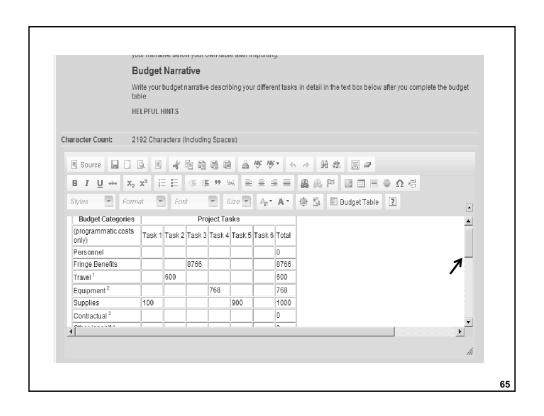


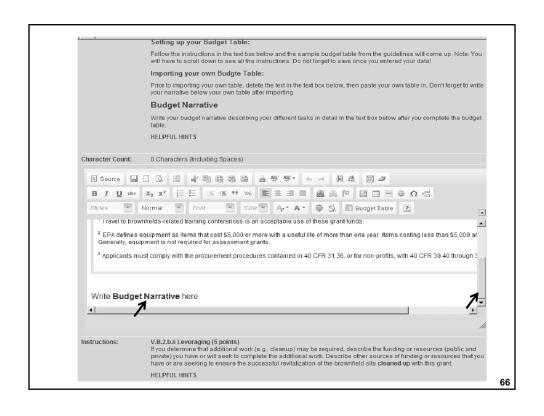


















III.C.5 Cost Share

III.C.6 Community Notification

V.B. Ranking Criteria for Cleanup Grants

V.B.1 Community Need (15 total points)

V.B.1.a Health, Welfare, and Environment (8 total points)

V.B.1.b Financial Need (7 total points)

V.B.2 Project Description and Feasibility of Success (40 total points)

V.B.2.a Project Description (10 total points)

V.B.2.b Budget for EPA Funding and Leveraging Other Resources (10 total points)

Budget Project Tasks

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