

The TAB Program

Technical Assistance to Brownfields

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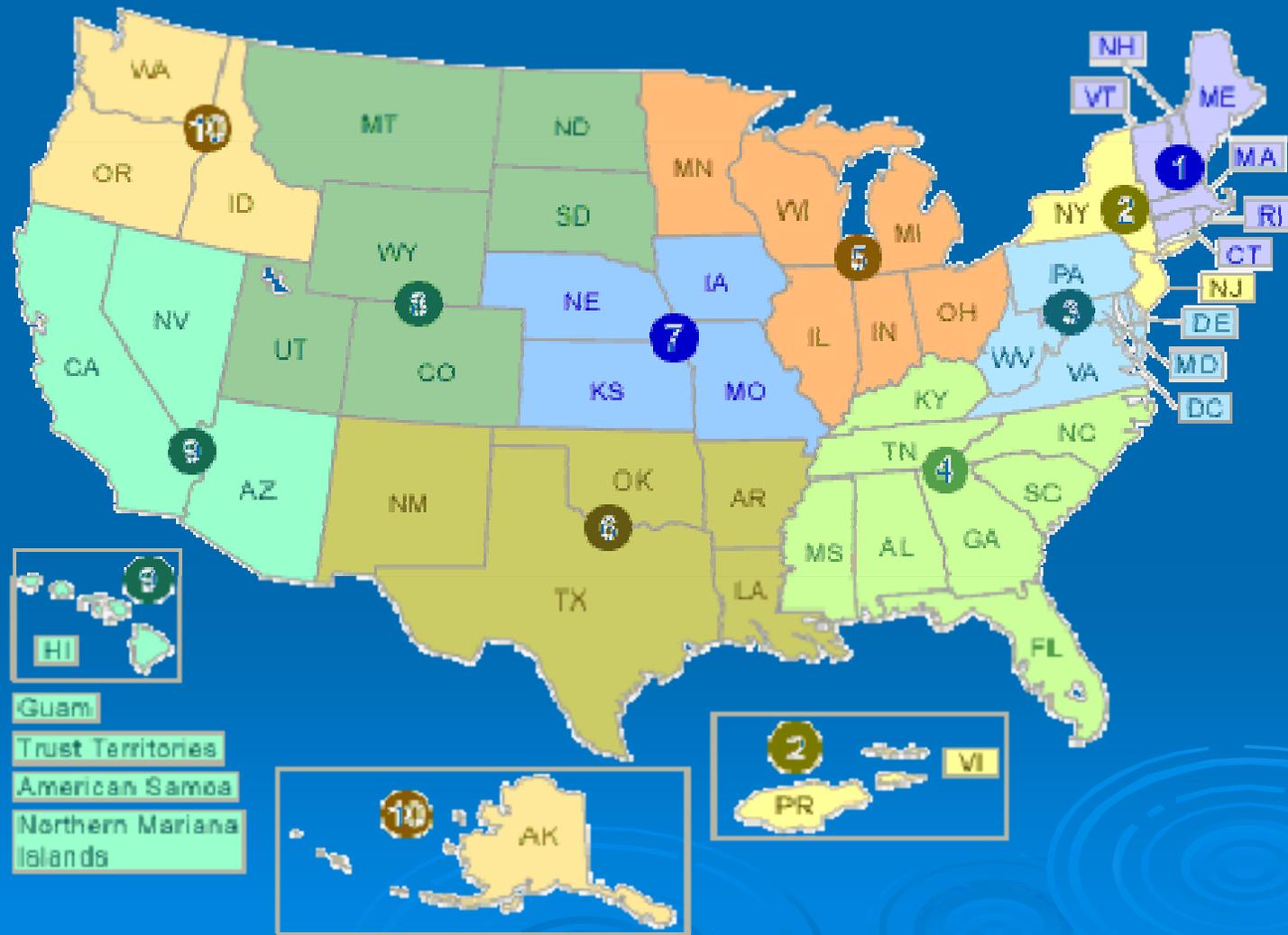
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Technical Assistance to Brownfield (TAB) Communities

- 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



EPA Regions



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
 - visioning
 - Other assistance, as needed and agreed upon
- Communities accepted on a 'first come' basis
- Depends on staff/funding availability

The Application Process

- Contact us
 - We'll set up a meeting to discuss assistance needs
 - Review needs and TAB capability
 - Agree on a course of action
 - Get started
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Workshops/Training Sessions

- Tailored to the information needs of the community
- Relaxed atmosphere
- Time for networking
- Variety of presenters
- Hands-on segments
- Very effective !



Community Outreach

- Redevelopment Planning



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Technical Presentations

- Community Meetings



Community Involvement

- Who is the Community?
- Why do it?



- Successful Involvement Techniques

Community Involvement Tools

Fact Sheets, Citizen Briefs

- clear
- concise
- in layman's terms
- basic information
- provide contact info and additional resources

Note: NOT a stand-alone tool

Community Involvement Tools

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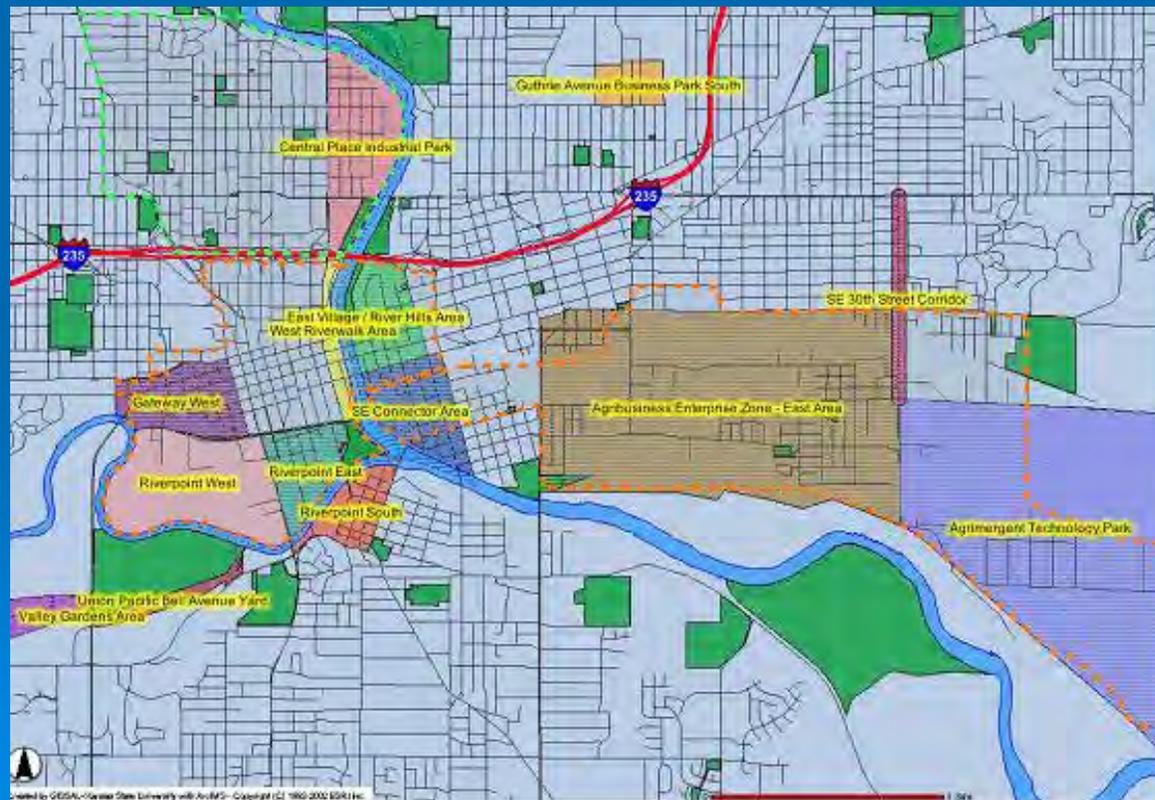
- Community Day/Fair
 - Bus Tours
 - Walking Tours
 - Workshops/Seminars
 - Public Meetings
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If you feed them, they will come



Special Projects

Des Moines, IA GIS-based redevelopment properties web site



Special Projects

Web - based software: TAB-BIT
www.tab-bit.org

The screenshot shows the BIT (Brownfield Inventory Tool) website. At the top left is the BIT logo, which features a green maple leaf inside a circular frame with the text "BiT Brownfield Inventory Tool" next to it. To the right of the logo are three links: "Log Out", "Edit Profile", and "Contact Us/Feedback". Below the logo is a navigation bar with the following items: "HOME", "BIT TOOLBOX", "ABOUT", "RESOURCES", "SEARCH", and "HELP".

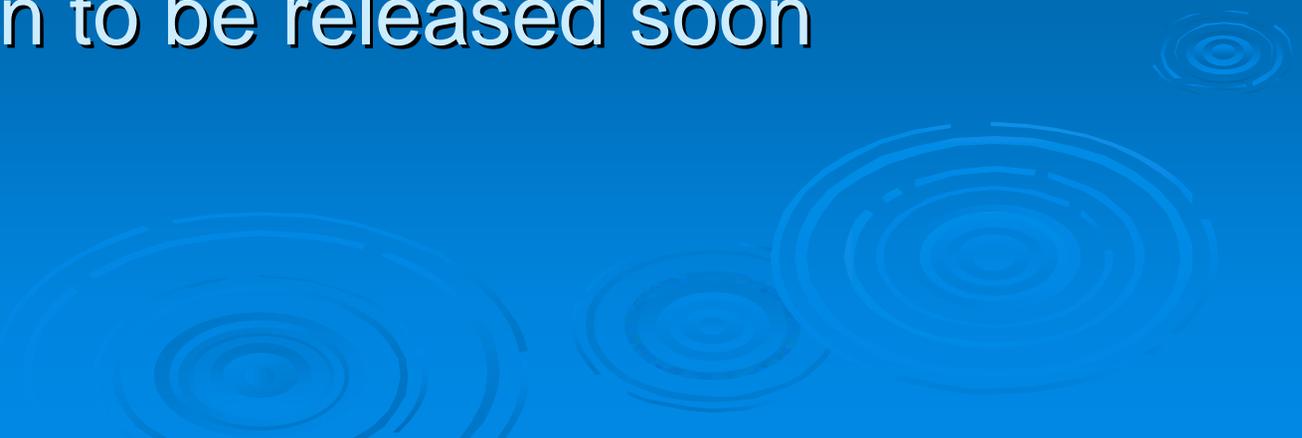
On the left side of the page, there are two vertical sections. The first is titled "In This Section:" and contains a link to "BIT Home". The second is titled "Quick Links:" and contains links to "BIT Tutorial" and "Help".

The main content area is titled "Home" and includes a sub-section "BIT Home". It features a "Welcome to BIT:" message followed by a paragraph of text: "The Brownfield Inventory tool (BIT) is a comprehensive brownfields program management tool. The user may enter detailed data about sites in their program(s), upload documents associated with the program, allow others to also enter site data, or to only read site data, handle enforcement documentation, log complaints, generate reports, and more. The original BIT software was developed by EPA Region 8 and this is the updated version. For questions about how to use BIT, read the BIT tutorial by selecting the 'BIT Tutorial' icon below. Also, see the Frequently Asked Questions section under Help." Below this text is an "Announcements:" section with a date "5/5/09" and the text: "The online version of BIT is planned to be launched in June. The URL is www.tab-bit.org."

At the bottom of the main content area, there are three icons with corresponding text labels: a red toolbox icon labeled "BIT Toolbox", a document icon with a green arrow pointing down labeled "Site Inventory Data", and a chalkboard icon labeled "BIT Tutorial".

TAB-BIT

Brownfields Inventory Tool

- Under development by KSU TAB
 - Free, online and desk-top version
 - web-version to be released soon
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Background

- Prototype developed by EPA Region 8
- Intended to help Response Grant, and other brownfields grant recipients with survey & inventory, public record, oversight & enforcement, assessment and cleanup, and administrative reporting requirements
- Tool became obsolete due to MSWindows upgrades

BIT Features

- Password protected
 - Multiple users possible, if permission is granted, or “read only” feature
 - Database
 - Import/export function
 - Search function
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What can TAB-BIT do?

Data Management:

- Brownfields related data
- Other environmental data
- Track funding
- Upload documents or enter data directly
 - Site information
 - Redevelopment data

What can TAB-BIT do? Cont.

Data Management:

- Program admin. data
 - Enforcement documentation
 - Complaints
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What can TAB-BIT do? Cont.

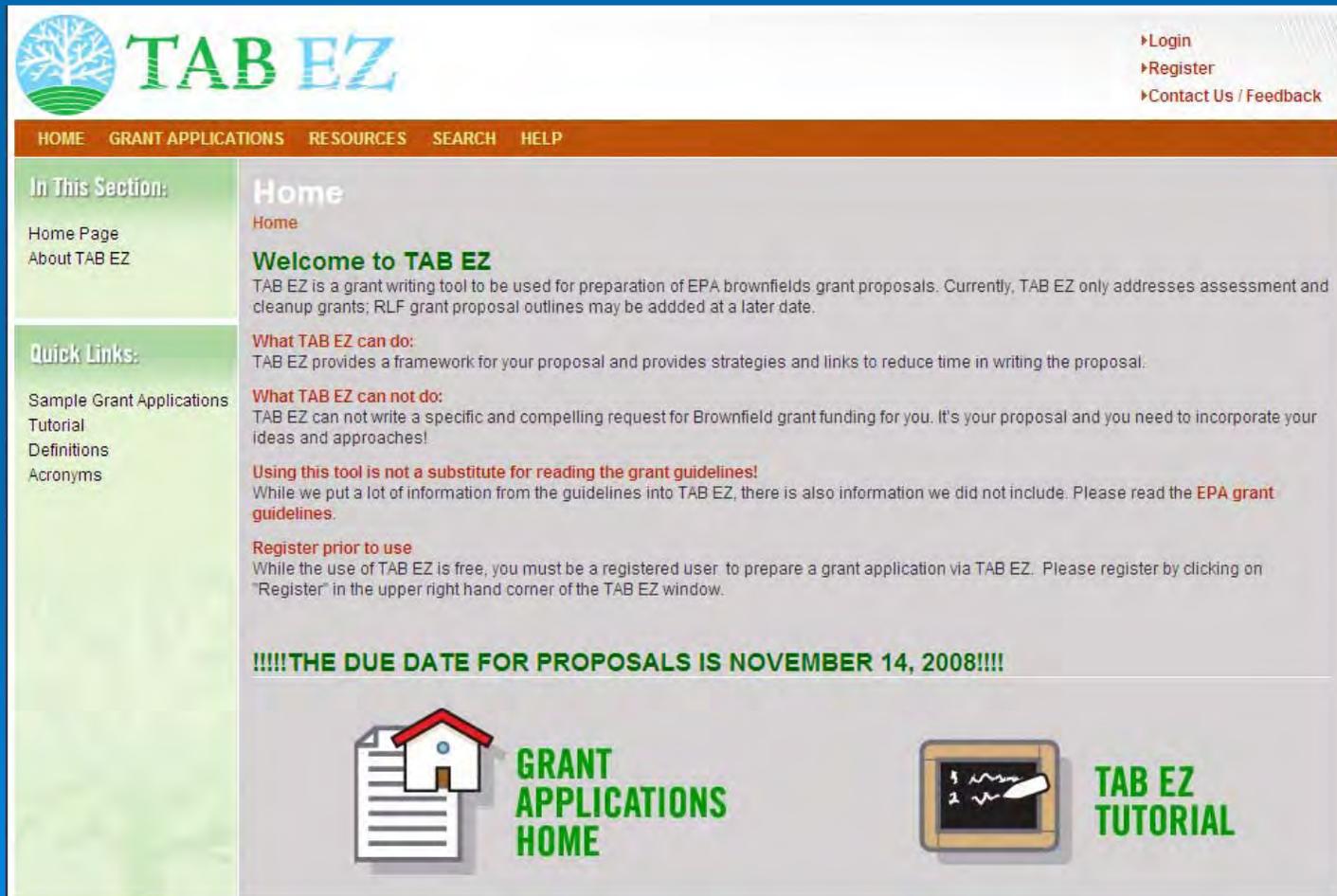
Report Generation:

- Property Profile Form (e-submit to ACRES)
- Quarterly report form (outline)
- Forms for enforcement, complaints, ICs, inspection/oversight, public record reports, etc.
- Customized reports
- Maps

Special Projects

Web - based software: TAB EZ

www.tabez.org



The screenshot shows the TAB EZ website interface. At the top left is the TAB EZ logo, which consists of a stylized tree icon and the text "TAB EZ". To the right of the logo are navigation links: "Login", "Register", and "Contact Us / Feedback". Below the logo is a horizontal navigation bar with the following items: "HOME", "GRANT APPLICATIONS", "RESOURCES", "SEARCH", and "HELP".

The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column has a green header "In This Section:" and lists "Home Page" and "About TAB EZ". Below this is another green header "Quick Links:" with a list of links: "Sample Grant Applications", "Tutorial", "Definitions", and "Acronyms".

The right column has a green header "Home" and a sub-header "Home". Below this is a green header "Welcome to TAB EZ" followed by a paragraph: "TAB EZ is a grant writing tool to be used for preparation of EPA brownfields grant proposals. Currently, TAB EZ only addresses assessment and cleanup grants; RLF grant proposal outlines may be added at a later date." This is followed by three sections of text, each with a red header: "What TAB EZ can do:", "What TAB EZ can not do:", and "Using this tool is not a substitute for reading the grant guidelines!". Each section contains a paragraph of text. Below these sections is a red header "Register prior to use" followed by a paragraph of text.

At the bottom of the main content area is a green header "!!!!THE DUE DATE FOR PROPOSALS IS NOVEMBER 14, 2008!!!!".

At the bottom of the page are two icons with text. The first icon is a house with a red roof and a white door, with the text "GRANT APPLICATIONS HOME" to its right. The second icon is a chalkboard with a white chalk and the numbers "1" and "2" written on it, with the text "TAB EZ TUTORIAL" to its right.

WHY TAB EZ?

- Levels playing field for small/ rural communities, disadvantaged cities and towns and not-for-profits
- Tool is time and place independent: flexibility critical to community resources that are stretched to capacity

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
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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!!!**



User Statistics

- 4,065 visits to the site from launch to November 14, 2008
- 1,234 of those were unique visitors

- 507 visits to the site from Nov 15, 2008 through April 28, 2009
- 392 of those were unique visitors

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