



# Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

## *The Workplace, Inc., Stamford, CT*

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. The brownfields job training grants provide residents of communities impacted by brownfields with the skills and training needed to effectively gain employment in assessment and cleanup activities associated with brownfield redevelopment and environmental remediation. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The Workplace, Inc. was selected to receive a job training grant. The grant will target residents of the City of Stamford, but particularly the 8,000 residents of the depressed South End and Waterside neighbor-

### Job Training Grant

\$141,764 □

EPA has selected The Workplace, Inc. for a job training grant. The Workplace plans to train 54 students, place at least 45 graduates in environmental jobs, and track them for at least one year. Candidates selected for training must currently be unemployed and have a family income that is less than 50 percent of the federal poverty level, unemployed and certified as a dislocated worker, or considered to be most in need. Trainees will achieve environmental, health, and safety skills through classroom and field experience. Graduates of the basic course will receive lead and asbestos abatement, HAZWOPER, and technical environmental certificates. Several additional certifications will be offered to those who go beyond the basic course level. The Workplace will use a competitive bidding process to select the organizations to provide candidate screening, training, and job placement services.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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hoods. The unemployment rate is nearly 12 percent in South End and more than 7 percent in Waterside. The poverty rate is 24 percent in South End and 11 percent in Waterside. As Stamford transformed from a

manufacturing center into a corporate hub during the last decade, these neighborhoods were left with vacant factories, abandoned sites, and over 200 acres of brownfields. Revitalizing the South End and Waterside neighborhoods is critical to Stamford's continued growth. Many local businesses are eager to expand their facilities, and the area's numerous brownfields exhibit excellent redevelopment potential. Local demand for skilled workers is high, as evidenced by a recent community audit that found that over half of local environmental employers are having difficulty filling entry-level positions.