

 **Brownfields Job Training  
and Development  
Demonstration Pilot**  
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Extension Service, Dallas, TX*

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Quick Reference Fact Sheet

The Brownfields Job Training and Development Demonstration Pilots will each be funded up to \$200,000 over two years. These Pilots will bring together community groups, job training organizations, educators, labor groups, investors, lenders, developers, and other affected parties to address the issue of providing environmental employment and training for residents in communities impacted by brownfields. The goals of the Pilots are to facilitate cleanup of brownfields sites contaminated with hazardous substances and prepare trainees for employment in the environmental field, including training in alternative or innovative treatment technologies.

## BACKGROUND

EPA has selected Texas A&M University, Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) for a Brownfields Job Training and Development Demonstration Pilot. TEEX will concentrate its workforce development efforts in Dallas, Texas, which is a Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot.

The focus of the Job Training Pilot is to provide hazardous waste training and training in the operation of heavy equipment at environmental assessment and cleanup projects.

The target population will be unemployed and other disadvantaged residents of the Simpson-Stuart neighborhood of southeast Dallas. More than 90% of the area's 34,000 residents are African American, and approximately half of the adult residents do not have a high school diploma. The neighborhood lies within the Dallas Enterprise Zone. The efforts of the City of Dallas to assess, clean up, and redevelop brownfields, combined with a State-wide shortage of heavy equipment operators with environmental skills, indicate a need for training.

### PILOT SNAPSHOT



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**Amount:** \$188,832

**Profile:** The Pilot targets unemployed and other disadvantaged residents of the distressed Simpson-Stuart neighborhood of southeast Dallas.

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For further information, including specific Pilot contacts, additional Pilot information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at:

<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>

## TRAINING OBJECTIVES

TEEX plans to train 64 students with the EPA grant, achieve a 75% placement rate, and track students for up to one year. Participants to be targeted will be unemployed and other disadvantaged residents of the Simpson-Stuart neighborhood. The Pilot training program will consist of 322 hours of instruction in a 10-week format, and will include training in the use of innovative assessment and cleanup methods. The training efforts of TEEX will be supported by organizations such as the Association of General Contractors of Texas, Dallas Workforce Development Board, and Mt. Tabor Baptist Church.

## ACTIVITIES

Activities planned as part of this Pilot include:

- Conducting hazardous waste training and training in the operation of heavy equipment at brownfields assessment and cleanup projects, including training in the use of innovative assessment and cleanup technologies; and
- Conducting outreach to recruit unemployed and other disadvantaged residents of the Simpson-Stuart neighborhood.

The cooperative agreement for this Pilot has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.