



# EPA Brownfields: Preparing a Competitive Grant Proposal Considerations and Other Factors

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## Considerations and Other Factors: Items you will want to address

This section is in the back, but worth addressing.

### Section V.C. and Appendix 3

Assessment Guidelines ... page 44 & page 66-67

Cleanup Guidelines ..... page 40-41 & page 63

RLF Guidelines ..... page 33 & page 56

## Considerations

- ◇ Considerations may be applied to reach priority areas, diversify the national pool, and to compare highly ranked applications for selection.
- ◇ These are generally items that are embedded into your project, community or considerations based on the mix of high scoring proposals.

## Considerations: Examples

- ◇ fair distribution of funds between urban and non-urban
- ◇ Distribution among EPA's ten regions and among the states & territories
- ◇ Compliance with the 25% statutory petroleum funding allocation (of the total ARC funding)

## Other Factors: What are these?

Other factors are just that - factors beyond the ranking criteria - that EPA may apply as part of the selection process.

## Other Factors: Examples

- ◆ Community with population <10,000
- ◆ Applicant is, or will assist, eligible Indian tribe or US territory
- ◆ Sites impacted by mine-scarred land
- ◆ Primary focus on Phase II assessments (Assessment Only)
- ◆ Demonstrates Firm Leveraging

## Other Factors: Examples Continued

- ◆ Recent (2008 and later) Economic Disruption
- ◆ Applicant is a recipient or core partner of a “manufacturing community” designation by EDA
- ◆ Applicant is a recipient or core partner of HUD-DOT-EPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities

## Other Factors: Examples Continued x2

- ◆ Applicant is a recipient of an EPA Area-Wide Planning Grant

and **new** this year ...

- ◆ Regional Priorities (Assessment only) Section I.E, page 9-13



## Other Factors: Regional Priorities (Assessment Only)

- ◇ Address one or both priorities listed for the applicable priority for the region in which the project is located
- ◇ Addressing both priorities does not necessarily mean it will have added benefit

# Other Factors: R10 Regional Priorities (Assessment Only)

## **Protect/Enhance Water -**

- ▶ projects which will reduce threats to human health and the environment from the release of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants, by supporting efforts to protect or enhance water supplies, including surface water, ground water and/or storm water infrastructure.
- ▶ projects that improve or protect the quality of water associated with brownfield sites, or where addressing the brownfield site will reduce threats to nearby residents.



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## Other Factors: R10 Regional Priorities (Assessment Only)

### **Threatened and Endangered Species** –

proposed projects which facilitate the creation, addition or preservation of the habitats (e.g. state, tribal or local parks, greenways, recreational or undeveloped property dedicated to nonprofit use) of federal and state listed threatened and endangered species.



Key

## Considerations & Other Factors: the Bottom Line

- Take the time to complete and attach the Other Factors Checklist (Appendix 3) to your Transmittal Letter
- Confirm that your proposal narrative includes and references any applicable factors (within the 15 page limit)- You'll need to provide page #'s in the checklist.
- Address as many as are applicable!

Considerations and Other Factors:  
Did you think you were done?



Go the extra mile!  
It could make the  
difference in being  
selected.

# Questions?

You may enter your questions in the chat box or submit them over the phone.

# Resources:

National Brownfields Webpage: <http://www2.epa.gov/brownfields>

R10 Brownfields Webpage: <http://www2.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfields-and-land-revitalization-washington-idaho-oregon-and-alaska>

## Upcoming Webinars

**Dec 1, 1:30pm PT - EPA Region 10 Outreach Webinar - Questions & Answers/Tips & Tricks - Session 1**

<http://epawebconferencing.acms.com/r10-fy16arc-questionsanswers1/>

(dial-in number: 1-866-299- 3188/access code: 360-753-9437).

**Dec 8, 1:30pm PT - EPA Region 10 Outreach Webinar - Questions & Answers/Tips & Tricks - Session 2 (Optional)**

<http://epawebconferencing.acms.com/r10-fy16arc-questionsanswers2/>

(dial-in number: 1-866-299-3188/access code: 360-753-9437).

**Dec 10, 9:30am PT - EPA Region 10 Outreach Webinar - Questions & Answers/Tips & Tricks - Session 3**

<http://epawebconferencing.acms.com/r10-fy16arc-questionsanswers3/>

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