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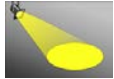


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SPOTLIGHT ON GRANTS

Choice Neighborhood Planning Grants. (\$10,000,000). The Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) is funding strategies to revitalize neighborhoods. These grants are for developing a successful neighborhood transformation plan, and building the support needed to successfully implement that plan. For more information, visit <http://go.usa.gov/cQsxw>.

DEADLINE: Tuesday, February 9, 2016. Apply online at <http://go.usa.gov/cQAJJ>. The Funding Opportunity Number is FR-5900-N-14.

CONTACT: ChoiceNeighborhoods@hud.gov.

Tribal Air Program Funding. The Fiscal Year 2017 Funding Announcement was made available on December 3, 2015.

DEADLINE: Friday, February 19, 2016. Instructions on proposal submittal are posted at: <http://www3.epa.gov/region9/funding/tribalcaa.html>.

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TRAININGS & MEETINGS

40-Hour Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response. The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) and the EPA's Environmental Response Team are offering a 40-Hour Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response class. This free course is designed for employees of federally-recognized tribes and will focus on teaching participants to evaluate sites and recognize hazardous conditions. Topics include health and safety procedures, personal protective equipment used during work operations at hazardous material sites, and medical monitoring. This course is open to successful applicants. Requirements: medical clearance and approval of a supervisor.

WHEN: Friday, February 22, 2016.

WHERE: Tribal Air Monitor Support Center, Las Vegas.

DEADLINE: February 5, 2016. To get an application, contact Roberta Tohannie, (928) 523-2082 or roberta.tohannie@nau.edu.

Protecting the Environment Through Data. The Tribal Exchange Network is hosting a conference for tribal professionals to meet and learn about current initiatives, funding, and technical topics related to the Exchange Network. This network is a collaborative effort that strives to support better environmental decisions through improved exchange of, and access to, environmental data and information. For more information, visit <http://ow.ly/X7Xc2>

WHEN & WHERE: February 9, 2016, to February-10, 2016, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. **[WRONG DATES: FEB. 9 IS TUESDAY, TODAY]**

REGISTRATION: <http://ow.ly/X7XzT>.

CONTACT: Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu.

Understanding Background Ozone. EPA is holding a two-day workshop to address technical and policy issues associated with background ozone, with one day reserved for representatives of state, tribal, and local air agencies. The workshop is part of the agency's effort to provide information on the implementation of the new 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone. EPA also is releasing a white paper report, which is available at <http://go.usa.gov/cQAKj>.

WHEN: Wednesday, February 24, 2016 (for tribal and other air agencies) and Thursday, February 25, 2016 (for all stakeholders).

WHERE: Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Building, 1110 W. Washington St., Phoenix, Ariz.

REGISTER: For further information and to register, visit <http://go.usa.gov/cQAKj>.

All-in-One-Site Training Information. If you love keeping up with the latest information in the environmental world, take a look at Trainex, <https://trainex.org/>. The site has comprehensive information on trainings, including lists of free classes. Available trainings are offered in a variety of media, including classrooms, Internet seminars, CD-ROMs (course catalog view), streaming video (course catalog view), independent online trainings (course catalog view), video by mail (course catalog view), and the Internet.



WEBINARS

Climate Change and Preventing Disease: If you missed the January 12 Tribal Science webinar, “Water, Our Voice to the Future: Climate Change Adaptation and Waterborne Disease Prevention on the Crow Reservation,” you can listen to it online. For instructions on how to access the presentation, visit <http://ow.ly/X7Zjy> for the audio and video recording of the webinar via Adobe Connect.

National Tribal Air Association Calls on all Tribes to Contribute to a Better Understanding of the Needs for Indoor Air Quality in Indian Country. Since its founding in 2002, the National Tribal Air Association (NTAA) has been a leading voice for tribal air quality issues, programs, and policies. With nearly 100 principal member tribes, the NTAA's mission is to advance air quality management and policies and programs, consistent with the needs, interests, and unique legal status

of American Indian Tribes and Alaskan Natives. Currently, the NTAA is working to provide tribes and the federal government with the first-of-its-kind national snapshot of Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) needs for tribal housing in Indian Country with a national needs assessment.

For the first time, NTAA's IAQ Needs Assessment will provide reliable data on the status of housing in Indian Country, to better understand the impacts from health threats like mold and radon. NTAA will compile the results of this needs assessment into a final report to be released at the 2016 National Tribal Forum on Air Quality to be held in New York in May, 2016. NTAA will then use the results to help tribal and federal governmental leaders understand the extent of IAQ needs in tribal communities to help focus and direct funds to address IAQ. With a better understanding and more reliable facts, tribal communities will benefit from healthier homes.

All federally-recognized tribes are invited to submit an IAQ Needs Assessment to NTAA by February 28. For more information on the NTAA, please visit www.ntaatribalair.org. You can access the NTAA Indoor Air Quality Needs Assessment here: <http://goo.gl/forms/AKpDSLMEXq>.



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A Call for Information: The National Tribal Air Association is working to provide tribes and the federal government with a national snapshot of Indoor Air Quality in tribal housing, to demonstrate the need for increased funding to improve indoor air quality. Tribal communities can help provide the facts needed to make the case to improve funding for indoor air quality in tribal housing by filling out the association's Indoor Air Quality Needs Assessment, which is at <http://ow.ly/X811F>. For more information, visit <http://ow.ly/X81Kh>.

DEADLINE: Thursday, February 28, 2016. [see next page for contact information]

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