

**Indiana ACEC Funding Sources Committee
Agency Meeting**

**1 North Capitol Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
First Floor Conference Room**

**September 21, 2016
1:30-3:00 PM (EDT)**

Attendance Roster

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Funding Sources Committee Meeting Summary

1. Introductions

- Attendees introduced themselves.

2. Subcommittees

- A. Bottled Water Fund Subcommittee - Patti Yount, Subcommittee Chair, provided a subcommittee report:
- New bottled water fund initiative (BWFI) was unveiled at Environmental Business Conference/Funding Sources Workshop.
 - Initiative involves pushing for a water infrastructure funding source such as a 10-cent fee on each bottle of water sold.
 - Hans Peterson and Mike Cline presented the BWFI to the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce
 - Meetings have been held with both gubernatorial candidates, Eric Holcomb and John Gregg. Both seemed interested in the idea.
 - Mechanism already exists in the Build Indiana Fund (BIF) which was created with gambling money in the late 90's but has not been funded since 2008.
- B. 2016 Funding Sources Workshop Subcommittee - Vince Sommers, Subcommittee Chair, provided a subcommittee report:
- This conference and workshop used to be held separately but was combined this year. Vince thanked all of the speakers and stated the feedback for this joint conference was very positive.
 - This joint format will be used going forward.
 - Planning for next year's conference has already begun. One suggestion for next year would be to discuss funding programmatic requirements
- C. Both subcommittees are always interested in adding anyone who wants to volunteer. Please contact respective subcommittee chairs.

3. Updates from Funding Agencies

- A. Office of Community & Rural Affairs (OCRA) – Aletha Dunston provided an agency report:
- Currently in middle of Round II for CDBG grants.
 - Received 28 water/wastewater and 7 stormwater submittals and expect to be able to fund about half.
 - OCRA's been working to get funding levels back up from 2014 levels. Expect to achieve this by 2018.
 - Expect to have 2 rounds in 2017. Not sure about 2018 at this time. Round I will be approximately from January to June and Round II will be from approximately June to October.
 - Funding levels through Round I of 2017 are expected to remain between \$500k-\$700k for water/wastewater and \$500k for stormwater projects.
 - Some upcoming dates include annual award ceremony on December 8 and an OCRA workshop on January 18.

- Annual calendar should be available on website around end of September.
- OCRA will soon be publishing a monthly newsletter. Aletha encouraged everyone to sign up for the newsletter. Website will ask you to sign up the next time you go onto it. Aletha will also provide directions on how to sign up.
- SEED program is coming but not yet available. More details to come in the future.
- CSRP changes – blight clearance will be removed to be separate.
 - This is being evaluated and may be eliminated

B. USDA, Rural Development (RD) – Sarah Hudson read a report provided by Rochelle Owen.

- Current FY16 funding assistance is complete September 30, 2016. Able to assist with 20 obligations, totaling \$85,102,100 in FY16.
- Next year's (FY17) allocation will come to USDA with the federal budget. Expect allocation to remain similar to years past.
- Continue to support water, wastewater, and stormwater (loan only) projects. SECD will be available again in FY17.
- No staffing changes.

Additional information provided by Phil Lehmkuhler after the meeting:

- *Obligated 215.80% of State allocation for WEP Grant*
 - *Allocation: \$8,173,000, Used: \$17,637,100*
- *Obligated 237.80% of State allocation for WEP Loan*
 - *Allocation: \$28,371,000, Used: \$67,465,000*

C. Indiana Finance Authority – State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) – Bill Harkins provided an agency report:

- Interest rates will reset on October 1
- SRF is currently working on obligating money for fundable range projects. Set asides are as follows:
 - Clean water: \$250 million for large communities and \$50 million for small communities
 - Drinking water: \$35 million
- Anticipate a pool bond sale this fall
- CEG to borrow approximately \$180 million using a combination of conduit program, pool program, and traditional
- SRF is considering ways they might fund lead line replacement
- Preparing a report to the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) for water resource funding which will show the funding shortfall. This is based on the survey done with drinking water communities throughout Indiana.
 - Does not incorporate EIWG report presented by Jamie Palmer at Environmental Business Conference.
- No staffing changes
- SRF expects to have money in January 2017. This is likely for the clean water program. It is also likely in the drinking water program. Funding levels are unknown at this time. Bill suggested interested communities contact SRF in December to verify expected funding levels.

- WI-FI was briefly discussed.
- SRF has taken over the DNR flood control loan program. Considering how to get payback on these types of loans.

D. Indiana Finance Authority – Indiana Brownfields Program (IBP) – *Michele Oertel provided a written report to Sarah Hudson after the meeting:*

- *New grant award from EPA for FY17 is approximately \$200,000 for Phase I/II site assessment activities.*
- *New grant award from EPA for additional loan funding. These are rolling applications. Includes approximately \$1,500,000 for cleanup work.*
- *Additional state funding for petroleum assessment/cleanup activities*
- *Existing state funding for Phase I Initiative – rolling applications*
- *Partnership with OCRA for its Blight Clearance Program*
- *Partnership with IHCD for its Low Income Housing Tax Credit – Brownfields Determination Letters*

E. Technical Assistance for Brownfields (TAB) – Beth Grigsby provided a report on the TAB program

- Resources are available to do Phase I site assessments
- Petroleum Orphan Sites Initiative (POSI) – this is a funding program for orphan tanks
 - Tanks have to be their list
 - Brownfields program uses their own consultants for this work
- TAB programs don't compete with consultants;
 - Beth can schedule to come to anyone's office and discuss brownfields
- Beth is a partner with TAB. She works in Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan.
- Handouts:
 - TAB brochure
 - Brownfield EPA Grants in Indiana figure

F. Environmental Infrastructure Working Group (EIWG) - Jamie Palmer

- No report

4. Updates from ACEC Staff

A. Beth Bauer provided a report from ACEC

- October 12 is Diversity Networking Fair. Funding agencies are welcome.
- November 1 – Northern Indiana Roundtable. Lunch workshop in Winona Lake.
- January 12 – Legislative Lunch. Sheraton in Indianapolis.
- March 2 – Engineering Excellence Awards. Marriott North in Indianapolis.

5. New Business

A. Patti Yount requested participation in a luncheon scheduled with Phil Lehmkuhler on Wednesday, September 28 from 11 am to noon. Mr. Lehmkuhler wants feedback on the USDA RD program. He would like to know how it's working in Indiana and discuss what could be done to have more money appropriated to

Indiana. Patti and Sarah will send out an invitation for this meeting to committee members. You all are encouraged to forward to appropriate individuals in your respective companies.

- B. Beth Bauer stated the ACEC Indiana website has presentations from the Environmental Business Conference available to download.

6. Future Meeting Dates:

- A. Committee Agenda Setting Meeting
 - December 7 at 1:00 PM (EST)
 - PCS Engineer Office or conference call
- B. Agency Committee Meetings – third Wednesday
 - December 21, 2016 at 1:30 PM (EST)
 - 1 North Capitol, First Floor Conference Room

7. Adjourn

What Can KSU TAB Do For You?

KSU TAB assistance is free and tailored to the specific needs of a community, and is usually coordinated through the city, tribal or non-profit brownfields project manager.

Brownfields Workshops, Webinars, Self-Paced Courses

KSU TAB organizes and assists with a variety of brownfields workshops in EPA Regions 5, 6, 7 and 8. Workshops address a wide range of brownfields issues. Workshops can be tailored to community need.

To sign up for planned workshops, webinars and to access self-paced courses see www.ksutab.org.

To plan an event, call Sheree Walsh, TAB Event Coordinator, at 785-532-6519, or email chsr@ksu.edu.

Examples of Site-specific Assistance

KSU TAB assistance is varied and can be designed to fit into any stage of your brownfields program. Some of the communities that have received KSU TAB assistance are listed below.

COMMUNITY	ASSISTANCE
Union, Nebraska (pop. under 300)	Visioning workshops, community meetings and roadmap for revitalization
Marble Hill, Missouri (pop. 1,500)	Redevelopment planning, integration of green infrastructure including a trail system and planning for construction of a new stormwater system
Madison, Indiana (pop. 12,000)	Vision and strategic plan for redevelopment of the historic former Tower Tack manufacturing facility.
Denver, Colorado (pop. 600,000)	Site inventory, visioning and community meetings to explore reuse of land along the 11-mile South Platte River corridor for neighborhood connection, revitalization, stabilization, cleanup and redevelopment of strategic sites

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KSU TAB Mission

We assist communities in EPA Regions 5, 6, 7 and 8 who are redeveloping brownfields. We also provide on-line tools (available nationally) to create site inventories and to write proposals for EPA funding.



KSU TAB Service Area

KSU TAB provides assistance to communities in the following EPA regions:

EPA R5

Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin

EPA R6

Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas

EPA R7

Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri

EPAR8

Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Utah

Brownfields Technical Assistance Available to Cities, Non-Profit, and Tribal Organizations

Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) is a national program funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). TAB helps guide local and tribal governments through the brownfields redevelopment process, using custom-tailored teams of experts to address site-specific needs.

Examples of TAB Service:

- Technical presentations, workshops and seminars
- Strategic planning and redevelopment visioning workshops
- Economic feasibility and sustainability analysis
- Identification of potential funding sources
- Assistance with environmental justice issues
- Guidance in finding and contracting with environmental firms
- Independent review and summary of technical documents
- Community outreach
- Liaison service between you, state or federal agencies, or other entities

How Do You Get KSU TAB Assistance?

It's easy. There is no formal application process. Communities are accepted on a "first-come, first-served" basis within each state.

Steps to TAB assistance:

- Call or email us (see contact information below).
- We will discuss your needs and KSU TAB resources.
- We will agree on a course of action.

How Much Does TAB Assistance Cost?

There is no cost!

TAB services are FREE.

TAB E-Tools



TAB EZ (www.tabez.org): A free online tool to help with writing EPA brownfields assessment and cleanup grant proposals.

BIT (tab-bit.org): A free on-line site inventory tool to manage brownfields redevelopment programs.

TAB E-Tools are available for use by any tribe or community in all 10 EPA Regions. Go to the website(s) above to sign up for your **free** account(s).

State TAB Contacts:

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 Potential EPA Funding Resources



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