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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO BROWNFIELDS

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A stylized illustration of a landscape with rolling green hills, a tree, flowers, and a bird. The hills are in shades of green and brown. A tree with green foliage stands on the left. A purple and pink flower is in the center. An orange bird is flying in the sky. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds.

CERCLA 128(a): Tribal Response Program (TRP)

TRP/Brownfield COORDINATOR'S ROLE



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Tribal TAB Program

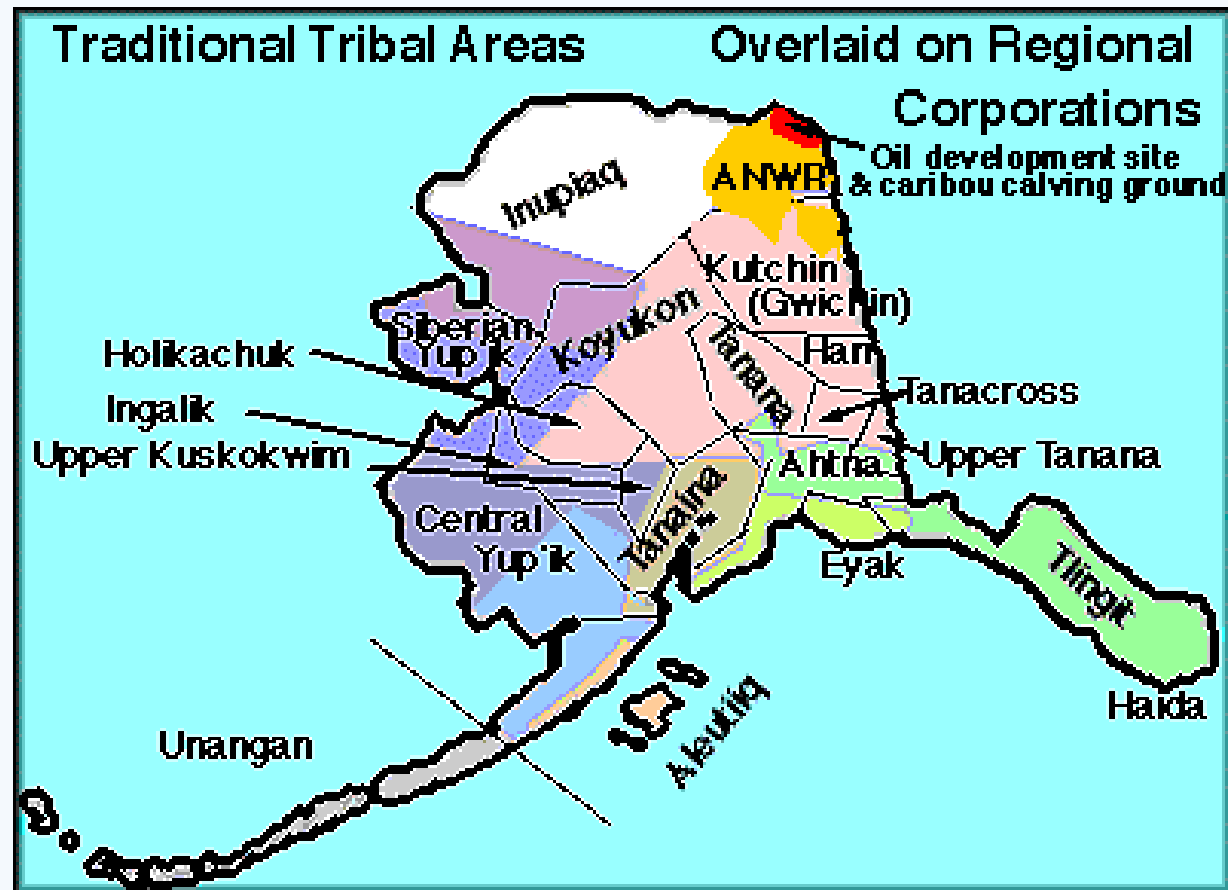
*Providing “Technical Assistance
to Brownfields” to all U.S.
Federally Recognized Tribes!*

Tribal TAB in Alaska

In Partnership with:
the Division of
Community Health
Services | Alaska
Native Tribal Health
Consortium
(ANTHC)



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ANTHC TRP Role:

- *Leading development of online Tribal Brownfields Forum*
 - *Forum using similar framework to LEO Network*
- *Act as ongoing technical assistance hub for Alaska tribes*



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Your Mission: “should you choose to accept it”
CERCLA, Section 128(a), authorized EPA to make grant awards to Indian tribes to establish and/or enhance Tribal Response Programs. To be eligible to receive funding an Indian tribe must demonstrate that their response program includes, or is taking reasonable steps to include, the four elements of a response program. Additionally, Indian tribes must maintain and make available to the public a record of sites (the Public Record) at which response actions have been completed in the previous year and are planned to be addressed in the upcoming year in order to qualify for section 128(a) funding.



Your Goal

*A safe and healthy community
and environment
For your family and your people*



EPA 128(a) Grant Guidance

The Annual EPA 128(a) grant guidance: “Funding Guidance for State and Tribal Response Programs Fiscal Year 20XX” EPA-500-F-15-198 (month 20xx) should be consulted for detailed guidance on the TRP grant program, the application process and schedules and what are fundable activities or tasks; and*

Any supplemental EPA Region 10 Guidance

**Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization*



Grant Terminology

Do you know what these terms mean?

- ❖ *Cooperative Agreement – type of a Grant*
- ❖ *Performance Partnership Agreement (PPA)*
- ❖ *Grantee (who is it?)*
- ❖ *Terms & Conditions (got a copy?)*
- ❖ *Work Plan (your tasks)*

TRP Coordinator Role/Duties

- The Coordinator should be familiar with the grant work plan, the goals and objectives for the grant year, the grant terms and conditions and the budget and have input into all of these.
- The Coordinator is usually responsible for compiling information and data and submitting the grant progress reports and other reports to the EPA.

Your Program Limits?

A prohibition on the use of grant funds does NOT prohibit a TRP from conducting oversight or imposing its requirements on sites that do not meet the EPA definition of a “Brownfields Site”.

Costs incurred for oversight of cleanups at other than brownfields sites may be eligible and allowable costs if such activities are included in the tribe's work plan.

TRP Coordinator Role/Duties

- The Coordinator should be aware of all costs charged to the grant and that all such costs must be authorized under the tribe's grant work plan to be an allowable use of grant funds.
- The Coordinator is responsible for monitoring the program progress in accomplishing all tasks and activities that the tribe committed to in the grant work plan. This does not mean that the Coordinator is directly responsible for accomplishing all tasks but that the tasks are all accomplished by the tribe (the grantee) in some manner.

TRP Coordinator Role/Duties (cont.)

- The Coordinator should work closely with the EPA Regional Grant Project Manager and expect frequent inquiries and communication from the EPA Regional Office on the status and progress of the program as outlined in the grant work plan. (it is a “Cooperative Agreement”)
- The Coordinator should make recommendations to the tribal environmental program manager on what the TRP can do to further establish or enhance the program, training needs, equipment and supply needs and the budget needs for the following year.
- The Coordinator should maintain their training status and identify further training needed to enhance the program.

Recommended TRP Training

- ❖ *This is it!*
- ❖ *KSU-TAB web site: www.ksutab.org*
- ❖ *40 Hr. HAZWOPER*
- ❖ *ITEP Tribal Land & Env. Forum (TLEF)*
- ❖ *EPA Inspector Training*
- ❖ *Asbestos & Lead Based Paint training*
- ❖ *TERC-LERC Training*
- ❖ *First Aid*
- ❖ *Workshops*

Grant Reporting





Grant Reports:

- ❖ Quarterly or Semi-annual Reports – work plan activities
- ❖ Information on site-specific activities
- ❖ OMB-approved “Property Profile Form”
- ❖ “Assessment Cleanup and Redevelopment Exchange System” (ACRES)
(database for each site assessment and cleanup funded by EPA)
- ❖ EOY & “Annual Program Activity Report”
- ❖ “Public Record”
- ❖ Tribal Reports

Note: The KSU-TAB Brownfield Inventory Tool (BIT) database may be very helpful in compiling site data and providing a means to feed data into these other data base fields.



- **Why?** Accountability
- Tracking Accomplishments
- Reporting to Funders (\$) (and keeping the funding coming!)
- Information for leaders
- Information for public
- Credit where credit is due



128(a) Grant Management

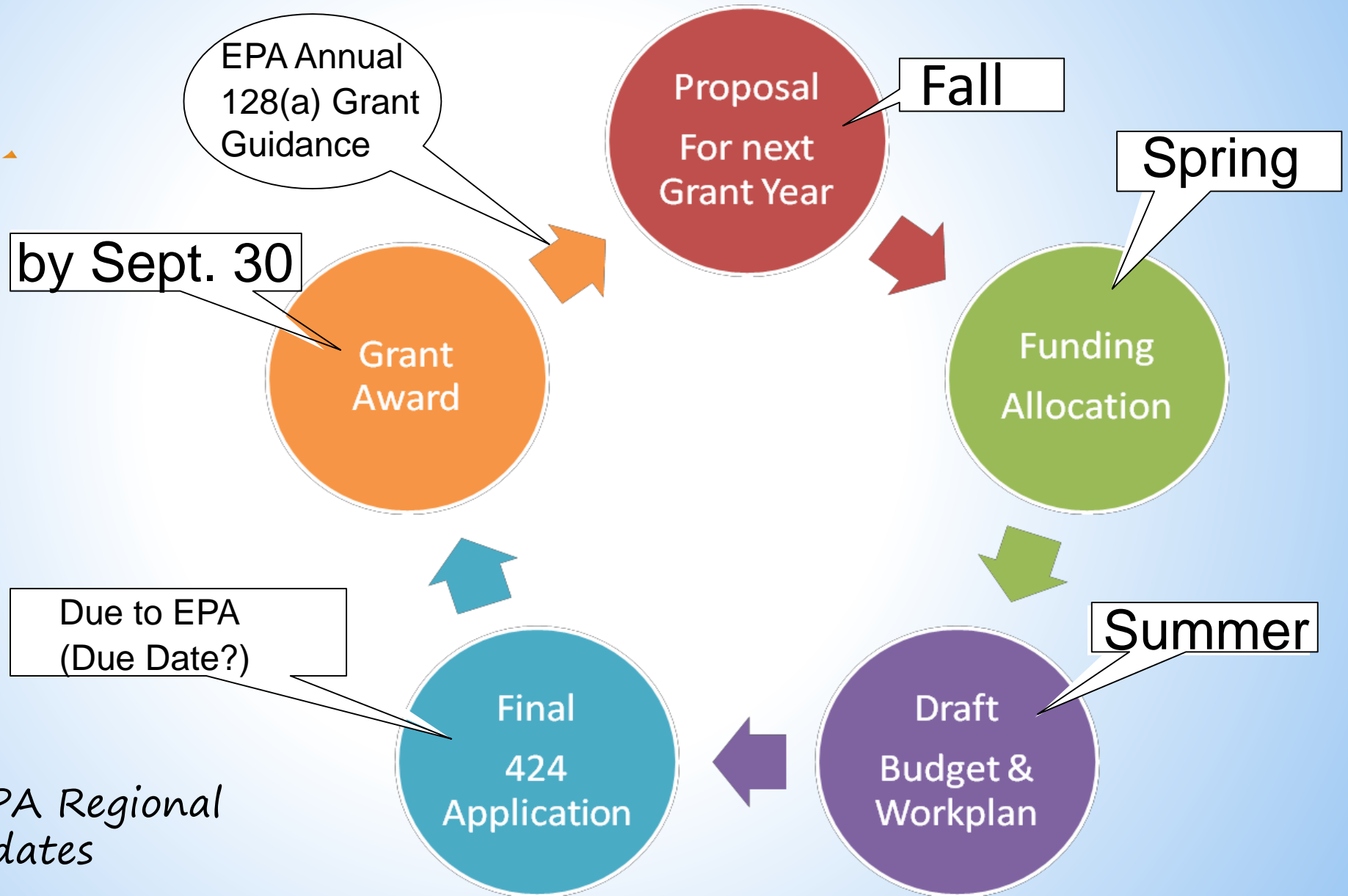
ANNUAL PROCESS

Grant Application and Awards Schedule:

| <i>MONTH*</i> | <i>Annual 128(a) Grant Award Process</i> |
|-----------------|---|
| <i>Oct .1</i> | <i>Begin Grant Fiscal Year (FY)</i> |
| <i>Fall</i> | <i>EPA HQ issues Annual 128(a) Grant Guidance</i> |
| <i>Fall</i> | <i>EPA Regions issues Supplemental 128(a) Grant Guidance</i> |
| <i>(check)</i> | <i>Draft Grant Proposals due to EPA Regions</i> |
| <i>(check)</i> | <i>Final Proposed Grant Applications submitted (grants.gov)</i> |
| <i>May-June</i> | <i>EPA HQs send funding decisions to Regions</i> |
| <i>June</i> | <i>EPA Regions send funding decisions and comments on proposed grant work plans & budgets to Tribes</i> |
| <i>July</i> | <i>Final signed Grant Applications due to EPA (grants.gov)</i> |
| <i>Sept.</i> | <i>Issue Final Grant Award for next FY</i> |
| <i>Sept. 30</i> | <i>End of Grant fiscal year (FY)</i> |

(approximate schedule- consult your EPA Regional Office for due dates)

The Annual Grant Cycle*



**Consult your EPA Regional Office for exact dates*



Quarterly Grant Reporting Cycle



| FY GRANT QUARTER | Qtr. Dates | Qtr. Report Due |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Qtr. 1: | Oct. 1 – Dec. 31 | Jan. 31 |
| Qtr. 2 | Jan. 1 – March 31 | April 30 |
| Qtr. 3 | April 1 – June 30 | July 31 |
| Qtr. 4 | July 1 – Sept. 30 | Oct. 30 |
| End of Year* | 4 Qtrs. | *Consult EPA |

*Why deal with
all this paper
work and
bureaucracy?*





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To This →
&
Eventual Reuse



Be determined in achieving your goals...





Aim High





Try to See
Eye-to-Eye



Be a
Good
Team
Mate





Resources:

- ❖ Use the “*Brownfield Forum*” to seek answers to questions and advice of other tribes and/or KSU staff. The Tribal Brownfields Forum is an online platform for connecting brownfields and contaminated-sites staff and professionals from Tribal areas: www.tribalbrownfields.org
- ❖ ANTHC & KSU TAB Assistance to Tribes: No application process, just contact us! www.ksutab.org
- ❖ Annual EPA 128(a) Program Guidance



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END
*Role of the
TRP
Coordinator*

