



TAB EZ
A BROWNFIELDS GRANT WRITING TOOL

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What Is TAB EZ?

TAB EZ is a FREE online tool intended to streamline and simplify the grant writing process when applying for EPA brownfields assessment and cleanup grants. The goal of TAB EZ is to level the playing field for smaller local governments and communities so they may have an increased chance to obtain EPA brownfields grant funds. TAB EZ is very user friendly. It offers helpful hints for addressing proposal requirements, as well as links to additional resources. Multiple participants may work on a proposal, while at the same time all proposals are password protected to prevent unauthorized use.

TAB EZ was developed by the **TAB (Technical Assistance to Brownfields communities)** program at Kansas State University with funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under cooperative agreement TR83389401.

What TAB EZ can do: TAB EZ provides a framework for EPA assessment and cleanup grant proposals and provides strategies and links to reduce time in writing the proposal.

What TAB EZ cannot do: TAB EZ cannot write a specific and compelling request for Brownfield grant funding for you. It is your proposal and you need to incorporate your ideas and approaches!

Who can use TAB EZ: Everybody, it is available at no charge on the internet.

TAB EZ is NOT a substitute for reading the EPA grant guidelines!

While there is a lot of information from the guidelines in TAB EZ, not everything was included.

TAB EZ Advantages

- Very user friendly
- Helpful hints for every section
- Lots of related resources
- Examples of successful proposals
- Multiple entities can work together on a proposal
- All proposals are password protected to prevent unauthorized use
- Proposal framework as prescribed by the EPA grant guidelines
- Proposal text can be exported as a Word or PDF document

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TAB EZ WEBSITE: <http://www.tabez.org>



Brownfields Site Inventory Tool

What Is BIT?

The **Brownfield Inventory Tool (BIT)** is a **Free**, web-based, comprehensive site inventory and brownfields program management tool. BIT was designed especially for users working under an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) cooperative agreement requiring the submittal of a Property Profile Form, but any entity working on establishing a site inventory database will find BIT very helpful. Cities, regional coalitions, and Tribes can also use BIT to consolidate environmental and administrative information from sites in multiple programs.

Users may enter detailed site data, upload documents and data, and generate and export a variety of reports, including the Property Profile Form. BIT can also be used as a collaborative tool where specific inventory data can be accessed by multiple users **IF** permission by the primary user is granted. All information entered into BIT is username/password protected to ensure privacy.

BIT is very user friendly and instructions can be found on every page of the program.

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A **desktop edition of BIT** that allows users to **store data on their individual computers** (instead of on a web-based server) is now available for free download at the BIT website.

BIT Advantages

- *Help meet EPA site inventory, public record and notice, and reporting requirements*
- *All site data available in your own password protected database*
- *Multiple entities may work together to create/use the database*
- *All information/data entered into BIT is password protected to prevent unauthorized use*
- *Data can easily be imported or exported for individual or multiple sites*
- *A mapping feature allows viewing of site or sample locations*
- *Instructions available on every page in BIT*
- *Contains additional brownfields-related resources*

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