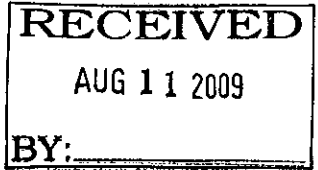




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Mr. Ed Johnson  
Manager  
City of Tampa  
c/o East Tampa Development  
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Tampa, FL 33610

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for submitting a brownfields job training grant application to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) award competition. I regret to inform you that your application has not been selected because it did not score high enough on the ranking criteria established in the 2009 Recovery Act Brownfields Job Training Grant Guidelines. EPA received 95 grant applications for consideration and had funds to award approximately 14 of the highest ranking applications.

Your application was evaluated along with other applications received by the deadline as part of the ARRA award competition. All of the applications were evaluated by panels consisting of EPA staff from all ten EPA Regions and Headquarters. These panels assessed how well the applications met the criteria outlined in the Grant Guidelines.

Although your application was unsuccessful this round, we encourage you to consider reapplying in 2010 should funding become available. In addition, if you have questions as to why you were not selected for funding, you may request a debriefing from your EPA Regional Brownfields Job Training Coordinator within fifteen calendar days of receiving this letter. For further information about the debriefing process and any dispute rights with respect to competition-related issues under this announcement, please refer to Section VI of the proposal guidelines.

If you have questions regarding the next round of grant selections, please contact your EPA Regional Brownfields Job Training Coordinator, Kathleen Curry, at 404-562-8660.

I commend your efforts and appreciate the time and energy you put into preparing your grant application. Although your application was not selected, we thank you for your continued efforts to return brownfields to productive reuse.

Sincerely,

David R. Lloyd, Director  
Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization

cc: Kathleen Curry