



April 20, 2009

Environmental Management Support, Inc.  
Attn: Mr. Keith Arnold  
8601 Georgia Avenue, Suite 500  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Re: CityBuild Brownfields Job Training Grant  
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Brownfields Job Training Grants  
RFA No. EPA-ARRA-OSWER-OBLR-JT

Dear Mr. Arnold,

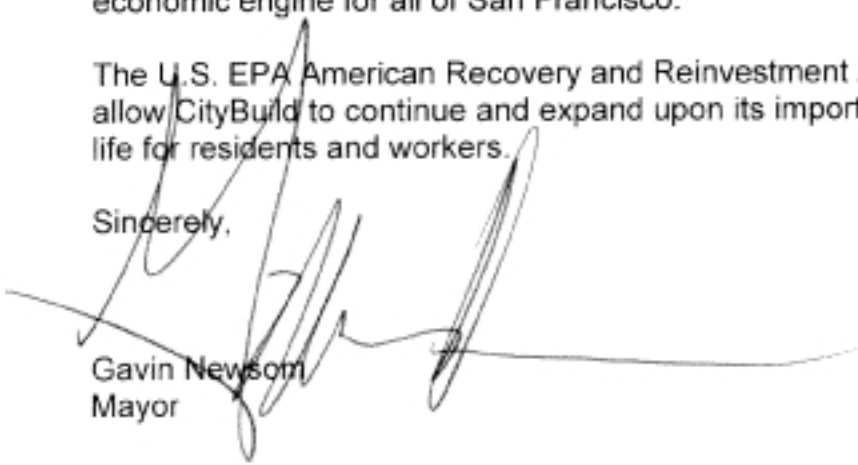
The City and County of San Francisco enthusiastically supports the Office of Economic and Workforce Development's (OEWD) grant application for the U.S. EPA's Brownfields Job Training Program Grant and urges you to give it your full consideration. OEWD's proposal to augment the City's successful CityBuild program to train economically disadvantaged San Francisco residents as environmental field technicians is in complete alignment with my efforts to make San Francisco one of the greenest cities in America.

CityBuild has helped train and place more 1,000 San Francisco residents in work on construction projects since it was launched 3 years ago. Expanding CityBuild's green curriculum to include brownfields remediation training is central to taking advantage of the significant environmental cleanup work in San Francisco.

In the last few months the City helped secure \$81.6 million for the cleanup of the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard in the upcoming Fiscal Year. This is a significant achievement for the entire City and in particular the Bayview Hunters Point community, one of our most at-risk neighborhoods. These funds will allow the City to continue to move forward with plans to transform the long abandoned shipyard from an environmental blight into a job-producing economic engine for all of San Francisco.

The U.S. EPA American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Brownfields Job Training Grant will allow CityBuild to continue and expand upon its important mission of improving the quality of life for residents and workers.

Sincerely,

  
Gavin Newsom  
Mayor