



July 22, 2022

Channing Shepherd
US Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Channing Shepherd:

I am pleased to write this letter in support of St. Nicks Alliance Workforce Development Center's proposal for the U.S. EPA's Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training program. St. Nicks is a leader in local workforce development and citywide sustainability efforts. They have a long history of achieving outstanding outcomes and have contributed greatly to the economic and environmental well-being of the South Bronx community.

The NYC Brownfield Partnership (NYCBP), the Brownfield Coalition of the Northeast (BCONE), and the Licensed Site Remediation Professionals Association (LSRPA) are three leading brownfield organizations on the east coast. These organizations will work in collaboration with the St. Nicks job training program by providing the following:

- Host Virtual and in-person job fairs for the graduates of the job training program.
 - The Partnership, LSRPA, and BCONE's members include the major environmental consulting firms, contractors, laboratories, and other service providers in the NY metropolitan area. These are the future employers for the job trainees; several of the members will provide testimonials about the successes they have had hiring job trainees as technicians over the years. Matching the graduates of the training programs with the companies that are hiring is necessary for the training program's success.
- Provide In-the-field Training
 - Working with the Aspiring Professionals Committees of BCONE and the LSRPA, in-person, hands on field techniques will be offered to the job trainees. Examples of what could be offered include: surface geophysics; ground penetrating radar, soft-digging; drilling techniques and equipment; soil logging; and excavation safety.

It is our understanding that under this Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training, The St. Nicks Program will continue to offer relevant industry certifications, including the HAZWOPER, Asbestos Handler, and Building Performance Institute trainings like Multi-Family Building Operator. These trainings are in high demand and we enthusiastically support the continuation of implementation.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with St. Nicks as they provide relevant and comprehensive training for local residents. I encourage you to find favor in their proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan B. Boyle", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Susan B. Boyle
Executive Director
BCONE, LSRPA, and NYCBP