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\$200,000 Awarded to SUSLA From EPA for Environmental Job Training Program

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the City of Shreveport announced the award of \$200,000 for an environmental job training program in northwest Louisiana.

"Southern University at Shreveport is pleased to receive an Environmental Workforce and Job Training Grant to address cleanups and provide specialized training," said Chancellor Rodney Ellis, Ed.D. We have consistently demonstrated a proven track record with this type of training with over 85 percent placement rate of our trainees."

SUSLA will train 60 individuals over 3-years on how to address environmental hazards in the city. The 60 persons recruited over the first two years will be placed in three separate training sessions (20each). The goal will be to complete the first session during year one and conduct and complete sessions two and three during the second year. The job placement/furthering education goal is set at 85%. The third year of the grant will be reserved for follow up, job retention, coaching for those trainees with partners, and trainee evaluations. Participants will attend the required courses and pre-employment skills training as part of the complete curriculum. Additionally, students will complete an environmental literacy course. The project will use the ACT Work Keys, Curriculum, which helps individuals build the essential career-relevant skills needed for learning, personal development, and job performance.

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