



National Small Business Environmental Assistance Program

How our programs work

Each program has three parts:

- Technical assistance
- Ombudsman advocate
- Advisory panel

Working partnerships include:

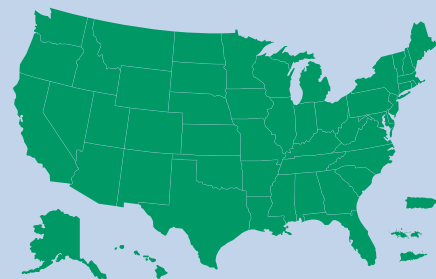
- Business community
- Trade associations
- Small business development centers
- U.S. EPA
- Pollution prevention programs
- Other state and local agencies

Types of small businesses we assist

- Auto body repair refinishing
- Construction contractors
- Dental offices
- Dry-cleaners/laundry service
- Manufacturers
- Metal fabricating finishing
- Painting and coating
- Plating and polishing
- Printing/graphic arts
- Many more

Who we are

SBEAPs help small businesses and other assistance providers access environmental compliance and sustainable practices information. We offer free and confidential assistance and can act as your small business advocates on environmental regulations. State program staff allocations range from 0.25 to 41 staff.



Did you know?

Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs were established as part of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

These programs are supported through various state funding mechanisms including state air permit fees.

Technical assistance by type



- Phone calls/emails
67,723
- Permit assistance
31,189
- Site visits
6,955
- Webinars/workshops
906

2021 audience impact

12,673,195
clients served

2,013,618
online resource visits

951,668
publications distributed

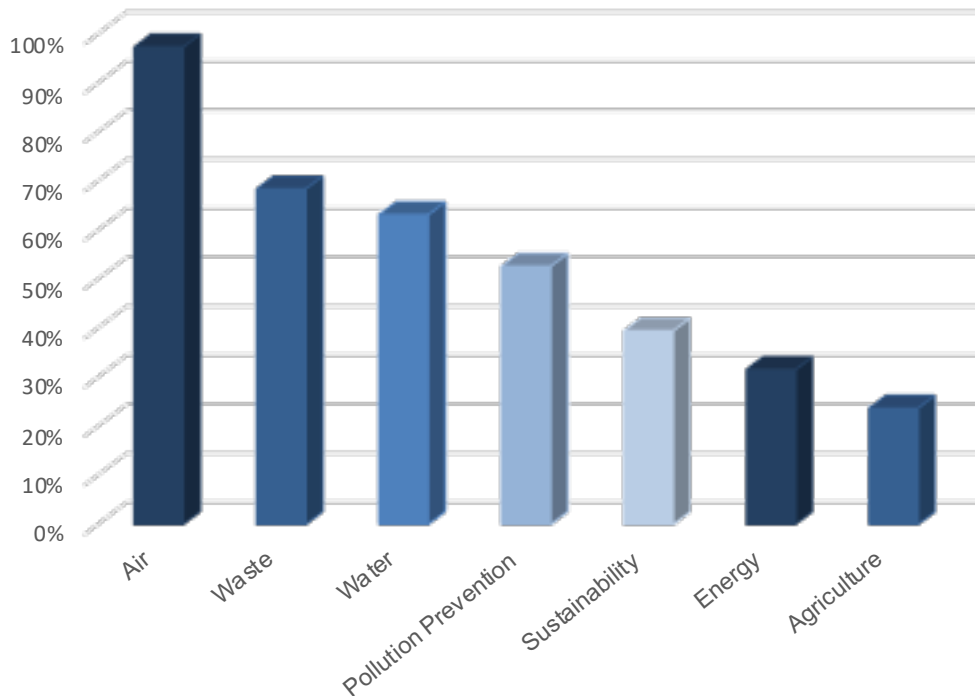
84,000
webinar/workshop attendees

To find more about resources available from your state's Small Business Environmental Assistance Program, visit www.nationalsbeap.org or call 1-800-578-8898.

How we make an impact

Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs throughout the country offer compliance assistance in many areas. All programs provide assistance with air quality, and 82% also offer additional services such as hazardous waste and pollution prevention technical assistance. These “multi-media” programs are a one-stop shop for small businesses with limited resources. The chart below represents the percentage of programs providing technical assistance in the following areas.

Technical assistance areas



What our clients say

“Thank you for the wealth of knowledge and resources.

You’ve also made our conversations productive and informative. I believe this is due to the passion you have for helping others.”

“You have really been a huge part of my learning process, the resource to some amazing contacts and my overall desire to push harder to get to where I am going with sustainability.”

“I don’t know where small businesses would turn to without SBEAP.”

“You are the epitome of what it means to be inclusive, engaging, tenacious and dedicated. What a gift to all of us to have you.”

“We are just a small company, and help like this means so much to us.”

Case study: Partner Steel

Partner Steel has been fabricating steel in Pocatello, Idaho, for more than 30 years. A group of employees purchased the company from the original owner several years ago. Their work ranges from large custom tanks to smaller, walk-in jobs which make up 56% of customers. Partner Steel also manufactures more than 3,000 stainless steel camp stoves each year, the preferred brand among whitewater rafting guides.

The company has 25 employees and is dedicated to making the right decisions regarding worker health and the environment. For example, they have requested equipment be fitted with filters well above the standard. However, they did not have a permit, so when they were inspected, it disrupted their entire operation. They were referred to the SBEAP program for assistance. The Idaho SBEAP was able to determine applicability and create an emissions inventory. They concluded that Partner Steel qualified for an exemption-- their hard work had kept their emissions below regulatory concern. The SBEAP then assisted with permitting forms and walked the company through a six-month process, advocating on their behalf for an exemption concurrence. The owner stated that they don’t know what they would have done without SBEAP. The environmental regulations were so daunting, they feared they were going to have to close the business.



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