

National Small Business Environmental Assistance Program 2023 Annual Report



Who we are

Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs, or 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 36 staff.

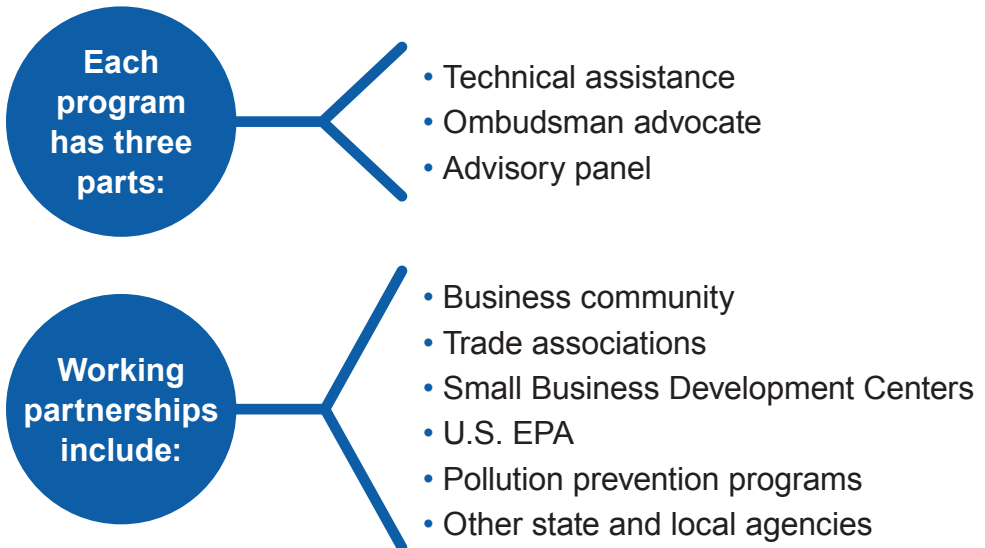
Types of small businesses we assist

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

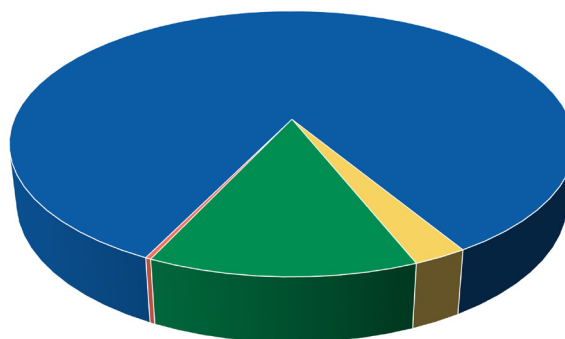
Did you know?

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.

How our programs work



Technical assistance by type



Data based on 33 programs

2023 audience impact



10,406,364 clients served



2,499,933 online resource visits



9,773,904 publications distributed



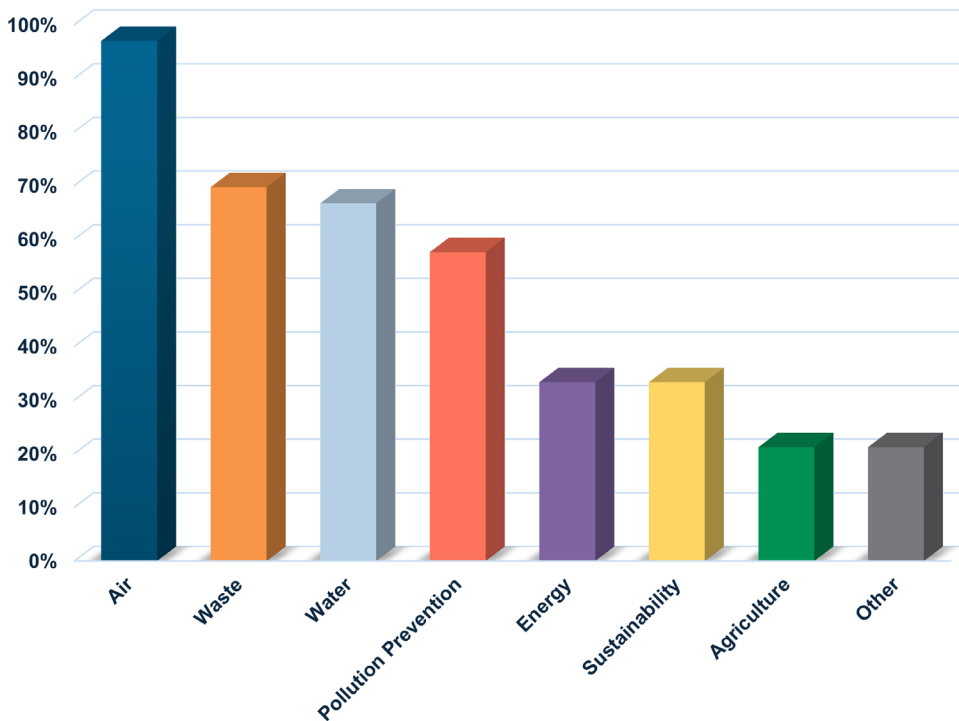
287,663 webinar/workshop attendees

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 85% 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

“Without their help, we might not have been able to gain the proper permits and licensing at all as navigating the regulations and information without assistance is quite a daunting task.”

“I can’t tell you how much I appreciate the small business assistance program, you all are rockstars!!”

“They were prompt in their response to my questions and provided all the information I sought”

“Literally could not have completed my project without SBEAP assistance.”

“EMAP’s knowledge about air quality & DEP permitting was superb. Made what I viewed as an insurmountable task easy!”

Featured Case Study: Quality Industrial Coatings

Quality Industrial Coatings, Courtdale, Pennsylvania, has been awarded the 2024 Small Business Environmental Stewardship Award for accomplishments in the areas of improving environmental performance, pollution prevention and sustainability.

Quality Industrial Coatings operates two spray booths to coat plastic shrouds and other plastic parts and looked for ways to reduce its environmental impact. The company worked with the Pennsylvania Environmental Management Assistance Program, or EMAP, to evaluate compliance with air quality regulations and identify ways to reduce air emissions. Quality Industrial Coatings implemented various product and operational changes that reduced its actual emissions by more than 50% of permitted levels and met new regulatory coating limits.

“I’ve worked with Steve Kaminstein, owner of Quality Industrial Coatings, for several years on various projects, and I can tell he really cares about his employees and his community,” said EMAP Environmental Consultant Carrie Wintersteen. “I’m glad there is a way for a company like Quality Industrial Coatings to be recognized for reducing emissions and its commitment to protecting the environment.”

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