Matrix of Responsibilities vs. Skills

Critical Skills That Are Universal to All Responsibilities Listed					
	Cultivate effective and positive working relationships				
	□ Diplomacy and strong non-verbal communication skills				
	□ Verbal skills, including:				
	 Ability to communicate clearly, concisely, and persuasively 				
	 Ability to adapt communication style to be effective with audience at any level of a business or organization 				
	□ Write concisely and in plain language in a way that is meaningful to a wide range of audiences				
	□ Develop and maintain a stakeholder network				

Responsibilities of SBOs	Critical Skills
Make recommendations to regulators about regulations impacting small businesses	☐ Understand the regulatory process and the key points of input (State and Federal)
	 Understand regulatory requirements including triggers and thresholds for applicability
	☐ Facilitation and negotiation
	☐ Advocate for and sell the program
	☐ Cultivate effective working relationships with regulators
Develop, or review and comment on, pertinent materials and guidance about environmental matters for small business	Research and organize information in a logical manner and select the appropriate depth of information to provide
	☐ Strong editorial skills
	☐ Provide constructive criticism in a persuasive and positive manner
Assist with disseminating pertinent materials and guidance about environmental matters to small businesses	☐ Identify stakeholders
	☐ Filter materials to prioritize information to be disseminated
Advocate for small businesses within the agency	☐ Cultivate effective working relationships with senior agency management
	☐ Facilitation and negotiation
	☐ Advocate for and sell the program
Facilitate and promote discussion of issues between small	☐ Maintain objectivity
businesses and the agency	☐ Moderate a wide range of viewpoints

Responsibilities of SBAPs	Critical Skills
Provide general and sector-specific information on existing	☐ Understand the regulatory process and the key points of input (State and Federal)
and upcoming rules and regulations	☐ Understand regulatory requirements including triggers and thresholds for
	applicability
Provide info and assistance to small businesses on:	
☐ Applicable requirements	☐ Understand the regulatory process and the key points of input (State and Federal)
	 Understand regulatory requirements including triggers and thresholds for applicability
	☐ Cultivate and maintain effective working relationships with regulators
	☐ Organize contact information and resources to quickly get answers to questions
☐ Rights of small businesses	☐ Knowledge of rights and process for exercising them
	☐ Facilitation, advocacy, and negotiation
☐ Compliance methods and control technologies	☐ Understand regulatory requirements
	☐ Technical and practical knowledge
	☐ Facilitate mentoring relationships among small businesses
☐ P2 and release prevention	☐ Technical and practical knowledge of P2, incident response, and release prevention
	☐ Cultivate and maintain key pollution prevention contacts
	☐ Identify P2 opportunities and formulate realistic recommendations
☐ Permitting guidance and assistance	☐ Understand the permit process
	☐ Understand triggers and thresholds for permitting
	☐ Develop effective relationships with key permit writers
☐ Audit programs	 Understand audit process and standards as well as associated opportunities and liabilities
	☐ Understand EPA and state audit disclosure policies
	☐ Basic audit skills
	☐ Cultivate and maintain contacts with qualified auditors
Refer small businesses to appropriate specialists	 Understand which specialists are reliable communicators with small business, and act as a translator as needed

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	☐ Cultivate and maintain effective working relationships with cross-media experts
	☐ Organize contact information to quickly get answers to questions

Responsibilities of CAPs	Critical Skills
Render advisory opinions on effectiveness of SBAPs and difficulties encountered by small business	☐ Organize and analyze complex information to provide clear opinions
	☐ Solicit, gather, organize, and effectively communicate input received
	☐ Maintain objectivity
	☐ Advocate for small business interests
Review materials, regulations, and legislation to be sure they are understandable to small business	☐ Understand legislative process
	☐ Provide constructive criticism in a persuasive and positive manner
	☐ Solicit, gather, organize, and effectively communicate input received
	☐ Advocate for small business interests
Identify issues of concern to small businesses	☐ Have a general awareness of key state small business sectors and their issues
	☐ Develop effective relationships with key small business sector representatives
	☐ Understand regulations to recognize how small businesses are likely to be impacted
	☐ Coordinate with key small business stakeholders to achieve consensus
	☐ Formulate, communicate, and discuss key issues with fellow CAP members and SBAP staff
Advocate for small businesses with legislators and senior agency management	☐ Facilitation and negotiation
	☐ Coordinate with key small business stakeholders to achieve consensus
	☐ Develop effective working relationships with legislators
	☐ Advocate for and sell the program
	☐ Develop clear and brief communications
	☐ Make "get-to-the-point" presentations to legislators in five minutes or less
	 Represent small business with poise and, when necessary, panache before legislators