SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESSES TRAINING AND LISTENING SESSION AT BROWNFIELDS 2011 CONFERENCE

EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response will be offering two days of training sessions (April 4-5) and a one-day Listening Session (April 6) for Small and Disadvantaged Business owners in conjunction with Brownfields 2011 Conference in Philadelphia. All sessions will be held at the **Philadelphia Marriott Downtown (1201 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107)** in the Franklin 3 meeting room on the Fourth floor.

Training Sessions will address Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Targeted Brownfields Assessments, BMPs for Brownfields Remediation, and BMPs for Green Remediation. These 1.5 to 3 hour sessions will be offered on Monday and Tuesday, April 4th and 5th. For more information, and to register go to the News section on the front page of <u>http://www.trainex.org</u>.

The Listening Session is part of an initiative to build the technical capacity of small and disadvantaged businesses (SDBs) as they compete for environmental cleanup business. The purpose of this event is for EPA to hear from SDBs about challenges, barriers, and issues of concern that would assist it in providing more meaningful and relevant training and technical support. In addition to the listening session, the event includes an afternoon "match-making" session where SDBs have an opportunity to speak one-on-one with the EPA staff organizing the listening session, as well to network with major Superfund Contractors invited to the meeting. Click here http://www.trainex.org/listen for information and registration.

Lodging for Brownfields 2011

Lodging for Brownfields 2011 is available in a number of downtown hotels. If you have registered for the Conference, you can find lodging at the conference rate by calling 1-800-584-9047 or online at: http://www.brownfields2011.org/en/registration/housing_and_travel. Options include:

Philadelphia Marriott Downtown 1-215-625-2900 or 1-800-320-5744 http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/phldt-philadelphia-marriott-downtown/

Courtyard Philadelphia Downtown 1-215-496-3200 or 1-888-887-8130 http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/phldc-courtyard-philadelphia-downtown/

Four Points by Sheraton Philadelphia City Center 1-215- 496-2700 www.fourpoints.com/Philadelphia

Hampton Inn Philadelphia Center City-Convention Center 1-215-665-9100 http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=PHLCVHX&WT.srch=1&008=&004=123088224 0&005=12565849260&006=3381745980&007=Search&merch_urlid=67015907&002=2142504

Hilton Garden Inn Philadelphia Center City 1-215-789-4732 www.philadelphiacentercity.hgi.com Loews Philadelphia Hotel 1-215-627-1200 or 1-888-575-6397 <u>http://www.loewshotels.com/en/Philadelphia-</u> <u>Hotel?s_kwcid=TC[21920]loews%20philadelphia%20hotel][S]p]9149728897</u>

Weather in the Philadelphia Area

Temperatures average from 40°F at night to 60°F during the day. Please be advised that the temperatures in the hotel do not reflect temperatures outside. Be sure to pack a jacket or sweater appropriate for inside wear in addition to your usual outdoor coat or jacket.

On-Site Dining

Circ (American) — Chic Contemporary setting in the center of the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown hotel offering signature cocktails and a menu of light snacks and appetizers. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

13 :: American Inspired Cuisine — Serving American Classics with a contemporary twist. Located inside our downtown Philadelphia hotel. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Starbucks Coffee — Stop by for your daily dose of caffeine and light breakfast fare. Located on the Market Street side of our Philadelphia hotel. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner

Restaurants at Reading Terminal Market — Over 30 places to eat in Philadelphia at the famous Reading Terminal Market. Choose from a variety of cuisines including Pennsylvania Dutch/Amish, Seafood, Philly Cheese Steaks, Chinese food, Greek, Thai, Pizza & more. Across the street from our hotel.

Travel Information

The Philadelphia area is served by the Philadelphia International Airport (PHL). PHL is located 8 miles/15 minute drive from the Philadelphia Marriott. Additional information about the airport is available at <u>http://www.phl.org</u>. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania is located in the Eastern Time zone.

From the Philadelphia Airport — Take I-95 North to 676 West. Take Broad St. Exit. Turn left onto Vine. Make a right onto 12th St. Hotel is at 12th and Filbert. Parking at the hotel either valet or on-site is \$38 per day plus tax.

If using Regional Rail Service, take the train from the airport to Market East Station which is connected to the hotel. Subway service, fee: \$ 8.00 (one way)

Estimated taxi fare: \$28.50 Flat Rate per trip from the Airport to the Central Philadelphia Area. Fare does not include gratuity.

From Amtrak 30th Street Station — Take the MFL (Market - Frankford Line) Direction: Frankford Transportation Center to the 13th Street station (2 stops).

Taxi fare from the train station to the hotel is approximately \$10 each way. Fare does not include gratuity. Please Note — For GPS and Internet mapping systems, please use 1200 Filbert Street, Philadelphia PA 19107 as the address of the hotel

Roundtrip transportation to and from PHL also is available from Lady Liberty Shuttle Service. Upon arriving, proceed to ground transportation. One-way fare between PHL and the Marriott is approximately \$10. Additional information about Lady Liberty Shuttle Service is available at http://www.ladylibertyshuttle.com.