



U.S. EPA Information and Resource Management (IaRM) 2011 Annual Training Meeting

TRAVEL AND LODGING INFORMATION

Schedule of Events

The Information and Resource Management (IaRM) Training meeting is planned for Tuesday, May 3 – Thursday, May 5, 2011, in Kansas City, Missouri at The Westin Crown Center (The Westin). The meeting is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, May 3 at 8:30 a.m. and end on Thursday, May 5 at 12:00 p.m.

The Westin Crown Center

The Westin Crown Center
One East Pershing Road
Kansas City, Missouri 64108
Phone: (816) 474-4400 and Fax: (816) 391-4438



The nearest airport is the Kansas City International Airport (MCI), approximately 35 miles away. For additional information about the Westin, visit www.westin.com/KansasCity

Sleeping Room Reservations

A limited size block of rooms has been reserved at The Westin in Kansas City, Missouri. The lodging rate is the prevailing government rate of \$99 per night plus 15.225 percent sales tax and a Kansas City Development Fee of \$1.73 per night. Reservations need to be made before **5:00 p.m. Central Time on Tuesday, April 27, 2011**, to receive the government rate.

To make your sleeping room reservation by telephone, call (888) 627-8538 and be sure to mention that you are attending the **USEPA BIRDS**.

To reserve your room online visit: <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1103165809&key=7CCCB>

Reservations at The Westin must be confirmed with a credit card. You are responsible for cancelling your hotel reservation if you cannot attend. The Westin requires a notice of cancellation by 6:00 p.m. Central Time, 24 hours before the day of your scheduled arrival. If you fail to provide notice, one night's lodging and tax will be charged to your credit card.

Upon check-in you will be asked to verify your departure date; if you check-out earlier from your verified departure date, **an early departure fee of \$75 will be charged to your credit card.**

Hotel check-in begins after 3:00 p.m., and check-out time is at 12:00 p.m.

What to Pack for the Kansas City Area

Dress is casual for Kansas City weather. Temperatures range from 55°F at night to 75°F during the day. Please be advised that the temperatures in the hotel do not reflect temperatures outside. Be sure to pack a light jacket or sweater to wear while you attend classes and sessions.

Dining and Entertainment

The Westin offers several on-site restaurants:

The Brasserie, open daily from 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., serves contemporary American cuisine including a breakfast buffet, bison burgers, Kansas City-style BBQ ribs, and lamb shank

Benton's Prime Steakhouse, serving dinner, is open from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Benton's Prime Steakhouse is located on the 20th floor of The Westin and provides each diner with a spectacular view of the downtown skyline. Benton's features Wagyu ribeye steaks, hot smoked Alaskan sablefish, and seared lump crab cakes.

Room service is available 24 hours a day.

Health, Fitness, and Recreation

The Westin offers several amenities, including a complimentary fitness center with treadmills, stationary bikes, rowing machines, elliptical, and Stairmaster machines. The fitness center is open Monday through Friday from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Jogging trails also are available near the hotel. The Westin also offers two lighted tennis courts available for hourly rental. There also is an outdoor pool open from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Travel Information

The Kansas City area is served by MCI. MCI is located approximately 35 miles from downtown Kansas City. Additional information for MCI is available at www.flykci.com/.

Kansas City, Missouri is located in the Central Time Zone.

Ground Transportation

SuperShuttle provides transportation from MCI to The Westin. The blue SuperShuttle vans are located outside of baggage claim at each Terminal. Reservations are required from the airport and can be made by calling (800) 258-3826. Return service from the hotel to MCI is available and does not require a reservation. The shuttle departs from The Westin every 30 minutes at 10 and 40 after the hour. One-way fare between MCI and The Westin is \$17. Additional information about SuperShuttle is available at www.supershuttle.com/.

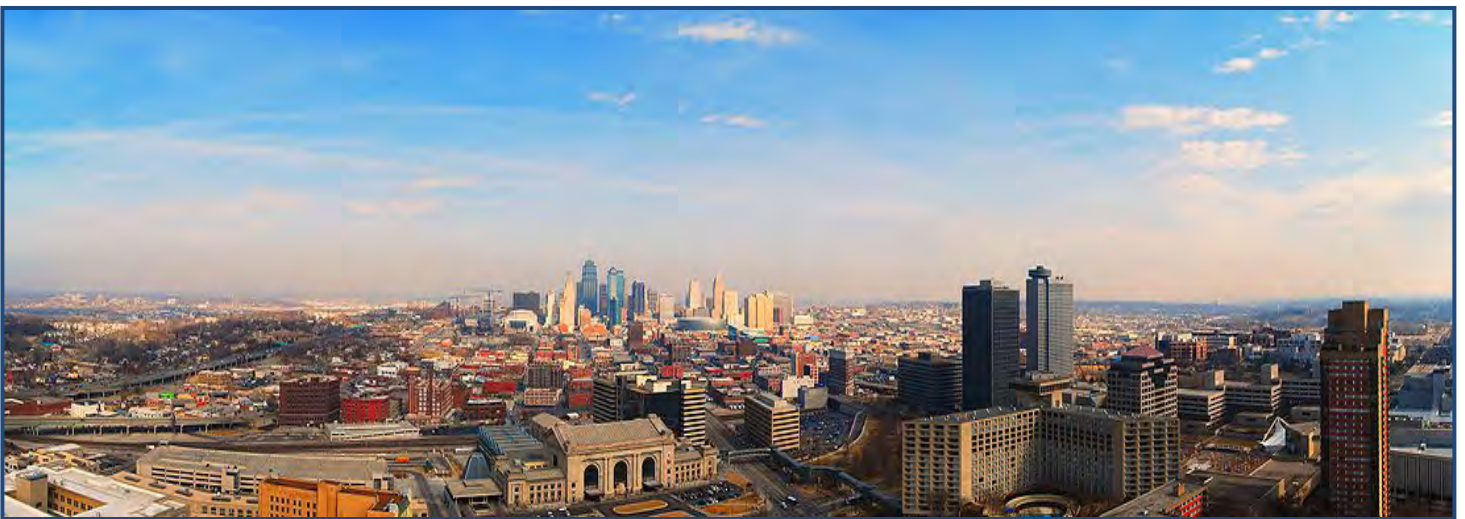
Taxi fare between MCI and the hotel is approximately \$50 each way, not including gratuity.

Valet parking is available at the Westin for \$19 per night with in and out privileges. Self parking is available at the Westin for \$15 per night with in and out privileges.

Union Station Depot, serving Amtrak's Kansas City Rail line (KCY), is located approximately two blocks from The Westin. Visit www.amtrak.com/servlet/ContentServer?pagename=am/am2Station/Station_Page&code=KCY for additional information about KCY.

For More Information

If you have questions or require special assistance, contact Jen Grund, Tetra Tech, Inc. by e-mail at jen.grund@tetrattech.com or by telephone at (703) 390-0667.

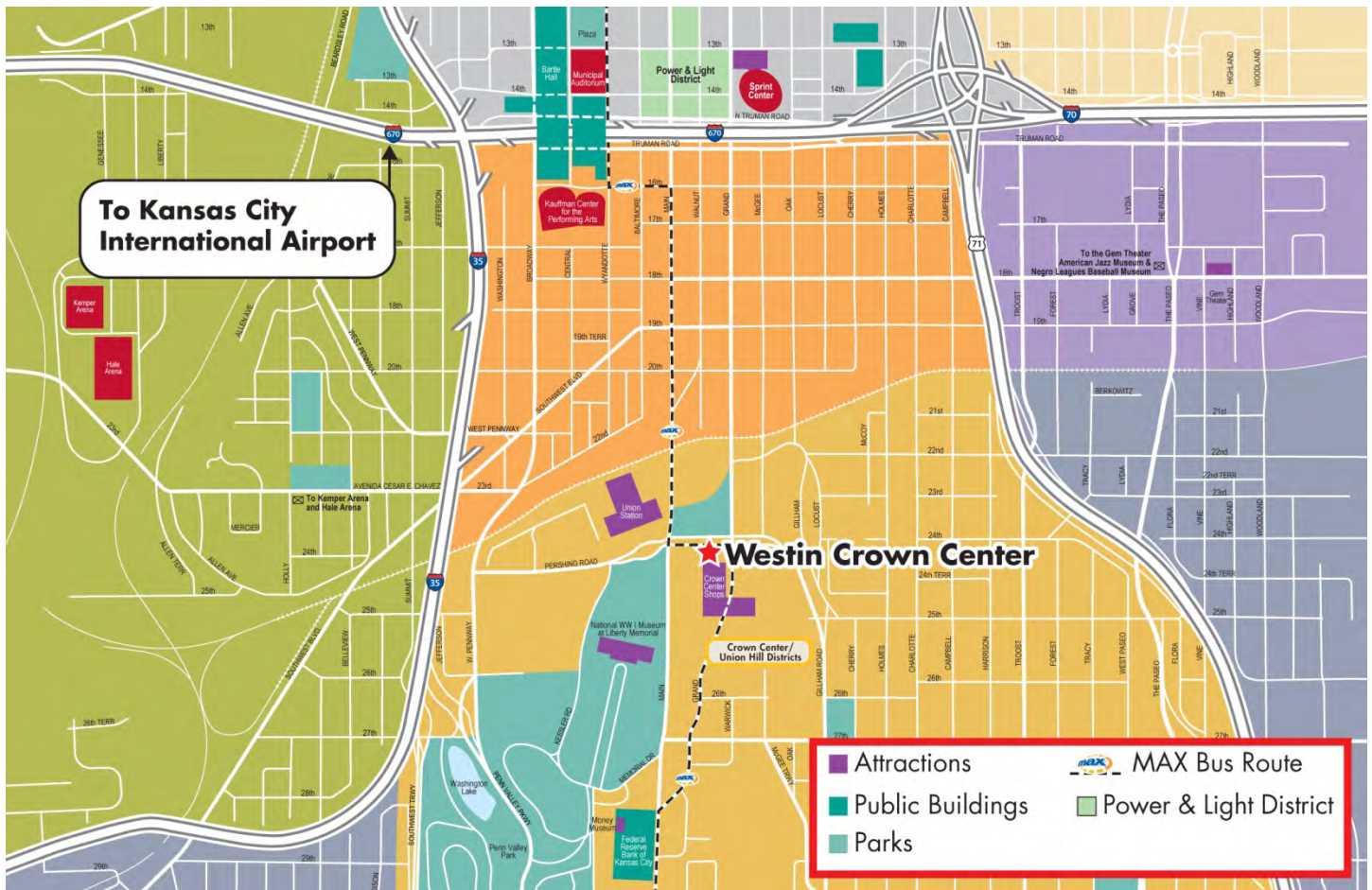


Local Public Transportation

The Metro Area Express (MAX) bus rapid transit service operates along the Main Street Corridor from the River Market in the North, through downtown, past Union Station and Crown Center, and on to the Country Club Plaza. MAX operates seven days a week from 5:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. and costs \$1.50 each way. The fee is collected on board the bus and allows for free transfers to the rest of the Metro system. Visit www.kcata.org/maps_schedules/max/ for additional information on MAX. A map of the MAX system is located below. Each blue dot on the map represents a Max station.



Driving Directions to The Westin Crown Center



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One Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64108
Phone: (816) 474-4400

From MCI – Approximately 35 miles, 25 minutes

- ❖ Exit the airport and take I-29 South to Highway 169 South
- ❖ Continue on Highway 169 South across the Broadway Bridge over the Missouri River
- ❖ Highway 169 becomes Broadway (do NOT turn right)
- ❖ Follow Broadway 18 blocks to Pershing Road and turn left onto Pershing Road
- ❖ The Westin is less than 1 mile on the right hand side of the street

From the East

- ❖ Take I-70 West into the city
- ❖ Exit onto I-670 West (left exit) and proceed 1 mile
- ❖ Take the Broadway exit and turn left
- ❖ Proceed 12 blocks to Pershing Road and turn left
- ❖ The Westin is 3 blocks ahead on the right hand side of the street

From the West

- ❖ Take I-70 to I-670 East (left exit) and proceed 1 mile
- ❖ Take I-35 South to the 20th Street exit (this will be the first exit)
- ❖ Take a left onto 20th Street
- ❖ Take a right onto Main Street
- ❖ Take a right onto Pershing Road
- ❖ The Westin will be on the right hand side of the street

From the South

- ❖ Take I-35 North
- ❖ Take the Broadway exit, then turn right
- ❖ Go 12 blocks to Pershing Road and turn left
- ❖ The Westin is 3 blocks ahead on the right hand side of the street