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**Groundwater High-Resolution Site Characterization (HRSC)  
September 24 - 25, 2013**

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### **Schedule of Events**

The Groundwater High-Resolution Site Characterization (HRSC) training will be held Tuesday, September 24 through Wednesday, September 25, 2013, at the U.S. EPA Region 5 office in Chicago, Illinois. The training begins each day at 9:00 a.m. and ends on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. Please plan your flights accordingly.

The U.S. EPA Region 5 office is located at:

77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3507

<http://www2.epa.gov/aboutepa/visiting-epas-region-5-office-chicago>



Please note: The training will be held at the U.S. EPA Region 5 office in Chicago, Illinois; a sleeping room block is set up at The Silversmith Hotel and Suites, in Chicago, Illinois. There are several parking lots near the U.S. EPA Region 5 building, and a limited amount of metered street parking on Clark Street. The closest garage is at the south end of the building; you can enter it from Federal Street or Van Buren Street. Costs vary by garage and amount of time parked. There is no parking within the U.S. EPA Region 5 building itself.

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### **The Silversmith Hotel and Suites**

The Silversmith Hotel and Suites  
10 South Wabash Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60603  
Phone: (312) 795-6500

For additional information about The Silversmith Hotel and Suites, visit:

<http://www.silversmithchicagohotel.com/>



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### **Sleeping Room Reservations**

A block of rooms has been reserved at The Silversmith Hotel and Suites in Chicago, Illinois. The lodging rate is the prevailing government rate of \$185 per night plus 16.4 percent sales tax. Reservations need to be made before **5:00 p.m. Central Time on Monday, August 26, 2013**, to receive the government rate.

Included under the EPA room block is complimentary Internet access in your sleeping room and a complimentary quick start breakfast.

To reserve your room please call the hotel reservations department directly at (855)-695-6668. Guests will need to mention that you are reserving under the **"Environmental Protection Agency"** room block.

You are responsible for cancelling your hotel reservation if you cannot attend. The Silversmith Hotel and Suites requires a notice of cancellation by 5:00 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 \$100 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.

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### **What to Pack for the Chicago Area**

Dress is casual for Chicago weather. Temperatures range from 55°F at night to 75°F during the day. Please be advised that the temperatures in the training room do not reflect temperatures outside. Be sure to pack a jacket or sweater to wear while you attend the Groundwater HRSC training.

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## Dining

The Silversmith Hotel and Suites offers several recommendations for the dozens of nearby Chicago restaurants. Please visit <http://www.silversmithchicagohotel.com/downtown-chicago-restaurants.aspx> for a list of nearby restaurants.

The Silversmith Hotel and Suites currently does not have an on-site hotel restaurant.

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## Health, Fitness and Recreation

The Silversmith Hotel and Suites offers several amenities, including a fitness center with treadmills, elliptical machines, exercise bikes and weight machines.

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## Travel Information

The Chicago area is served by the Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD) and the Midway International Airport (MDW). ORD is located approximately 18 miles from downtown Chicago. MDW is located approximately 12 miles from downtown Chicago.

Additional information about both airports is available at <http://www.flychicago.com>.

Chicago, Illinois is located in the Central Time Zone.

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## Ground Transportation

The Chicago "L" train provides access to downtown Chicago from both airports. Trains leave ORD every 15 minutes and the ride is approximately 45 minutes each way. Trains leave MDW every 15 minutes and the ride is approximately 35 minutes each way. Fares are \$2.50 one-way. The Orange Line "L" from MDW operates Monday through Friday, 4:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m., Saturdays from 4:30 a.m. to 1:00 a.m., and Sunday and holidays, 5:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. The Blue Line "L" from ORD operates 24 hours a day.

Additional information about the Chicago "L" is available at <http://www.transitchicago.com>.

The Silversmith Hotel and Suites is located at the Madison and Wabash "L" stop, serving the Brown Pink, Purple, Green, and Orange Lines.

Directions from ORD to the Silversmith Hotel using the Blue Line "L":

- ❖ At ORD, follow signs for CTA Trains to City.
- ❖ Board the Blue Line "L" toward Forest Park. The Blue Line is the only train in operation at ORD.
- ❖ Exit at the Monroe-Blue stop (this stop is approximately 2 blocks from the hotel).
- ❖ From the Monroe-Blue stop, walk east on West Monroe Street toward South State Street.
- ❖ Turn Left on South Wabash Street and hotel will be on your left at 10 South Wabash Avenue.

Directions from MDW to the Silversmith Hotel using the Orange Line "L":

- ❖ At MDW, follow signs for CTA Trains to City.
- ❖ Board the Orange Line "L" toward the Loop. The Orange Line is the only train in operation at MDW.
- ❖ Exit at the Madison-Wabash stop. The hotel is at 10 South Wabash Avenue.

Numerous shuttle services provide transportation from ORD and MDW to The Silversmith Hotel and Suites. For shuttles from ORD, please visit:

<http://www.flychicago.com/OHare/EN/GettingToFrom/Shuttles/>. For shuttles from MDW, please visit: <http://www.flychicago.com/midway/en/GettingToFrom/Shuttles/>.

Taxi fare between ORD and the hotel is approximately \$50 each way, not including gratuity. Taxi fare between MDW and the hotel is approximately \$20 each way, not including gratuity.

Valet parking is available at the hotel for \$52 per night with in and out privileges.



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## Driving Directions to EPA Region 5 Chicago

The Metcalfe Federal Building is located in downtown Chicago at the southeast corner at the intersection of South Clark Street and West Jackson Boulevard.

### From Interstate 90 / 94

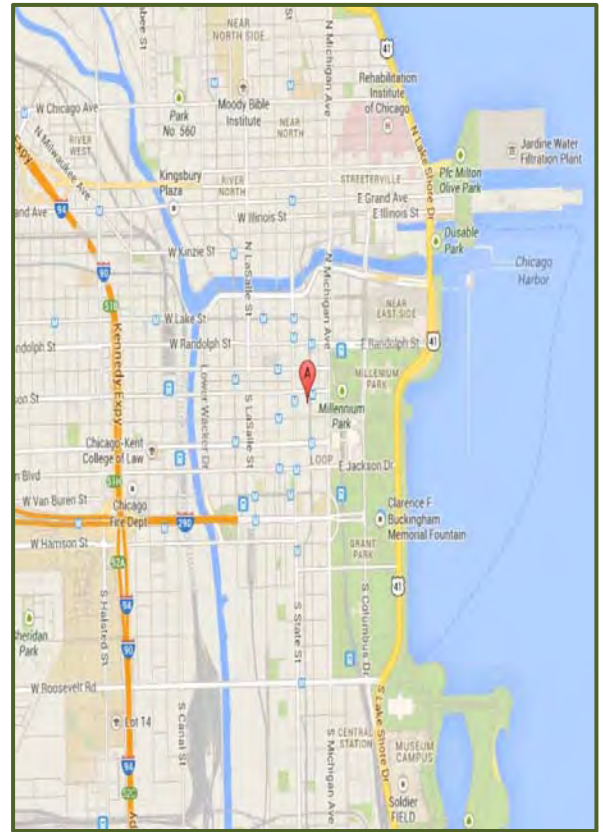
- ❖ From I-90-94, exit east on Congress Parkway (290)
- ❖ Turn north (left) on Dearborn Street
- ❖ Turn west (left) on Adams Street
- ❖ Turn south (left) on Clark Street

### From Interstate 290

- ❖ Continue east on Congress Parkway into downtown Chicago
- ❖ Turn north (left) on Dearborn Street
- ❖ Turn west (left) on Adams Street
- ❖ Turn south (left) on Clark Street

### From Lake Shore Drive

- ❖ From Lake Shore Drive, exit west on Jackson Boulevard
- ❖ Turn north on Michigan Avenue
- ❖ Turn west (left) on Adams Street
- ❖ Turn south (left) on Clark Street



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## Walking Directions to EPA Region 5 Chicago

### From The Silversmith Hotel and Suites, Approximately 0.5 miles, 10 minutes

- ❖ Head south on South Wabash Avenue towards East Monroe Street
- ❖ Turn right onto East Jackson Boulevard (will turn into West Jackson Boulevard)
- ❖ EPA Region 5 will be on your left at the southeast corner of South Clark Street and West Jackson Boulevard

