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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND  
DISTRICT COMMANDS, CHIEFS, OPERATIONS DIVISIONS

SUBJECT: Association of Partners for Public Lands Convention 2008

1. The Association of Partners for Public Lands (APPL) will hold its annual convention in Denver, Colorado 24 - 28 February 2008. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has worked with APPL over the past several years to establish strong relationships with non-profit organizations that support Corps activities at the project level.
2. The APPL convention is an opportunity to learn how cooperating associations and other partners can assist the Corps in the management and stewardship of its lands and facilities. This is especially timely given the recent MOU signed by LTG Van Antwerp and the newly formed Corps of Engineers Natural Resources Education Foundation at the Environmental and Natural Resource Conference in San Antonio. The core portion of the convention features keynote sessions, concurrent workshops organized along educational "tracks," networking sessions, and a first-class trade show of items uniquely geared toward the public lands community.
3. The convention also provides an excellent opportunity for additional training. Again, as in the past 6 years, a specially designed 1½ day partnership workshop for Corps participants and their partners is being held 28 - 29 February. This workshop will build on past efforts and include presentations and open discussion about the various issues we deal with when working with partners. For these reasons, I encourage appropriate attendance at this event.
4. Specific conference information and other details including the registration form are available at: [http://www.appl.org/Training\\_Conventions/2008/2008home.html](http://www.appl.org/Training_Conventions/2008/2008home.html). Early registration ends on 7 January 2008 and will not be extended. Please share this information with the projects for which you are responsible. My point of contact for this activity is Ms. Christanne Gallagher, chair of the national Partnership Advisory Team, (415) 289-3009.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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for DON T. RILEY  
Major General, USA  
Director of Civil Works

## Association of Partners for Public Lands Convention Information

**1. Lodging.** The Association of Partners for Public Lands Convention will be held in Denver, Colorado at both the Adam's Mark Hotel and the Colorado Convention Center. The USACE Partnership Workshop will also be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel. Call the hotel directly to make your reservations and ask for the APPL group rate of \$129 single/\$144 double plus taxes and fees.

Adam's Mark Hotel  
1550 Court Place  
Denver, CO 80202  
Phone 303-893-3333  
Fax: 303-626-2542

The room block for the 2008 Association of Partners for Public Lands Convention at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Denver is filling quickly, particularly on the days before and after the main convention dates, specifically the weekend before and after the convention. Since participants in the USACE post-convention workshop will need to stay Thursday and possibly Friday night, APPL strongly advises you to make your room reservation for the APPL Convention and/or the USACE Partnership Workshop, ASAP. If you wait, it may be difficult to find hotel accommodations at government rates.

If you have any problems booking a reservation, please contact Amy Norris, APPL meeting planner, at 703-433-5887 or by e-mail at [norris@acmeetingevents.com](mailto:norris@acmeetingevents.com).

**2. Registration.** Go to: [www.appl.org/Training\\_Conventions/2008index.htm](http://www.appl.org/Training_Conventions/2008index.htm) to download the registration booklet and read more about the convention program, educational tracks, speakers and special events taking place at.

For the convention - February 24 - 28, 2008 includes the opening reception, all general and educational sessions, awards ceremony, admission to the trade show, Tuesday reception in the Trade Show, continental breakfast on Wednesday, hosted breaks and networking sessions, and ticket to Closing Banquet and Live Auction.

Early - received by January 11, 2008 - will not be extended	\$420
Regular - received between January 12 - February 14	\$475
Late - received after February 14	\$535

### USACE Partnership Workshop - February 28-29, 2008

Partnerships are the foundation to successful outreach. Attend this day and a half training to learn more about the variety of services partners can provide to assist the Corps with their natural resources management and outreach missions. Information on the role and mission of the newly established Corps of Engineers Natural Resources Education Foundation will also be provided along. Some time will also be devoted to the Corps Challenge Partnership Handshake Program. This valuable training is intended to benefit those who have existing cooperating associations and other types of partnerships as well as those who do not. Appropriate for Corps employees at all levels and nonprofit partner staff and board members.

Includes breaks and lunch on Thursday

With convention registration	\$175
Without convention registration (training only)	\$215

Easy On-Line Registration at: [www.appl.org/Training\\_Conventions/2008convention\\_attendees.htm](http://www.appl.org/Training_Conventions/2008convention_attendees.htm)