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

SUBJECT: Association of Partners for Public Lands Convention 2009

1. The Association of Partners for Public Lands (APPL) will hold its annual convention in Baltimore, Maryland, 1-4 March 2009. 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. 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 7 years, a specially designed 1-½ day partnership workshop for Corps participants and their partners is being held 5-6 March. This workshop will build on past efforts and include presentations and open discussions 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/2009index.html](http://www.appl.org/Training_Conventions/2009index.html). Early registration ends on 16 January 2009 and will not be extended. Please share this information and the enclosure 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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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Meredith W.B. Temple".

MERDITH W.B. TEMPLE  
Major General, USA  
Deputy Commanding General  
for Civil and Emergency Operations

**Association of Partners of Public Lands Convention / USACE Partnership Workshop  
Baltimore, Maryland - March 2009**

**Hotel Information:** We highly encourage you to attend the entire APPL Convention as well as the Corps Partnership Training. Unfortunately, the Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards (convention hotel headquarters) will not be within the government per diem rate starting on Thursday. In order to make your life easier, we suggest booking your room for the entire week at the newly renovated Baltimore Holiday Inn which is just across the street. Call the hotel today to make your reservations if you think you'll be attending the USACE Partnership Workshop.

**Baltimore Holiday Inn Inner Harbor**

301 W. Lombard Street, Baltimore, MD 21201; Phone 410-685-3500 or Toll-Free 1-800-HOLIDAY (465-4329); Group Name/Code to get the special rate: APPL / AAP Group Rate: \$135/night + taxes and fees

**Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards – (convention hotel headquarters)**

110 South Eutaw Street, Baltimore, MD 21201; In-House Reservations (Monday - Friday; 9:00 am - 5:00 pm EST) 443-957-2218; Hotel Phone 410-962-0202; Group Name/Code to get the special group rate: Public Lands-APPL / APPAPPA Group Rate: \$135/night + taxes and fees. Note: Group rate is not available starting Thursday, Mar. 5th

**APPL Convention & Trade Show ~ March 1-4, 2009:** Don't miss this once a year opportunity for shared learning and networking with public lands partners from across the country! Read more about convention highlights, register, and download the program schedule at [www.appl.org](http://www.appl.org). Those who register by January 16th will be entered into a drawing to receive a free 2010 APPL Convention registration!

Convention costs for APPL members and Government Employees

Early – received by January 16 <sup>th</sup> - will not be extended	= \$450
Regular – received by February 18 <sup>th</sup>	= \$500
Late – received after February 18 <sup>th</sup>	= \$550

**USACE Partnership Workshop ~ March 5-6, 2009:** We invite you to learn about the latest efforts by your peers to leverage partnership dollars and resources. Innovative partnering efforts include the use of regional foundations, novel approaches to handshake seed funds, optimal use of the new Contributions, Fundraising, and Recognition Reference Guide (CFRG), and other initiatives that you can put to use at your own projects. This training is intended to benefit projects with existing partnerships as well as those starting new ones. Appropriate for Corps employees at all levels and associated partners.

The Corps' natural resources management program faces significant budget challenges. Now more than ever, innovation, collaboration, and community outreach will play critical roles as we encourage and cultivate partnerships to enhance our program during these challenging times.

Registration: Online at [www.appl.org](http://www.appl.org)

Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>; 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Friday, March 6th

Cost: \$175 with convention registration; \$215 without convention registration

We look forward to seeing you in Baltimore this coming March!

APPL and the USACE Partnership Team