



## ***EIGHTH GREAT YEAR !***

***A National Conference that Combines***

**THE INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & TECHNOLOGIES CONFERENCE**

***Sponsored by the Lead and Environmental Hazards Association***

**&**

**THE LEAD AND HEALTHY HOMES GRANTEES CONFERENCE**

***Sponsored by the National Association of Lead and Healthy Homes Grantees***

**May 1 – 4, 2012 \* NEW ORLEANS, LA**

***Plus Pre-Conference Workshops on Monday, April 30th***

**"Early Bird" Registration Rates Available thru December 31, 2011**



# Joint Conference Features Program Tracks and Workshops

The joint conference includes program tracks and technical assistance workshops dealing with lead hazard control, lead poisoning prevention and healthy housing program issues. The program tracks run Tuesday afternoon and the technical assistance workshops run Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

## National Conference of Lead and Healthy Homes Grantees

The National Association of Lead and Healthy Homes Grantees is presenting sessions that focus on grant submission and management issues, operational issues and technical assistance topics. These sessions allow grantees, sub-grantees and potential grantees to examine ways to respond to grant opportunities, properly manage grant programs examine key issues that will help their agencies and communities improve the effectiveness and delivery of their grant programs, and examine changing federal strategies.

The Sessions on Lead and Healthy Homes Grant Management, Successful Program Implementation and Program Sustainability Cover the Following Issues

- ▶ Streamlining grant program administration
- ▶ Staying on target with your grant's benchmarks and deliverables
- ▶ Transitioning from a lead to a healthy homes program
- ▶ Monitoring and documenting that contractors are using lead-safe work practices
- ▶ Developing proper documentation on household income including third party verification
- ▶ Recruiting strategies for contractors and landlords
- ▶ Sustaining a program after the grant period
- ▶ Gaining acceptance of healthy homes programs at the local level
- ▶ Fostering partnerships for implementing a healthy housing agenda
- ▶ Preparing for new opportunities offered through HUD's Healthy Homes Strategic Plan

## Sessions to Help Grant Managers and Staff

As a grant program manager – new or old – you are not alone. The trials and tribulations that you face have been dealt with by others. The conference provides you with answers and insights based on the successful experiences of other grant managers. These conference sessions include a pre-conference workshop for grant managers; an educational program track on grant application, implementation and sustainability issues; technical assistance workshops on program issues; a special "open forum" with key personnel from the HUD Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control.

Also of great value is the opportunity you'll have to network with fellow grant managers and program staff from throughout the country.

## The Indoor Environmental Health & Technologies Conference

In its tenth year, the Indoor Environmental Health & Technologies Conference – considered the nation's premier multi-discipline environmental event – brings together a cross-section of public officials, facility managers and operators, community advocates, contractors and consultants.

The Sessions on Eliminating Childhood Lead Poisoning and Conducting Healthy Housing Programs Cover the Following Issues

- ▶ Undertaking housing-based, primary prevention programs
- ▶ Incorporating Healthy Homes programs with weatherization programs and green housing rehab programs
- ▶ Expanding from lead poisoning prevention to Healthy Homes at the local and state levels
- ▶ Making the EPA Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule work at the local level through awareness, education and enforcement strategies
- ▶ Examining the barriers to eliminating childhood lead poisoning
- ▶ Integrating healthy housing strategies within city and state government agencies and non-governmental organizations, including affordable housing, community development and code enforcement
- ▶ Evaluating new federal policy opportunities for advancing lead hazard control and healthy homes programs
- ▶ Increasing the effectiveness of education and outreach programs aimed at hard-to-reach, at-risk populations
- ▶ Involving parents in policy development and program advocacy
- ▶ Comparing greening principles vs. healthy housing practices: compatible or conflicting
- ▶ Sustaining programs through collaboration and non-government funding sources
- ▶ How to enact and enforce housing-focused codes to support Healthy Homes objectives
- ▶ New products entering the healthy housing/healthy buildings marketplace
- ▶ How to conduct a healthy homes assessment and implement remediation protocols, including integrated pest management, bed bug eradication, moisture elimination

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## Other Conference Features

Sessions to help grantees administer grant programs, and overcome "red" and "yellow" grant status.

Opportunities to experience how New Orleans has been recovering from Katrina by touring Katrina-ravaged areas, and by attending presentations by organizations involved in the recovery, and volunteering to work with these organizations.

City Showcases, Consultation Roundtables and Poster Presentations designed to provide attendees with the opportunity to engage in interactive, small group discussions on issues faced by public agencies, community groups, consultants and contractors, and facility operators when undertaking health programs, lead hazard control and health housing programs, and environmental hazard inspection and remediation projects.

Plenary Sessions that provide the opportunity to learn about new policy, program and legislative initiatives designed to advance lead poison prevention and healthy housing objectives – and to have fun at the same time.

"Don't Reinvent the Wheel" Educational Displays to see what's been done by others to carry out public education and community outreach programs. If your organization would like to contribute to the "Don't Reinvent the Wheel" displays, call 800.590.6522.

Networking Opportunities to meet with colleagues from throughout the country to exchange ideas and establish working relationships.

Dear Colleague:

We invite you to attend the 2012 National Conference in New Orleans. With so many issues and challenges before us, the conference gives us an excellent opportunity to examine new program directions and best practices; identify ways to stretch limited resources; build and sustain lead poisoning prevention, lead hazard control and healthy housing programs; learn how to pursue funding opportunities; discuss how to best undertake inspection, risk assessment, project remediation and clearance; and clarify how to utilize federal regulations to advance program objectives.

The conference will also give us an opportunity to explore post-Katrina recovery progress in the New Orleans area. On Tuesday morning, attendees will be able to take a tour of areas that were devastated by

Katrina and to view their present conditions, or take a tour of the wetland areas around New Orleans to see first hand the ecological affects of Katrina on the area. In addition, organizations instrumental in the rebuilding process will set up information displays and participate in conference sessions.

Our respective associations are pleased to bring you this conference.

Kent Ackley, President,  
Lead and Environmental Hazards Association

Dr. Brenda Reyes, Board Member  
National Association of Lead and Healthy Homes Grantees

## Supporting Organizations

National Association of Lead and Healthy Homes Grantees

Lead and Environmental Hazards Association

Coalition for Environmentally Safe Communities

American Lead Poisoning Help Association

National Center for Healthy Housing

Children's Environmental Health Network

National Safe and Healthy Housing Coalition

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## Consultation Roundtables

Attendees will participate in a series of Consultation Roundtables at which they will meet with subject matter experts to discuss key issues in grant management, lead poisoning prevention, indoor environmental health and hazards remediation.

The Consultation Roundtables will give attendees the opportunity to explore solutions to operating problems and express their views on the issues that are faced by public agencies, private companies, facility operators and community groups when undertaking children's health programs, health education, lead and environmental hazard inspection and remediation projects.

### CITY SHOWCASES

Throughout the United States, dozens of cities lead the way in implementing child lead poisoning prevention, lead hazard control and healthy homes programs. The 2012 National Conference will feature a number of these cities during the City Showcase Presentations. Teams from these cities will be available to present information on what they have been doing in their communities through grant programs, public awareness initiatives, public/private collaborations, and other strategies.

The City Showcases are designed to provide attendees with the opportunity to engage in interactive discussions with city teams. Each City Showcase discussion will last for 40 minutes so that attendees can participate in several City Showcase discussions throughout the conference.

If your city is interested in being featured as a City Showcase, please call 800.590.6522.

### Poster Presentations Are Welcome

If your organization would like to have a poster presentation, call 800.590.6522.

## From Lead to Healthy Homes

**What New Opportunities and Challenges Face Public Agencies, Community Organizations, Private Industry, Facility Managers and Owners, and Educational Institutions as HUD, EPA, CDC and USDA Pursue the "Framework for Healthy Housing"?**

**In June 2011 in Denver, these federal agencies conducted an exciting and visionary conference on "Building A Framework For Healthy Housing". That conference focused attention on the need to provide safe, healthy and efficient homes for America's families and reflected the federal commitment to lay the foundation to achieve their healthy homes agenda.**

**The New Orleans conference will strive to advance the challenge of developing a national strategy for making our nation's homes and buildings healthy places to live and work through innovative programs, public/private collaborations and local/state/federal partnerships.**

**The New Orleans conference will provide an exciting educational and networking opportunity by bringing together a cross section of public officials, educators, facility operators, industry practitioners, and program advocates to engage in problem-solving sessions designed to help attendees strengthen their abilities to participate in the movement towards healthy and safer living and working environments.**

**The New Orleans conference will examine HUD's draft "Healthy Homes Strategic Plan" so grantees and potential grantees can gain a better understanding of its relationship to local program operations, and engage in the strategic planning process by offering suggestions that can help shape the final plan.**

**The conference will focus on healthy housing and healthy building issues, such as:**

- **How to gain acceptance of healthy housing programs at the local level**
- **How to foster partnerships for implementing healthy housing agendas**
- **How to undertake healthy housing and healthy building inspections, risk assessments, hazard remediation and clearance**
- **How to transition from lead to healthy homes programs and incorporate healthy homes principles into ongoing practices and programs**
- **How to build sustainable local healthy housing and healthy building programs**
- **How to position your organization to acquire federal funds to undertake healthy homes programs**
- **How to undertake healthy housing outreach and public education programs that focus on the most at-risk populations**

## Meet the Challenges

Environmental health practitioners, health educators, environmental hazard remediation professionals, and building operators face growing challenges. From tight budgets to issues of political and public support to determining appropriate work practices and to questions of environmental science, they all face mounting concerns of how to effectively operate and sustain programs, projects and businesses. The main purpose of the joint conferences is to help attendees explore solutions to the challenges that are encountered each day in efforts to implement success programs.

## Federal and State Updates

Attendees will hear from public officials and representatives from national organizations on the current status of key legislative, administrative and court actions.

- An update on the federal government's efforts to assure compliance with its lead regulations
- A legislation and regulations forecast on environmental health, lead and healthy housing bills
- A review of current and pending state lead and mold laws and their potential for replication in other states
- An update on states taking delegation of the RRP Rule

## Plenty of Time to Network and Establish Professional and Business Relationships

The conference provides a perfect setting for environmental health practitioners, local and state government officials and industry practitioners to meet, exchange ideas and establish working relationships with one another.

Learning from each other and renewing acquaintances are true benefits of participating in the conference.

# "Early Bird" Registration Information

The following "Early Bird" registration rates are for registration forms received by December 31, 2011. Payment does not have to accompany the registration form. Please use photocopies of the form for additional registrations.

For 1 person from the organization.....\$270  
For 2 persons from the organization.....\$250 per person  
For 3 persons from the organization.....\$220 per person  
For 4 or more persons from the organization.....\$190 per person

Add \$50 if you are also attending a pre-conference workshop and are not a member of LEHA or the Grantees' Association.

Your conference registration entitles you to all program sessions, two receptions, a lunch and two continental breakfasts, and admission to the exhibit hall.

## **City Teams Are Encouraged to Attend**

Since the conference program is designed to serve the interests of health, housing and community development agencies, representatives from these and other city agencies are encouraged to attend as a "city team". To facilitate attendance, a "city team" will receive special registration considerations by calling 800.590.6522.

## **Registration Payment Not Required with Registration Form**

Your registration payment does not have to accompany your registration form. Once we receive your form, we will send you a confirmation letter and an invoice for the registration fee. If you are using a public agency purchase order, be sure to include the purchase order number on the registration form. If you are paying by credit card, please fill out the credit card information on the registration form.

## **Interested in presenting in a conference session, or conducting a poster session?**

Call 800.590.6522 to make arrangements, or email to [weilcm2@verizon.net](mailto:weilcm2@verizon.net).

## **Nominations Sought for the 2012 Lead Star Awards and Healthy Housing Awards**

Email nomination with a brief account of the person's or organization's accomplishments to [weilcm2@verizon.net](mailto:weilcm2@verizon.net). Awards will be presented at the Wednesday morning plenary session.

## **Interested in Exhibiting?**

Call 800.590.6522 for an Exhibitor Information and Registration Packet.

**To Register**, Use the hard copy registration form, or register on-line by clicking Registration.

**Questions about the conference?** Call 301.924.0804 or email to [weilcm2@verizon.net](mailto:weilcm2@verizon.net)

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## Special "Early Bird" Registration Offer

**Register before December 31, 2011 at the Early Bird rates noted on the attached sheet.**

**Payment does not have to accompany the registration form.**

Fax to 301.924.0265 or mail to National Conference, P O Box 535, Olney, MD 20830.

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First name (as preferred for badge): \_\_\_\_\_  
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### PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP SIGN UP

CHECK BELOW IF YOU ARE ATTENDING ONE OF THE PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS ON  
MONDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 30TH

- Technical Assistance Workshop for Grantees: Implementation to Closeout  
 Risk Assessment and Low-Cost Lead Hazard Control Methods  
 Healthy Housing Assessment and Remediation Protocols  
 Child Lead Screening Strategies  
 Eco-Healthy Child Care Train the Trainer Program

Payment Information:  \$50 per workshop added to Registration Fee  
 No charge for workshops. I am a member of:  
 National Association of Lead and Healthy Homes Grantees  
 Lead and Environmental Hazards Association (LEHA)

REGISTRATION CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations must be in writing. Refunds will be given to all requests received up to 72 hours before the first day of the conference, less a \$45.00 cancellation fee. No refunds will be given for "no shows".

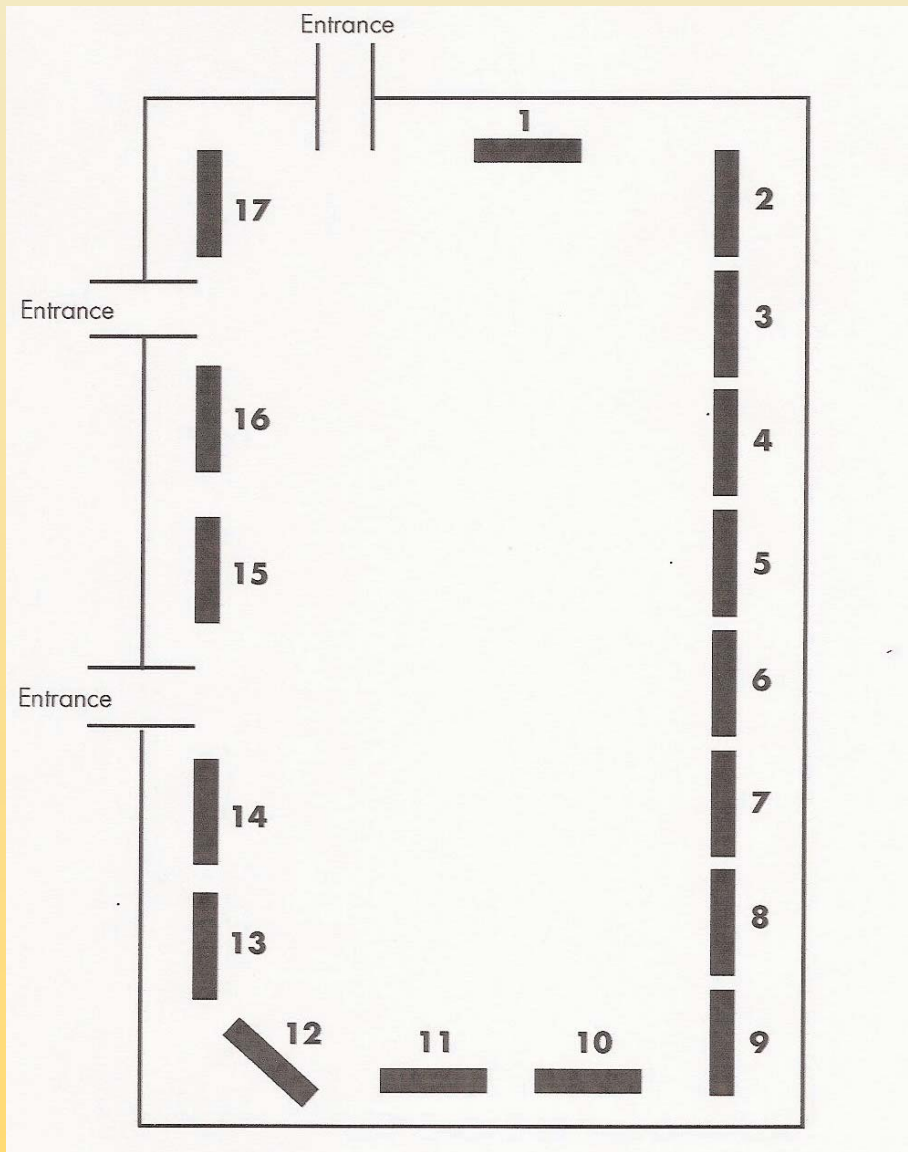
## AN OUTSTANDING EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITY

The joint conferences provide product manufacturers, technology firms, laboratories, service and training organizations, and insurance companies with an excellent opportunity to meet with public agency officials, environmental remediation contractors and facility operators...all looking for ways to effectively carry out their indoor environmental inspection and remediation projects and childhood lead poisoning prevention programs.

Special exhibit viewing times are built into the conference program and are enhanced with traffic builders that include a lunch, two receptions, and coffee hours in the exhibit hall. Exhibit space is limited to 17 companies and organizations. Call 800.590.6522 to reserve your space.

Exhibitors will display before representatives from housing agencies; inspection, risk assessment and remediation companies; building management personnel; public health practitioners; school and university physical plant administrators; and grant administrators.

### EXHIBIT HALL FLOOR PLAN



### EXHIBIT FACTS

**Exhibition Dates:** May 1 & 2, 2012

**Location:** Grand Ballroom

**Set-Up Schedule:**

Tuesday, May 1 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Tear-Down Hours:**

Wednesday, May 2 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

**Show Schedule:**

Tuesday, May 1

Exhibit Viewing and Reception from  
5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 2

Exhibit Viewing with Lunch from  
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Exhibit Viewing with Reception from  
5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

**Booth Size & Equipment:**

The exhibits are positioned around the perimeter of the room. Each exhibitor is given 10' of space and is furnished an 6' table and chairs. Power is available. The exhibit hall is carpeted.

**Booth Cost:**

Before December 31, 2011....\$1050\*

After December 31, 2011.....\$1250\*

\* Members of the Lead and Environmental Hazards Association receive a \$50 discount on the cost of a booth.

Each exhibiting company receives a set of tickets for the Tuesday and Wednesday receptions and the Wednesday lunch. Additional sets of tickets are available for \$50.

# SPECIAL TOURS OF NEW ORLEANS

Arrangements have been made with USA Hosts to offer two special tours for conference attendees and guests at special group rates.

## Field Study Tour of Katrina Recovery Areas

Tuesday, May 1, 2012  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$35 per person

In late August 2005, states along Gulf Coast were ravaged by Hurricane Katrina. The aftermath resulted extraordinary health, housing, environmental and economic challenges from which New Orleans is still recovering. This unique and customized tour provides conference attendees with an opportunity to see the effects of Hurricane Katrina, hear from its survivors, and explore the community recovery process. For those who took the Katrina Recovery tour in 2010, this year's tour offers an opportunity to see what progress has been made over the past two years.

Attendees will be picked up at the Astor Crowne Plaza at 8:00 a.m. You will drive in a deluxe mini-coach on this fully narrated tour through the Ninth Ward and St. Bernard's Parish. During the driving tour, attendees will see areas of great devastation along with areas of significant rebuilding. Highlights in these communities will include the Make it Right Project, Musician's Village and the Global Green House.

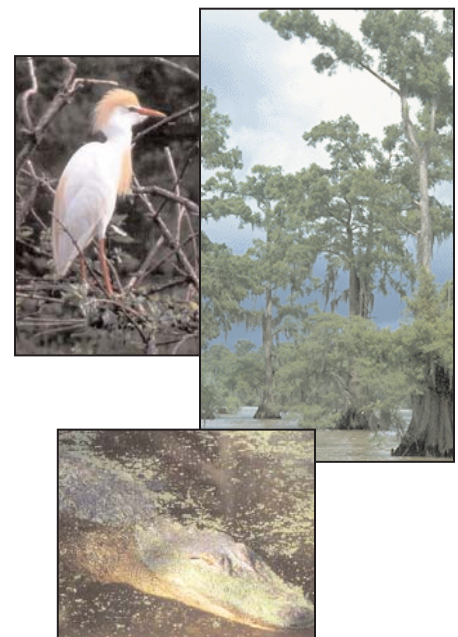


## Environmental Field Study Tour of Wetland Areas

Tuesday, May 1, 2012  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$50 per person

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and the 2010 BP oil spill destroyed over 200 square miles of Louisiana's unique and intricate ecosystem, home to more than 70 rare, threatened, or endangered species. Beyond its world ecological significance, the wetlands are the heart of America's Energy Coast, a place that fuels the nation and provides for its domestic energy and economic security. Although efforts continue to rebuild the cities, addressing the environmental effects on the wetlands remain vital to the region's recovery as they provide the last natural barrier for cities and towns when natural disasters occur.

Attendees will be picked up at the Astor Crowne Plaza at 8:00 a.m. You will drive in a deluxe, climate-controlled motor coach with licensed tour guides to provide a customized, narrated tour to and from the bayou region of southern Louisiana that has been specially prepared to consider the interests and professional experiences of conference attendees. Upon arriving in Cajun country, attendees will depart on swamp boats for a guided tour of the marsh area complete with exotic tropical plants and wildlife including herons, nutria, turtle and alligators. Comfortable outdoor clothes and tennis shoes are recommended.



For reservations, contact USA Hosts at 800.368.4678 or click on Tours on the conference web site. Be sure to tell USA Hosts that you will be attending the Lead and Healthy Homes Conference at the Astor Crowne Plaza.

# NEW ORLEANS JAZZ & HERITAGE FESTIVAL (“JAZZ FEST”)

With 12 stages of soul-stirring music – jazz, gospel, Cajun, zydeco, blues, R&B, rock, funk African, Latin Caribbean, folk, and much more – the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival is a singular celebration. The event has showcased most of the great artists of New Orleans and Louisiana of the last half century and blends a wide mix of internationally renowned guests. It is an experience you won’t forget...one that you don’t want to miss out on.

## Special Hotel Arrangements for the Jazz Fest Weekends Before and After the Conference

For the Friday and Saturday before the conference, the hotel is offering a special rate of \$209 per night for a single or double. For the Friday and Saturday after the conference, the hotel requires a two-night reservation at the \$209 rate.

If you want to reserve rooms for any of these nights, you must call the hotel reservations office directly at 504.962.0500 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. CST. Tell them you are attending the Lead and Healthy Homes Conference. You can make your reservations for the \$135 rate (4/29 check in thru 5/4 check out) at the same time.

For information on the New Orleans Jazz Festival (“Jazz Fest”) go to <http://www.nojazzfest.com>.



# Conference Location and Hotel Information

The Combined Conferences will be held at the Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel, New Orleans

The Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel is located at the gateway to the French Quarter on Canal Street and Bourbon Street. A block of rooms has been reserved at a special conference rate of \$135 single or double. These rates are available from check-in on Sunday, April 29, 2012 through checkout on Friday, May 4, 2012.

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When making your room reservations, be sure to tell the hotel that you are attending the **Lead and Healthy Homes Conference**.

To make hotel reservations at the \$135 rate, call the Astor Crowne Plaza at 504.962.0500 or use the direct link to the Astor Crowne Plaza's reservation page ([click here](#)).

We recommend booking early as reservations are in high demand during the week of the conference due to the New Orleans Jazz Festival which is taking place on the weekends before and after the conference.

**Reservations must be made by April 2, 2012 to guarantee the conference rate.** If you run into a problem when trying to make your hotel reservations, call the conference office at 301.924.0804, or send an email to [weilcm2@verizon.net](mailto:weilcm2@verizon.net)

## Airport Transportation

A fee-based city service is available at the airport baggage claim terminal to the hotel. The hotel's concierge service can arrange advance reservations for your return trip to the airport.

## Internet Services

High speed internet access is available for a fee in all sleeping rooms. Complimentary wireless internet is available in the hotel's lobby, and an internet café with four connections will be available in the conference area.

## Other Hotel Services

- ADA-accessible guest rooms
- 24-hour self-service business center
- Fitness center
- Roof-top, outdoor pool
- Safety deposit boxes
- In room coffee and tea maker



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