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

SUBJECT: Association of Partners for Public Lands Convention 2004

1. The Association of Partners for Public Lands (APPL) will hold its annual convention March 13 – 18, 2004 in St. Louis, Missouri. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has worked with this organization 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 more about how cooperating associations can assist the Corps in management and stewardship of its lands and facilities. The core portion of the convention, featuring 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 two years, a specially designed 1½ day partnership seminar for Corps participants and their partners is being offered March 18 and 19 (workshop information enclosed). This workshop will build on the past efforts and include presentations by and open discussion with representatives of the Office of Counsel on authorities, fiscal laws and ethics and with the Headquarters Real Estate Division on real estate license/lease issues. There will also be discussions focused on partnering with Native American groups and for-profit corporations. For these reasons, I encourage attendance at this event.
4. Specific conference information, transportation and accommodation details and the registration form are available at: <http://www.appl.org/2004con/main.html>. Please share this information with the projects for which you are responsible. My POC for this undertaking is Ms. Debra Stokes. Ms. Stokes may be reached by phone at 202-761-7769 or via e-mail.

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