

SCAG UPDATE



March 22, 2011

2011 SCAG General Assembly

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is hosting its Annual Regional Conference & General Assembly May 5 – 6 at the La Quinta Resort & Club in La Quinta. The theme of this year's conference is: *Getting Back to Golden: Jobs, Transportation and Sustainability in Southern California.*

Registration is free for SCAG Regional Council Members and SCAG General Assembly Delegates/Alternates.

The general registration fee for all others is \$100 (students \$50) and entitles registrants to participate in all events and meals of the SCAG Regional Conference & General Assembly.

Don't miss out! Register today at: www.scag.ca.gov/ga2011

EPA Accepting Applications for Environmental Education Grant Funding

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is accepting grant applications for \$1.9 million in funding for environmental education projects and programs. The purpose of the grants is to promote environmental stewardship and help develop knowledgeable and responsible students, teachers and citizens. EPA expects to award at least 20 grants nationwide ranging from a minimum of \$15,000 to a maximum of \$100,000 and will accept applications until May 2, 2011.

A conference call will take place on April 6 at 2 p.m. (EDT). To participate in the conference call, dial: 1-866-379-5082, and use conference ID number: 48696117.

Since the program began, EPA has provided more than \$50 million in funding to more than 3,000 agencies and organizations.

More information on eligibility and application materials: www.epa.gov

Keeping Our Heads Above Water: Adapting to Climate Change in Southern California

Join top scientists, Nobel Peace Prize recipients, public policy-makers and industry representatives for an Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

Discussion topics will include: Climate change impacts on local communities, risk assessment and the role of the insurance industry, local case studies and much more.

When: Monday, May 2, 2011 8am - 4pm

Where: Northrop Grumman Presentation Center, One Space Park, Redondo Beach, CA

Register online at: www.sbesc.com

Or call: (310) 371-7222

Benefits of Membership

Is your city a member of the California Employer's Retiree Benefit Trust (CERBT)? Take advantage of SCAG's contract with Bartel & Associates, LLC for actuarial valuation services.

Actuarial valuation reporting is necessary to comply with the requirements of the CERBT, and California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) trust administrators must be provided with an updated actuarial report every two years beginning fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, to satisfy the requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 45 (GASB 45).

Your city can eliminate the administrative burden of processing actuarial service procurements. SCAG has completed a procurement through a competitive bidding process. All you have to do is participate.

For more information, have your CFO or Finance Director contact Sandee Scott at (213) 236-1996, or scotts@scag.ca.gov.

"Participating in the joint procurement for our Actuarial Valuation Study was a great decision! SCAG took care of everything. I simply drafted our Retiree Health Benefit Plan description. SCAG prepared the Request for Proposal (RFP), advertised and distributed it, fielded questions, coordinated the consultant interview process and contract execution. SCAG kept me informed throughout the process. The City of Newport Beach is very pleased with the selected consultant. While City staff could have and would have coordinated this RFP process, SCAG's efforts saved the City time and money and allowed us to focus on other projects. With budget cuts, furloughs, and increased public scrutiny, and based on our experience with SCAG on the procurement for Actuarial Valuation Study, we'd definitely participate with them again on joint procurement efforts."

- Susan Giangrande, Budget Manager, City of Newport Beach

The Carl Moyer Program

This is the thirteenth year of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Carl Moyer Program, and \$25 million is available for FY 2010-11 for project awards within the SCAQMD's 4-county jurisdiction. Project proposals are due by 1:00 pm on Tuesday, June 7, 2011. Faxes or other electronic submittals will not be accepted. For more Program information, including the dates of Program Workshops, please visit: www.aqmd.gov

45th Annual NARC Conference & Exhibition

Don't Miss the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Conference, being held June 13-15 at the San Diego Marriott Marquis and Marina, in San Diego, California. SCAG is a proud co-sponsor of this conference and looks forward to having great attendance from the SCAG region.

Given the pending federal issues before Congress this year, it will be imperative to stay up-to-date with what's happening in D.C. and throughout the states. NARC's conference provides a unique opportunity to network with elected officials and decision makers from across the country, while attending informative panels on a range of issues from Jobs and the Economy to Transportation Reauthorization.

Register online today at: www.regonline.com

SCAG Government Affairs Director Moving On

Brian K. Williams, SCAG's Director of Government and Public Affairs, will be leaving at the end of the month to start his own law practice, Brian K. Williams Law Group, APC. While Brian will be missed here at SCAG, we wish him all the best in his new endeavor.

To ensure a smooth transition, Sylvia Patsouras will begin serving as Interim Director effective March 29.



SCAG-Sponsored Events

Inaugural Inland Empire Economic Partnership Quality of Life Summit

Thursday, March 31, 2011 – Friday, April 1, 2011
California State University, San Bernardino, CA

2011 Southern California Transportation & Logistics Summit of the California State University San Bernardino Leonard Transportation Center

Friday, April 15, 2011
8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Ontario Airport Doubletree Hotel, Ontario, CA

2011 Orange County Housing Summit

Tuesday, May 24, 2011
8:30 am to 2:30 pm
University of California- Irvine, Student Center, Irvine, CA

EVENTS

MARCH

24th WRCOG Advancing the Choice Annual Conference

31st Inaugural Inland Empire Economic Partnership Quality of Life Summit

APRIL

6th Get Clean & Green: Ways to Get Cash for a New Machine

7th Regional Council and Policy Committee Meetings

15th 2011 Southern California Transportation & Logistics Summit

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