8th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth: Building Safe, Healthy, and Livable Communities January 22-24, 2009 www.NewPartners.org

PARTICIPANT CONFIRMATION NOTICE

Thank you for registering for this exciting conference! We have received your registration and the following information is provided to assist you in planning your visit. If you require additional information or have any questions, please call Noelle Nichols at 916-448-1198 ext. 327.

The full 3-day registration fee covers all sessions (except where noted in the program) and materials for January 22-24. The following meals are also included: continental breakfast, lunch, and evening reception on Thursday, January 22; continental breakfast on Friday, January 23; and continental breakfast and lunch on Saturday, January 24. Lunch will not be provided on Friday, January 23, and dinners are not included in the conference program. Optional conference tours, and the half-day health workshop on Thursday, require pre-registration and carry an additional nominal charge. Check the Program, Conference Tours and Special Features pages at www.NewPartners.org for details.

<u>CONFERENCE PROGRAM</u>: Please visit the conference Web site at <u>www.NewPartners.org</u> for updated information on the conference sessions, speakers and tours. All of the plenaries, implementation workshops and breakout sessions will take place at the Albuquerque Convention Center. The main conference program begins the morning of Thursday, January 22nd and ends at 5:00pm on Saturday, January 24th. Please visit the conference Web site to get more details and the most up-to-date conference program.

OPTIONAL CONFERENCE TOURS:

Each of the tours to be held in conjunction with the conference requires advance registration, and an additional nominal fee applies. **Space for each tour is limited**. If you are interested in participating in one of the tours, we encourage you to register on-line as soon as possible! Tour details can be found on the Conference Tours page of the conference Web site. You will you will receive a tour ticket for each tour you are registered for with the participant materials you receive on-site.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION: Registration materials, including conference programs and name badges will be available for pick up on-site at the Albuquerque Convention Center during the following dates and times:

Location: Kiva Auditorium Lobby (Upper Level)

- Wednesday, January 21 from 4:30 7:00pm
- Thursday, January 22 from 7:30am 6:00pm
- Friday, January 23 from 7:00am 5:00pm
- Saturday, January 24 from 7:00am 4:30pm

If you are registered for a tour on Wednesday morning, you will receive a separate email with instructions as to where to meet before the tour to pick up your tour ticket and conference materials.

CONFERENCE MATERIALS

Please note that the conference organizers are making a concerted effort to produce a greener and more sustainable conference, one that generates less paper and waste. Therefore, we are not providing participant

packets during on-site registration. We will only be providing each participant with a namebadge, conference program and a participant list. Other handouts and materials will be produced in smaller quantities and will be available at the Take One Tables located in the Sponsor Display Room (Ballroom ABC).

We will also not be providing conference bags. We understand from polling previous conference participants that most prefer not to take the bags we usually provide, as they already have several others from events. Additionally, conference bags are not very environmentally friendly to produce. It is for these reasons we have decided not to offer them this year. We ask that if you need a bag for the materials you collect at the conference, please bring one with you!

CARBON OFFSETS

Reduce your impact on global warming by offsetting your travel! If you did not take advantage of this opportunity when you registered, it is not too late to do so! You will be able to purchase carbon offsets for your travel to and from 2009 New Partners for Smart Growth Conference onsite at the conference registration desk, for a nominal fee of \$11. By doing this, you will be supporting important projects that contribute to the NPSG goal of a carbon neutral event.

ACCOMMODATIONS: The following three hotels are offering a reduced room rate of \$99 (single or double) for the conference: Hyatt Regency Hotel, DoubleTree Hotel, and the Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town. When making your reservations, please indicate that you are attending the *New Partners Conference* to ensure you receive the special group rates at these three hotels for this event.

Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town 800 Rio Grand Blvd. NW Albuquerque, NM 87104 800-237-2133 / 505-843-6300

DoubleTree Hotel Albuquerque 201 Marquette Avenue NW Albuquerque, NM 87102 505-247-3344

Hyatt Regency Albuquerque Hotel 330 Tijeras NW Albuquerque, NM 87102 800-233-1234 / 505-842-1234

PARKING:

Albuquerque Convention Center

The Albuquerque Convention Center is connected to 1,500 convenient parking spaces. Primary parking is available at the Convention Center Garage (Martin Luther King Blvd & Broadway), with overflow parking available at the Civic Plaza garage (Marquette & 3rd St.). Event parking in these garages is \$6.00 per vehicle, without in/out privileges.

Additionally, there are numerous other public parking garages and parking lots available throughout downtown close to the Center. Parking fees vary. Please refer to the posted parking fees at each garage or lot.

Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town

Complimentary parking for overnight guests.

DoubleTree Hotel

Self-Parking is \$10 per day (plus applicable taxes). Overnight hotel guests have in and out privileges.

Hyatt Regency Hotel

Self-Parking is \$12 per day and Valet Parking is \$16 per day (plus applicable taxes). Overnight hotel guests have in and out privileges.

AIRPORT GROUND TRANSPORTATION:

The Sunport Shuttle provides ground transportation from the Albuquerque Sunport Airport to all hotels in the greater Albuquerque area. Visit their website to make online reservations or contact one of them at (505) 883-4966 or (866) 505-4966.

The current rates for transport by the Sunport Shuttle to the Hyatt Regency and DoubleTree hotels are \$11.00 one-way and \$20.00 round-trip. While they do accept walk-ups, they advise passengers to make reservations so they can adjust their schedules accordingly. They prefer at least 72 hours notice; and recommend that you do not make an online reservation on the same day that you are traveling. They are located across from carousel #3 in the baggage claim area. Please follow the signs for "Ground Transportation."

Public Transportation:

Take the ABQ Ride route 50 downtown to the Convention Center. To get to the Hyatt from the Convention Center, cross 3rd Street. The DoubleTree is adjacent to the Convention Center; they are connected via an underground concourse.

<u>To access the ABQ Ride from the Terminal</u>: Exit the terminal on the lower level and walk over to arriving flights. Once outside, look for the bus stop sign for #50. This bus runs every 28 minutes. This ABQ Ride route does not operate on Sundays.

From the Amtrak Station (Alvardo Transportation Center):

Take the ABQ Ride route 40 downtown to the Convention Center. To get to the Hyatt from the Convention Center, cross 3rd Street. The DoubleTree is adjacent to the Convention Center; they are connected via an underground concourse. This line is free. This route does not operate on the weekends. If you are traveling back to the Alvarado Transportation Center on the weekend, take the ABQ Ride route 10 going south. You can get on this bus at the Convention Center.

Cab Fare

The following is the approximate one-way fare for transport by cab to the Convention Center area from the Albuquerque Sunport Airport (Hyatt, DoubleTree, and Convention Center): \$18.00.

For additional conference information and program updates, please refer to the conference website, www.NewPartners.org.