

CITY OF RAPID CITY
TRAVEL REQUEST

Person requesting travel JEROME T. WRIGHT Department 7103 MRF

I hereby request permission to travel for the following purpose: (Give specific nature of business and interest of the City to justify cost involved.)

US Compost Council Annual Conference

List all other City employees, if any, making the trip for the same purpose: _____

Place of meeting or destination: ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Date of meeting JAN 22 - JAN 25, 2006

Date trip to begin JAN 21, 2006 Date trip will end JAN 28, 2006

Method of transportation requested PERSONAL AUTO

Estimated transportation cost 1600 mile @ 20¢ \$ 320.00

Meals 6 days 180.00

Lodging 6 days 600.00

Other costs - description REGISTRATION 395.00

Total estimated cost of trip \$ 1495.00

Signed Jerome T. Wright Date 12/5/05 Dee Galardi Date 12/6/05
(person requesting travel) (Department Head)

When the cost of the trip will exceed \$500, per employee, this section must be signed.

In accordance with the provisions of Rapid City ordinances and travel regulations, consent is hereby given for travel as requested in the foregoing application. Maximum cost of trip authorized is \$ _____

Approved: Jim Stan Date 12/17/05
Mayor

When the cost of the trip will exceed \$1,500, per employee, Council approval is required.

Approved by Common Council on _____ (Date)

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US Composting Council

US COMPOSTING COUNCIL PRESENTS THE
14th ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND TRADE SHOW
HYATT REGENCY HOTEL | ALBUQUERQUE | NEW MEXICO | JAN 22-25, 2006

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Business Affiliation City of Rapid City, Superintendent, Solid Waste Operations
 Name JEROME "Jerry" Wright Phone 605 355 3496 Fax 605 355 3092
 Mailing Address 300 6th St
 City RAPID CITY State/Province SD Country USA Postal Code 57701
 Email Jerry.Wright@rcgov.org Website address _____

CONFERENCE FEES | Jan 23-25

Includes sessions and session abstracts, exhibits, breakfasts, refreshment breaks, Exhibitors Reception & Awards Luncheon.

Member rate prior to Dec 2nd \$ 365 _____
 Member rate after Dec 2nd \$ 395 X _____
 Non-Member rate prior to Dec 2nd \$ 435 _____
 Non-Member rate after Dec 2nd \$ 485 _____
 Conference Speaker Rate \$ 250 _____

NOT A MEMBER?

Join the US COMPOSTING COUNCIL today and save \$'s on your conference registration fee! See the USCC website to download membership application at www.compostingcouncil.org

HOTEL INFORMATION

The Hyatt Regency Albuquerque
1-800-233-1234 | ask for USCC conference rate
Reserve Now! Room block will be released Dec 30, 2005
\$99 Single/Double/night

Attending Exhibitors Reception YES NO
(Included in conference costs)
 Attending Awards Luncheon YES NO
(Included in conference costs)

FACILITY TOURS | Jan 25 (included in conference costs)

Attending Composting Equipment Demonstrations, Luncheon & Tour

YES NO (8am-3pm tentative)



ALBUQUERQUE CONVENTION CENTER

EXAM

Certification Exam for Manager of Compost Programs (9am-12 noon) _____
 USCC or SWANA members add \$125 | Non-Members add \$250

PRE-CONFERENCE TRAINING & WORKSHOPS | Sunday Jan 22

Environmental, Worker and Public Health Issues associated with Compost Products & Composting Facilities. Instructors: Rufus Chaney and Eliot Epstein (8:30am-12:30pm) \$85 _____
 Compost Operator and Manager Training Course. Instructors: Robert Rynk and Matt Cotton (8:30am-4:30pm) \$175 _____
 Green Industry Basics: technical & practical aspects of the 'green industry' essential to the successful marketing of compost. Instructor: Ron Alexander (9:00am-3:30pm) \$165 _____
 Public Relations - Establishing and maintaining good relations with your neighboring community. Instructors: Liz Ostioch, Esq and Jan Allen (1:00pm-4:30pm) \$85 _____
 Compost use in Agriculture, Horticulture & Landscaping. Instructors: Monica-Ozores Hampton and Craig Coker (8:15am-1:00pm) \$85 _____
 Compost Tea Production & Applications. Instructors: Cindy Salter & Brantlee Richter (1:30 pm-4:30pm) \$85 _____

TOTAL PAYMENT \$ _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Check (enclosed) Credit Card (VISA | MC | AMEX) Money Order Date _____

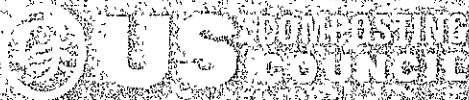
Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

Name on Card _____ Signature _____

MAIL PAYMENT (CHECK, CREDIT CARD, MONEY ORDER) TO THE BELOW ADDRESS OR FAX FORM TO 631-737-4939.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellation notice must be made in writing (office fax 631-737-4939). Refunds of full fee, less \$50 administrative fee, will be made only if notice of cancellation is received by December 26, 2005. No refund will be granted after December 26, 2005. Please call the Council's Office at 631-737-4931 to confirm receipt of cancellation.

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14TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND TRADESHOW
 JANUARY 22-24, 2005
 HILTON HOTEL, NEWARK, NJ

The national forum for those involved in the development and expansion of the composting and organics recycling industry.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

PRE-CONFERENCE TRAINING & WORKSHOPS | JAN 22 | LEARN FROM THE EXPERTS!

- USCC Compost Training Course
- Environmental & Public Health Issues Associated with Compost Products & Compost Facilities
- Public Relations – Establishing & maintaining good relations with your neighboring community
- Compost Use in Agriculture, Horticulture and Landscaping
- Green Industry Basics - essential to the successful marketing of compost
- Compost Tea production, quality assessment and applications

OUTSTANDING CONFERENCE PROGRAM | JAN 23-24

- Improving Composting Process & Facility Management to Achieve Optimum Efficiency, Odor Control and Product Quality
- Compost Facility Planning, Design and System Selection
- Effective Compost Marketing - Maximizing Sales & Profits
- Evaluating & Improving Compost Quality
- Regulating Compost Sales & Distribution | Composting & Organics Recycling for Regulators
- Business & Regulatory Aspects of Successful Composting
- Compost Use in Agriculture, Horticulture, Silviculture & Roadside Applications
- Air Quality, Emissions & Composting | State and National Issues & Activities
- Optimizing Organics Collection; Use of Biodegradable Plastics
- Commercial and Residential Food Residuals Recovery Programs
- Emerging Issues & Research Developments
- Compost Applications for Environmental Solutions
 - ✦ Green Building initiatives & Low Impact Development
 - ✦ Compost in Sustainable Landscapes & Stormwater Management
 - ✦ Role of Compost in Bioremediation and Phytoremediation Projects
 - ✦ Managing Soil Organic Matter for Environmental Quality
 - ✦ Compost use for Beneficial Ecosystem Functions
 - ✦ Soil Carbon Sequestration & Carbon Credits

NETWORKING & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES | JAN 23-25

- Meet with Equipment Vendors and Service Providers at the Largest Industry Trade Show in North America Featuring the Newest & Most Effective Composting Equipment & Technologies
- Meet with an outstanding lineup of speakers. Discuss issues important to you with Leading Experts in the field
- Exhibitor's Reception and Awards Luncheon
- Compost Showcase & "Tools of the Trade" Workshop
- The "Consultant's Corner" – one on one problem solving meetings with leading experts
- Equipment Demonstrations & Facility Tours
- Certification exams and CEU's
- Raffles of \$5,000 worth of USCC Publications & more...

HOTEL INFORMATION
 Hyatt Regency Hotel | CALL 1-800-233-1234
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CURRENT CONFERENCE SPONSORS

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| A-1 Organics | Continental Biomass Ind | Garick-Paygro Div | Resource Recycling Mag |
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| Amadis Industries | EKO Compost | GORE Cover System—NA | Scarab Manuf'g |
| Barnes Nursery | Energy Labs | Heritage Bag Company | Scots Machinery |
| BASF | Environmental Credit Corp | Kessler Consulting | Specialized Env't Tech's |
| BioCyde | Epstein Env't Consultants | MWH | Synagro |
| Cedar Grove Comp'g | Filterrex | MSW Magazine | WHEN |
| Composting News | Forest Products Eq't | Renewable Carbon Mgm't | |

SUNDAY | JAN 22

PRE-CONFERENCE TRAINING COURSES & WORKSHOPS

- 5 NEW TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2006: LEARN FROM THE EXPERTS!
- Environmental, Worker and Public Health Issues Associated with Compost Products and Composting Facilities- USCC "Fundamentals of Composting" Training Course
- Public Relations—Establishing and maintaining good relations with your neighboring community
- Green Industry Basics • Compost Use in Agriculture, Horticulture and Landscaping
- Compost Tea Workshop
- USCC Annual Membership Meeting • Registration & Exhibitor set up

MONDAY | JAN 23

PLENARY SESSION: EMERGING ISSUES • Compost and the Fight Against Global Warming *Dr Sally Brown, UW* • The Significance of Heavy Metals, Trace elements & Toxic Organic Compounds in Compost Products *Dr Rufus Chaney, USDA-Agricultural Research Service*

COMPOST FACILITY PLANNING & DESIGN/BUSINESS & ECONOMICS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPOSTING • Compost Facility Design and Installation: City of Los Angeles Lopez Canyon Landfill 300-Ton per Day Compost Facility. • Planning, Designing, Constructing and Start Up of an Indoor "Mega" Biosolids Composting Facility in an Urban Area • Compost System Design and New Technologies • Business and Economics of Composting, Adjusting to Current Market Conditions

IMPROVING COMPOSTING PROCESS & FACILITY MANAGEMENT TO ACHIEVE OPTIMUM EFFICIENCY, ODOR CONTROL AND PRODUCT QUALITY • Composting Process Management to Minimize Cost and Odor • Perception and Reality of Odors • Control of Malodorous Compound Emissions from Composting Facilities.

ODOR IMPACT MINIMIZATION PLANS FOR REGULATORS & COMPOSTERS • Forum will discuss Odor Impact Minimization Plans and regulations for composting facilities developed by the California Integrated Waste Management Board and compare the regulatory guidance documents with approaches used in other states.

COMPOST IN SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPES & STORMWATER MANAGEMENT • Organic Erosion Control: Expanding Use of Compost & Mulch in Sediment and Erosion Control Best Management Practices • Use of Engineered Soils & Landscape Systems to Meet Storm Water Runoff Quality Requirements • The Soil & Water Connection, Compost in Sustainable Landscapes, Functional Soil and Landscape Systems • Compost Berms & Blankets, The New Frontier in Stormwater Management

GREEN BUILDING INITIATIVES AND LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT • Construction and maintenance considerations in building GreenRoofs and Rain Gardens • Enhancing the pre-development hydrologic regime of urban and developing water sheds using Low Impact Development • United States Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Certification Program

MANAGING SOIL ORGANIC MATTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY • Soil Quality by Design—Understanding Fundamentals • Compost use for Beneficial Ecosystem Functions • Soil Carbon Sequestration and Carbon Credits

COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL FOOD RECOVERY—BARRIERS & POTENTIAL • Supporting Food Waste Recovery • Food Loss in the American Food System; Potential for Biomass Recovery • Barriers to Increased use of Compostable Plastic

FOOD RESIDUALS RECOVERY PROGRAMS • A Review of 12 Food Residuals Collection Programs in Ontario • Food Waste recycling from Restaurants in the City of Los Angeles • Biodegradable Beer Cups at the Oakland Coliseum

OPTIMIZING ORGANICS COLLECTION; USE OF BIODEGRADABLE PLASTICS • Biodegradability & Compostability: What Does It Really Mean? • Residential Curbside Collection of Yard Trimmings: Moving a Community from "Plastic" to "Preferred Containers" • "Deep-Collection"—Economic Organics Collection

TUESDAY | JAN 24

EFFECTIVE COMPOST MARKETING *This session will share insight and success stories from individuals that direct leading compost marketing programs in the United States with a look at expanding compost markets through communicating the value/benefit relationship as a key factor in capturing and retaining compost markets* • Communicating Value | Making the Pie Bigger | What's Sam Doing for Your Company Today?

EVALUATING AND IMPROVING COMPOST QUALITY • Production Guidelines for High Quality and Value-Added Compost Products. • Compost Analysis Quality: Expectations, Perception and Reality • Stability Test Methods for Characterization of Composting and Compost Products

REGULATING COMPOST SALES AND DISTRIBUTION *The session will provide insight into regulations related to the sale & distribution of compost. State and federal regulations, as well as those related to state department of agricultures will be reviewed. A facilitated discussion will focus on 'Identifying the best options for regulating the sale and distribution of compost', & which options the USCC should encourage to expand compost usage*

INCREASING COMPOST USE IN AGRICULTURE, SILVICULTURE, AND ROADSIDE APPLICATIONS • Using Organic Amendments in Citrus Production • Compost Filter Media Research and Development Shows Storm Water Pollution Prevention Potential • Increasing Compost Use by Caltrans

ANIMAL MORTALITY COMPOSTING • Animal Mortality Composting—Evolution, Success, Expansion, Caution and Continued Evolution • Ohio's Farm Mortality Composting Program—A Decade of Success • Composting of Road Kill and Meat Processing Residuals

BIOSOLIDS COMPOSTING, PRODUCT QUALITY AND COMPOST USE • The Future of Biosolids Compost Use in the United States • Thinking Outside the Box—New Feedstock Evaluation Results in Improved Compost Quality • From Concept to Equivalency: The 503 Regulations and the Pathogen Equivalency Committee • Composting Biosolids and Yard Debris in Spotsylvania County, Virginia

EMERGING ISSUES AND PRACTICAL RESEARCH IN COMPOSTING • Mad Cow Disease, Creutzfeldt—Jakob disease, other TSEs, As Related to The Use of Composts: Fallacies, and Misconceptions • Compost Benefits for Short Rotation Woody Crops • Composting Municipal Solid Waste with Probiotic Cultures

AIR QUALITY, EMISSIONS AND COMPOSTING • Carbon credits for composting and anaerobic digestion: who's buying? • Estimating Air Pollution Potential-To-Emit From Enclosed Aerated Static Pile Composting • BMP's for Composting to Meet New Air Emission Regulations

"TOOLS OF THE TRADE" WORKSHOP *Session dedicated to hands on discussion and demonstration of field and laboratory equipment for monitoring the composting process, odors, product maturity/stability, product quality, and more*

BIODEGRADABLE PLASTICS: APPLICATIONS & CASE STUDIES • Agrosin Packaging, a Fully Biodegradable and Compostable Package: How Does It Benefit the U.S.A Consumers • High-Performance Compostable Bags and Can Liners for Organic Waste Diversion • Ecoflex™ meets renewable materials

USCC COMMITTEE MEETINGS (TUESDAY MORNING)

EXHIBITORS RECEPTION (MONDAY EVENING)

USCC AWARDS LUNCHEON (TUESDAY)
Presentation: US EPA Resource Conservation Challenge & Greenscapes Program Update. Davy Simonson and Jean Schwab, US EPA

WEDNESDAY | JAN 25

- OPTION 1. "Live" Demonstrations at the Albuquerque Municipal Composting Facility, Luncheon & Tours
- OPTION 2. USCC/SWANA Certification Exam for Manager of Compost Programs

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Alu Group	Continental Biomass Ind	Garick-Paygro Div	Resource Recycling Mag
Amadas Industries	Cortec Corporation	Green Roots for Healthy Cities	ROTO-MIX
Barnes Nursery	EKO Compost	GORE Cover System—NA	Scarab Manuf'g
BASF	Energy Labs	Heritage Bag Company	Scotts Machinery
BioCycle	Environmental Credit Corp	Kessler Consulting	Specialized Env'tl Techn
Cedar Grove Comp'g	Epstein Env'tl Consultants	MWH	Synagro
Composting News	Filltrex	MSW Magazine	WHEN
	Forest Products Eq't	Renewable Carbon Mgmt'l	