EFCOG Training Working Group Members:

On behalf of our Training Working Group EFCOG Sponsors, DOE Liaison, and Steering Committee, I would like to invite you to the Annual Training Working Group (TWG) Conference. It will take place December 8th and 9th at the National Training Center in Albuquerque. Our conference theme is “Efficiency and Effectiveness: Driving Excellence In DOE Training Programs”.

Glenn Podonsky, who played a key role in re-sponsoring the EFCOG Training Working Group, is scheduled to keynote the conference opening session. Mr. Podonsky was selected by the Secretary of Energy to be the Director of the Energy Department’s Enterprise Assessments. He reports directly to the Office of the Secretary of Energy. You will notice that the agenda focuses on DOE activities, specifically those tied to FY16 EFCOG Training Working Group initiatives. They include implementation and expansion of the DOE Safety and Health Training Reciprocity Project which provides transfer-ability of training between DOE Sites, implementation of the Course and Related Data System (CARDS) data base that allows for ready access to government-owned training materials developed under DOE contract for use by different training providers, development and deployment of a DOE Personnel Access and Data System (PADS) to track training records across the complex, and training support for the other four EFCOG working groups. Additionally, a number of group presentations/discussions (mini-TEDs, Training Excellence in DOE) will be facilitated addressing challenges and best practices relevant to today’s DOE training organizations.

We are asking topical presenters to achieve the following objectives:

- Follow the 50/50 rule – presentation/facilitated discussion
- Ensure content is relevant and timely for DOE training programs
- Address real gaps facing DOE training programs
- Factor in communication elements
- Consider complex-wide “enterprise” aspects
- Wrap the topic in the context of efficiency and effectiveness.

The agenda includes two full days of activities and opportunities to network. By design, the conference will be very participative drawing heavily on collaboration and feedback from you.

This meeting has been determined to be “exempt” through the DOE conference planning process, so attendance will be simplified.

Conference Registration:
http://efcog.org/events/efcog-training-working-group-annual-meeting/

National Training Center Maps and Directions:
https://ntc.doe.gov/general/mapsanddirections.aspx

Hope to see you in Albuquerque,

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