



Dear Colleague,

The Municipal Waste Management Association (MWMA), an affiliate of **The United States Conference of Mayors**, is dedicated to and driven by the needs of municipal solid waste directors, environmental commissioners and public works professionals. Formed in 1982, MWMA promotes operational efficiencies, facilitates information, fosters innovation and promotes legislative advocacy around Superfund, Brownfield's redevelopment, clean air, clean water and waste to energy regulations. It also provides a forum for the country's top solid waste directors, environmental commissioners and recycling professionals to exchange best practices and ideas, explore innovations and new technologies and address the issues critical to your success. Designed around the issues important to MWMA members, the *2008 Fall Summit, November 19th-21st* allows directors, commissioners and the public works workforce to hear from issue experts, gives them access to industry practitioners and provides an opportunity to learn with and from municipal colleagues. This year, sessions include:

- **Trends and Challenges in Solid Waste Management**

Explore some of the newest trends and challenges your colleagues are facing throughout the country. Get updates on Product Stewardship, E-Waste Recycling and CFC light bulb disposal.

- **International Perspectives and Best Practices on Solid Waste and Recycling**

What's going on internationally in the arena of solid waste and recycling? Discover if, when and how these initiatives and developments will effect your operations stateside.

- **How Green Can We Go?**

What are the right "green" initiatives for your city and how do you get started. Our panelists will share their best green strategies and most cost effective solutions for their dollar.

- **Integrated Waste Management Solutions**

Explore the idea of "no wasted resources" and find out how two communities are truly integrating all solutions to their waste management plans.

- **Bottled Water Issues**

Bottled Water is a hot topic these days. Explore the overall environmental and economic impact of bottled water on a city and possible solutions.

- **Strategies for Reducing Green House Gases for the Solid Waste and Environmental Professional**

Explore what your colleagues are doing to reduce their cities green house gas emissions and identify best practices and challenges from around the country.

- **Environmental Agenda 2009**

A new President will have been elected along with a new Congress when the MWMA meets in November- this interactive discussion will help MWMA and the Conference of Mayors define an environmental agenda for 2009.

- **The Urban Summit**

This one-of-a-kind forum allows you to join your public sector colleagues for a closed-door session which allows a candid discussion on topics of your choice including your department's challenges and best practices. Find out how other cities are dealing with problems that you face every day and share what works in your community.

Attached is the preliminary agenda and registration form for the 2008 Fall Summit, which promises to deliver real solutions to real challenges. Registration and information can also be accessed on the web, at www.usmayors.org/mwma. I'd encourage you to commit to this interactive exchange. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or Susan Jarvis on MWMA's staff (sjarvis@usmayors.org; 202.861.6760). I look forward to seeing you in San Diego

Sincerely,



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