

2009 Northwest Regional Workforce Development Meeting
July 28 - 29, 2009
Hilton Portland & Executive Tower
921 SW Sixth Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97204

The Center for Energy Workforce Development (CEWD) will be holding a meeting on July 28 -29, 2009 for CEWD member energy companies in the Northwest region, NWPPA members and invited guests. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss their workforce development issues, recruitment needs and concerns and to share solutions to these issues. The meeting is geared toward human resources, technical training, operations, community relations, workforce planning and workforce development professionals. Please forward this notice to the appropriate people in your organization including your utility subsidiaries and union leadership.

The meeting is being sponsored by NWPPA, Idaho Power, Portland General Electric, Puget Sound Power, Bonneville Power Administration, Idaho National Laboratory and the Center of Excellence at Centralia College. Once the agenda has been finalized it will be sent out. CEWD will review the toolkits and other resources available to member companies and outside experts will be present to discuss their organizations and how energy companies can best use their resources. Other topics include discussions on career awareness, educational programs to train candidates for energy jobs and workforce planning.

The meeting will be held at the Hilton Portland & Executive Tower, 921 SW 6th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204. It will begin with breakfast at 7:00 a.m. Tuesday July 28th and conclude at noon on Wednesday, July 29th. Tuesday's program will end at 5:30 and be followed by a networking reception. Dinner Tuesday night is on your own. Breakfast will be served on Wednesday morning beginning at 7:00 a.m. with the business meeting running from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

A limited block of rooms has been reserved for July 27th and 28th at the special rate of \$169 per night + tax. For easy online booking, simply access the Hilton Portland & Executive Tower website at www.portland.hilton.com and enter "PPA" into the Group / Convention Code box or call the hotel direct at 1-503-226-1611 and request the NWPPA room block rate. **To secure rooms at the special rate, reservations must be made by July 13th**

There is no cost for attending the meeting except for your individual expenses (airfare, hotel, dinner). However space is limited so please register early.

[To register now click here.](#)

Please forward this invitation to others in your organization that you think should attend. If you have any questions, please contact me at the information below or email your questions to staff@cewd.org. You can find additional information about the Center at www.cewd.org.

Keith Berkheimer
keith@cewd.org
772-324-8693