

Convening of Library Development Chiefs

October 16-17, 2012

Library Development Chiefs will convene in Omaha, Nebraska for a 1.5 day session. This session, open only to chiefs of Library Development divisions in Western Council member state library agencies, will focus on developing new approaches for use by our divisions to help libraries make the transformations needed to serve 21st century communities.

On Tuesday, Pat Wagner, of Pattern Research, in Colorado, will lead discussions of current key questions for Library Development divisions. Topics will include: How does LD address working with libraries across the spectrum of resource/service levels? What skill sets do we need as chiefs, and what skills do our teams need? How can we work together to build those skills? How can innovative projects we're working on be shared across states? What structures can be set up so these project developments are shared earlier in the development cycle?

There will be a pre-meeting webinar with the LD chiefs to allow us to get acquainted and discuss the varied setup of LD services across states. This meeting will also set the stage for the issues and questions for discussion at the meeting.

Based on the information submitted via the meeting registration form, Western Council will pay directly for up to 2 nights lodging at the Embassy Suites Omaha-La Vista. Other travel expenses will be reimbursed according to Western Council Travel Expenses Policy (including transportation, meals not provided during the conference, airline bag fees, airport parking, and hotel Internet access.) (http://www.westernco.org/sites/default/files/wc_policy_travel.pdf)

Lowest available airfare is specified for travel to Western Council events. It is anticipated that most participants will be able to find a suitable airfare of \$600 or less. Participants from Alaska and Hawaii are budgeted for approximately \$900. Please contact Barbara Reading for pre-approval if you are not able to book an airfare within these estimated amounts.

Some participants may prefer to drive to the event; mileage will be covered if the distance is reasonable, and will be paid at the prevailing rate set by the IRS.

Cost of full registration fee for the MPLA conference, Oct. 17-19, (up to \$150) will also be reimbursed for those participants who wish to stay for the meeting. However, expenses for those days will not be reimbursed.

If you have additional questions, please contact Barbara Reading at Barbara.Reading@sos.mo.gov or 573-751-2679, or Jamie Markus at jamie.markus@wyo.gov.

Planning committee: Chair: Jamie Markus, Wyoming; Barbara Reading, Missouri; Karen Starr, Nevada; Sharon Morris, Colorado; Sue Sherif, Alaska

Agenda link: http://www.westernco.org/sites/default/files/agenda_dev_chiefs.pdf

Meeting and Hotel Reservation Form link: <http://www.westernco.org/node/42>

Hotel Reservation Deadline: September 26, 2012