

NEHA Presents

Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools 2008 National Symposium

The National Environmental Health Association, in cooperation with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), is offering a significant training opportunity for environmental health professionals working in city, county, or state health or environmental protection agencies, or for individuals that have been active with community groups working on school health and safety issues. U.S. EPA will host their 9th Annual Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Tools for Schools National Symposium on December 4-6, 2008, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, D.C. Building on last year's success, the symposium will bring together school board officials, administrators, nurses, teachers, facility managers, school and health association members, parents, and others to discuss the affects of indoor air quality in our nation's schools.

IAQ Tools for Schools is a nationwide initiative to help school officials assess, resolve, and prevent indoor air quality problems and reduce exposure to asthma triggers in school facilities. Innovative sessions will address various topics associated with implementing an IAQ program in a school setting, including communication strategies, mold remediation, facilities management, integrated pest management, new school construction, student performance, advocacy, financing, asthma management, and more. An awards ceremony will be held to honor schools with exemplary IAQ programs.

NEHA will select up to 15 people for training in Washington, D.C., with all expenses paid. This would include round-trip coach airfare, lodging at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, and a per diem allowance for meals. Travel to Washington, D.C. will be on Wednesday, December 3.

The symposium will be conducted on the following schedule:

Thursday, December 4, starting at 7:30 a.m. (full day)

Friday, December 5 (full day)

Saturday, December 6 (3/4 of a day)

Your return home will be Saturday evening, December 6.

Those wishing to participate should submit a letter of interest on agency letterhead with a mailing address, e-mail address, and phone number where you can be reached. The letter should address the following points:

- ◆ Position title, with brief job description and length of time in the environmental health field.
- ◆ History and experience of your program in addressing IAQ Tools for Schools issues.
- ◆ How IAQ Tools for Schools will rank as a priority in your overall program.
- ◆ Any ongoing programs that your agency has or that you would like to see established in the area of IAQ Tools for Schools.
- ◆ Any specialized IAQ Tools for Schools programs you are involved in or will develop.
- ◆ Any special areas of interest that you feel are relevant to your consideration for this course.
- ◆ How this symposium can help you initiate or increase implementation of the Tools for Schools kit.
- ◆ That you have the support of management to undertake and participate in a one-year IAQ Tools for Schools program.

Letters of interest should be submitted to:

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Letters of interest must be received by no later than the close of business on Monday, October 12, 2008. Selections and notification of successful applicants will be made by no later than Wednesday, October 15, 2008.

Any questions concerning this project or the application process should be directed to:

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YOU MUST include your e-mail address on your letter of application. Electronic applications preferred.