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The upcoming Industrial Advisory Board meeting for the Center for Fuel Cells is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, March 5th and 6th, 2008 here at the University of South Carolina. As in the past, the schedule is very demanding but necessary to cover all aspects of the Center. Both days begin with breakfast at 7:00 AM. Thursday will end at 12:30 PM, followed by lunch. This will allow you to plan your return trip. The agenda will be sent in a separate e-mail and posted on the website. **The meeting location has changed.** It will be held at the Daniel Management Center in the Close/Hipp (Business) Building (otherwise known as the Moore School of Business) located on the corners of Barnwell and Pendleton Streets. The parking entrance is off of Barnwell Street. The USC map showing the location is found at: <http://www.sc.edu/cgi-bin/uscmmap/uscmmap.cgi?print=true&type=number&data=146> (just enter the name of the building). You can also do www.maps.google.com and enter your chosen hotel to the Close/Hipp Building.

Hotel Information: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

There is a block of rooms available at (1) the **Courtyard by Marriott** (803-799-7800) which is **8 blocks** from the Close/Hipp Bldg. Ask for “**in-house reservations**” and then ask for the “**USC IAB Meeting Rate**” for the nights of Tuesday, March 4th and Wednesday, March 5th. The USC rate is \$109/night plus 11% tax. (2) The **Inn at USC** (803-777-8724) which is **1 block** across the street from the Close/Hipp Bldg. Ask for the “**USC IAB Meeting Rate**”. The rate is \$109/night plus 11% tax. Rooms are limited! (3) the **Clarion Hotel** (803-771-8711) which is approximately **3 blocks** from the Close/Hipp Bldg. Ask for the “**USC IAB Meeting Rate**”. The USC rate is \$92/night plus tax. The cut off date for these rates is February 22nd. **Please make your reservations as soon as possible.**

Airport Information:

For those flying into Columbia Metropolitan Airport (CAE), there is shuttle service to the Courtyard by Marriott which runs between the airport and hotel every 30 minutes on the hour and half-hour between 4:30am and 1:00am. The Clarion Hotel has shuttle service from 7 AM – 10 PM. There is **no** shuttle service to the Inn at USC.

Parking at USC:

Driving to the meeting: drive to the corner of Pendleton and Barnwell, turn into the parking lot on the left side of the building on Barnwell Street. Inside the parking lot in front of the building there will be covered meters designating our meeting. We have reserved 10 spaces for your convenience. Please park in these spaces as you will be ticketed and towed if you park in a non-reserved spot without a valid USC parking pass. You will not need a pass if you park in the reserved spaces. If the reserved spaces are filled, we will give you a visitor pass to park in a non-reserved space.

Food:

We try to accommodate everyone as best we can. If you are a vegetarian or have a special need, please let me know as soon as you can. I have ordered the catered meals but there is time to adjust for special needs. If you have any suggestions, including likes and dislikes, that would improve the meals or service we will try to implement them, if possible.

Reception: NOTE LOCATION CHANGE

We will have our informal reception Wednesday evening at 7pm at the Faculty Lounge in the Close/Hipp Bldg. There will also be a poster presentation by the Chemical Engineering Graduate Student Organization.

Attendance:

(1) Please e-mail the names of those who will be attending, (2) how you will be traveling, (3) where you will be staying, and (4) whether you will have a car. This will help us in planning the logistics of the conference.

We would appreciate your responses as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Chuck Scaglione at 803-777-8028 scaglion@enr.sc.edu or Johanna Bartl at 803-777-7555 bartlaj@enr.sc.edu

Thank you.