

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT

FTA 2005 SOUTHERN REGION FUEL TAX CONFERENCE

JUNE 19-21, 2005

*MARRIOTT TAMPA WATERSIDE HOTEL
TAMPA, FLORIDA*

Conference Program

- **Sunday** - Registration for attendees will begin at 2:00 p.m. Sunday June, 19 and run until 6:00 p.m. immediately followed by the Conference Opening Reception at 6:00 p.m.
- **Monday** - Registration continues at 7:30 a.m. General Session Meetings will be from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday** - General Session Meetings continue at 8:00 a.m. ending at 2:30 p.m.; immediately followed by the Annual Business Meeting.
- **Tuesday Evening** - Reception at 6:00 p.m. immediately followed by the Conference Banquet including entertainment until 11:00 p.m.

Conference Registration Fees

The registration fees are as follows:

Government Representative	\$ 300.00
Industry Representative	\$ 300.00
Guest	\$ 75.00

The deadline for early conference registration is May 20, 2005. An additional fee of **\$50.00** will be charged for all registrations received after May 27, 2005. Cancellations received after May 19, 2005 will not be refunded.

Agenda Topics

At this time we are soliciting input for the conference agenda. If you have a topic you would like to recommend please contact Peter Steffens at (850) 922-2674 or via email at Steffenp@dor.state.fl.us.

Some Proposed Agenda Topics Include:

- ❖ State Updates
- ❖ Industry Position on State Tax Enforcement.
- ❖ Life with Local Option Taxes
- ❖ How Gasoline is Made
- ❖ FTA Update
- ❖ Uniformity Committee Issues
- ❖ IRS Legislative and Program Issues
- ❖ Theft of Fuel
- ❖ Motor Fuel Section Chair Address

We would like to create an exciting agenda covering topics of interest to the participants so please help us out by submitting your responses by April 15. Thanks for your help in making this meeting a success.

Hotel Information

The conference hotel is the Marriott Tampa Waterside Hotel located at 700 South Florida Avenue, Tampa, Florida. The current Government and Corporate Rate is \$95.00, for single, double, triple and quad, per night. . To make your reservations call 1-800-228-9290 toll free or (813) 221-4900. Please identify that you are with the “FTA Southern Region Fuel Conference”. You must make your reservation by May 19, 2005 to obtain this special rate. To view additional information regarding the hotel on the web go to:
<http://marriott.com/property/propertypage.mi?marshaCode=TPAMC>

Directions to the Hotel –

- From Tampa International Airport – take I-275 North to Exit 44. Follow signs to Convention Center Pick-up. Hotel will be 12 blocks ahead, adjacent to the Tampa Convention Center. Eight miles from the Airport.
- From Orlando, take I-4 to I-275 South to Exit 44. Proceed 12 blocks to Convention Center

Valet Parking –

The Hotel only provides valet parking. The cost for parking is \$8.00 per day and \$14.00 overnight. There is public parking across the street from the hotel for a lower overnight rate, this lot how ever does not offer in & out privileges.

Nearby Recreation –

- Tampa Bay is located 20 minutes from the hotel; Busch Gardens is a brief 15 minute drive.
- Walking distance to Channel side Entertainment and Shopping Complex and the Florida Aquarium.
- A brief streetcar ride to famous Ybor City and 25 minutes from Florida’s fabulous Sun Coast Beaches.
- Shopping at Old Hyde Park Village.
- Come early, stay late to enjoy a Cruise, ships sail from the Port of Tampa, two blocks away.