



NHI COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Illinois Section of ITE and ITS Midwest are pleased to host the National Highway Institute (NHI) Course entitled "Rural ITS Toolbox" (Course No. 137007A). This one-day course will be held on Wednesday, August 6th, 2003 at the Holiday Inn City Centre in Peoria, Illinois (500 Hamilton Blvd., phone: (309) 674-2500). There is no fee for this course. Registration will begin at 8 am, with the course beginning at 8:30 am and concluding by 4:30 pm. A complimentary lunch will be provided for all attendees. Randy Laninga, ITS Coordinator for IDOT District 4, is the local coordinator for the course.

The National Highway Institute is a training arm of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). NHI provides leadership and resources for the development and delivery of training and education programs to improve the quality of our Nation's highway system and its intermodal connections. For more information, please refer to the NHI website, <http://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/default.asp>.

Enclosed is more detailed information about the course, including course objectives and the target audience. Please share this with others at your agency/company.

If you or other members of your agency/company are interested in attending the course, please complete the attached registration form and fax to Kim Kolody at (773) 693-3823, e-mail kkolody@ch2m.com, or mail, Attn: Kim Kolody, ITE, 8501 W. Higgins Rd., Suite 300, Chicago, IL 60631, by Friday, August 1st.

For those wishing to stay at the hotel, the Holiday Inn City Centre is offering a discounted rate of \$85 per night for course attendees. Simply mention that you will be attending the ITE/ITS Midwest course to take advantage of this rate.

If you have questions about the course, please contact Matt Letourneau at (312) 424-5424.

We look forward to seeing you in Peoria on Wednesday, August 6th.



RURAL ITS TOOLBOX

NHI Course Number 137007A

Length (Days)	CEU	FEE
1 Day	0.6 Units	Free

Description:

This course is part of the core Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) curriculum established by the ITS Professional Capacity Building (PCB) program. For more information on the core curriculum, go to URL:

www.pcb.its.dot.gov/Catalogs/ITSCurriculum.htm#section2.

This course describes many ITS related practices and techniques that have been successfully applied to rural transportation problems. These successes are documented in the Rural ITS Toolbox. The training goes further into what is provided in the Toolbox, including problem solving techniques and training for the participant to describe the Toolbox contents to their stakeholders. The Rural ITS Toolbox training will be helpful to identify ITS solutions that can have a low-cost/high-return impact on rural transportation.

Objective:

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Define ITS by discussing the elements and functions of ITS.
- Comprehend the value of the Rural ITS Toolbox for articulating rural ITS deployment strategies.
- Discuss local examples of regional ITS projects.
- Explain the benefits of rural ITS.
- Recognize the need to identify stakeholders and the importance of fostering interaction among them.
- Identify information resources, such as Web sites, other training, data libraries, etc. for more information on ITS.
- Tailor portions of the Rural ITS Toolbox for presentation/discussion with other rural stakeholders so that they recognize their roles in Rural ITS deployment.

Target Audience:

County, municipal and town executives; traffic engineers; State, Federal and local transportation planners; MPO's transit and highway operators; public safety responders (enforcement, fire, EMS, towing, public works); Transportation Management Center (TMC) operators; motor carrier managers; environmental groups; IT personnel; colleges and universities' consultants and contractors.



REGISTRATION FORM

NHI Course No. 137007A

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Wednesday, August 6th, 2003

Holiday Inn City Centre
500 Hamilton Blvd.
Peoria, IL 61602
(309) 674-2500

www.holidayinnpeoria.com

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Agency/Company: _____

Address: _____

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From Interstate 74 West:

Take the Jefferson St. exit, go 2 blocks and turn right on Hamilton, then go one block further to Madison.

From Interstate 74 East:

Take the Glendale exit, bear left, at the 3rd stop light (Madison St.) turn right. Hotel located on corner of Madison and Hamilton.

