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USSA Sustainability Training: Opportunity for Councils 2010

The Urban Sustainability Support Alliance (USSA) has adapted the Sustainability Intensive Training Program for 2010 and is pleased to offer a full day sustainability training opportunity within 10 councils. The full day workshops consist of one session working with your councillors and/or senior managers and another module from the list below. Those councils interested in undertaking sustainability training please fill out the enclosed USSA 2010 Sustainability Training program Expression of Interest form, or online on the USSA website www.lgsa.org.au/ussa under Professional Development.

Additional workshop modules:

- Indoor staff
- Outdoor / Operations staff
- Sustainability teams and committees
- Other identified by need

Subject to availability more modules may be added at a rate of \$400inc GST, per day. This offer is available to a limited number of councils. The EOI must be submitted by **5pm Wednesday 16 June**.

The workshop modules have been designed to provide participants with skills and knowledge to clarify the legislative and ethical requirements relating to sustainability and the quadruple bottom line (QBL) in the Local Government context. Participants will work interactively to identify how councils can improve their current level of activity in this area, using the QBL to consider social, economic and environmental sustainability, within a good governance framework. The workshop will be participatory with case studies used to illustrate examples of good sustainability practice occurring in Local Government.

The broad aim of the workshops is to develop a better understanding of sustainability concepts as they relate to Local Government practice.

To seek selection for a training opportunity your council must:

- Complete and submit the EOI form, attached.
- Be prepared to negotiate the specific nature of the training with regards to the sustainability journey that is already underway within Council, e.g. providing relevant Council sustainability documents to contextualize training.
- Assist the USSA to develop a training plan to suit the individual needs of your council.

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- Be prepared to meet (in kind and cash) any on-site costs associated with delivering the training, including venue hire, staff time (for taking registrations and for attending), refreshments, printing and provision of any required A/V and other training equipment.
- Be prepared to incorporate outcomes from the training into Council's policy and practice.
- Complete the training before December 2010

The following selection criteria will be used to select those councils who are to receive training through this program. Workshops will be offered, subject to availability to councils that demonstrate:

- An agreement by council that training will focus on current Council operations, policies and processes and how these might be made more sustainable, with a commitment to make change happen as a result of the training.
- A willingness to assist with the evaluation of the training
- Evidence that the training initiative is strongly supported by council senior management and, if appropriate by HR staff.
- Need that can't be met through other providers

The USSA team is developing a training resource for those councils wanting to undertake training themselves. This training package is likely to be available in July 2010. Contact sue.martin@lgsa.org.au to access training materials before this package is available.

Submit your enclosed EOI form by **5pm Wednesday 16 June**, which can be also found on the USSA website www.lgsa.org.au/ussa under Professional Development, to Sue Martin USSA Sustainability Learning Officer sue.martin@lgsa.org.au, or by mail to: LGSA PO Box 7003, Sydney NSW 2001.

The Urban Sustainability Support Alliance (USSA) was formed in 2007 and is a partnership of organisations that together helps councils progress towards sustainability. The intention is that the USSA supports organisational change occurring within councils as they move towards sustainability. One of the most effective ways to support councils on their journey has been to provide sustainability training within each council. In 2009 a comprehensive Sustainability Intensive program was undertaken with eleven councils and consortia of councils in NSW.

If you have any questions about the EOI process or with the learning journey your council is attempting please call Sue Martin on 02 9242-4039 or 0407 240 646.

Yours sincerely,



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