23rd Annual MIS Conference
Management Information Systems

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March 3-5, 2010
Wyndham Phoenix Hotel
Phoenix, Arizona

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The 2010 MIS Conference is a concentrated 3 days of information about best practices, innovative ideas, current issues, and practical how-to advice about management information systems for K-12 education.

Co-sponsored by the Arizona Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Education’s National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), the MIS Conference brings together the people who work with information collection, management, transmittal, and reporting in school districts and state education agencies.

Over the past 23 years, a state education agency has partnered annually with NCES to bring local, state, and national data professionals together to learn from one another in an informal setting. This year, the MIS Conference will offer more than 80 presentations, demonstrations, and workshops conducted by practitioners from K-12 information systems.

You are invited to attend the 2010 MIS Conference in Phoenix, Arizona and submit a proposal for presenting a session that will add to the conference’s interest and usefulness. Topics are invited from all sources, but the major focus will be on data use, data standards, statewide data systems, and data quality.

Sample Sessions From Last Year

- Partnering With Districts to Ensure Data Quality; Taming the Data Monster: Steps to Implementing Statewide Data Standards
- Data Governance—Best Practices
- Progress and Challenge—An Update on EDFacts Submissions Across the Country
- Implementing Your Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate by 2010-11
- Collecting and Reporting NCLB Assessment Data

✅ How have improved information systems affected collaboration among schools, districts, and states?

✅ What tools and processes have been helpful in integrating data systems or in developing enterprise data systems?

✅ How are states and districts responding to the increasing requests for accountability data?

✅ What are the latest developments in information technology for education?

✅ How do we integrate information systems at the school district level? State level?

Get Current Updates From the Web

For conference information, visit the NCES website at http://ies.ed.gov/whatsnew/conferences and select the 23rd Annual MIS Conference link.

A registration form and other conference materials, such as a list of preliminary topics, a link to the conference hotel, and links to last year’s sessions, can be found on the website. Visit the site from now until the week of the conference for current updates on schedules and speakers.
There is no conference registration fee.
Hotel Highlights

- Situated in downtown Phoenix, minutes from the home of the Phoenix Suns and Arizona Diamondbacks
- Over 90 nearby restaurants
- High-speed Internet access available in meeting facilities
- Full service restaurant, lounge, and room service
- Fitness center and pool
- Business center
- Gift shop

Room Amenities

- Free 128kbps Internet access
- Cable television
- Hair dryer
- Iron and ironing board
- Coffee maker

Conference Hotel

Wyndham Phoenix Hotel
50 East Adams Street
Phoenix, AZ 85004

Making Your Hotel Reservations

(Please Read Carefully)

The Wyndham Phoenix Hotel will provide accommodations for the winter meeting of the Forum representatives as well as the 23rd Annual MIS Conference participants. Please refer to the preliminary schedule of events in this flyer when making your hotel reservation.

Please call the Wyndham reservation line to reserve a sleeping room. Reference the conference block name, NCES-MIS, to receive the federal per diem rate. You will need to provide a personal credit card number to guarantee your room.

- All participants, including those sponsored by NCES, must contact the Wyndham Phoenix Hotel directly to reserve their sleeping room.
- Reservations for lodging must be made before 11:59 PM Mountain Standard Time on Wednesday, February 3, 2010. After this date, any remaining rooms in the conference block will be released to the hotel for general sale at a significantly higher rate. The approved lodging per diem for Phoenix is currently $140 plus tax. This amount is subject to change by the General Services Administration, in which case the hotel lodging rate will change. State and local taxes will also be added.
- The conference sleeping room block has been set aside only for those individuals actively participating in the meeting of the Forum membership and/or the MIS Conference. The block is not intended to provide extended stays for vacations or other activities. If you are extending your stay, please make your reservation for those additional days outside the conference block.
- Cancellations must be made 72 hours prior to arrival date. Early departures will be charged one night’s guest room and tax.
About the Wyndham Phoenix Hotel

The Wyndham Phoenix Hotel, located five miles from the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, is in the heart of Phoenix. The hotel is within walking distance of the Hard Rock Café, Alice Cooperstown, Arizona Center, Dodge Theater, and many other sights.

About Phoenix

Phoenix, America’s sunniest metropolis, offers something for everyone. Located in the heart of the Sonoran Desert, Phoenix has attractions for art, museum, outdoor, and/or sport enthusiasts. The Cactus League, Greater Phoenix’s spring baseball season, will be in full swing!

Information of Interest

Conference Website
http://ies.ed.gov/whatsnew/conferences

Wyndham Phoenix Hotel
http://www.wyndhamphx.com

Greater Phoenix Convention & Visitors Bureau
http://www.visitphoenix.com/

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport
http://phoenix.gov/skyharborairport/index.html

Phoenix, Arizona
http://phoenix.gov/

Climate and Conference Attire

In March, the average high temperature is 75 degrees and the average low is 49 degrees.

Attire for the conference is business casual.
Directions to the Hotel

Getting There by Air

The Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, which is served by all major airlines, is approximately 5 miles from the Wyndham Phoenix Hotel. For more information, visit the airport website at http://phoenix.gov/skyharborairport/index.html.

Driving Directions

From North - Take Interstate 17 South to Interstate 10 East (Exit 200A) and use the 7th Avenue Exit (Exit 144A). Turn right onto North 7th Avenue, then turn left onto West Roosevelt Street. Continue on Roosevelt Street, then turn right onto North 1st Avenue. Turn left on West Adams Street, the hotel is on the left.

From South - Take Interstate 10 West to Interstate 17 North/U.S. Highway 60 West (Exit 150A) and use the Rental Car/7th Street/Central Avenue Exit (Exit 195B). Take a slight left onto East Maricopa Freeway, then take a slight right onto South 7th Street. Turn left onto East Washington Street, then turn right onto North 1st Street. Turn left onto East Adams Street, the hotel is on the right.

From East - Take Interstate 10 West and use the 7th Street Exit (Exit 145A). Turn left onto North 7th Street, then turn right onto East Van Buren Street. Turn left onto North 1st Street, then turn right onto East Adams Street. The hotel is on the left.

From West - Take Interstate 10 East and use the 7th Avenue Exit (Exit 144A). Turn right onto North 7th Avenue, then turn left onto West Roosevelt Street. Turn right onto North 1st Avenue, then turn left onto West Adams Street. The hotel is on the left.

From Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport - Take Sky Harbor Boulevard West to 24th Street. Turn right onto 24th Street. Turn left onto Washington Street. Turn right onto First Street. Turn left onto Adams Street, the hotel is on the right.

Ground Transportation to the Hotel From the Airport

By SuperShuttle

SuperShuttle operates 24 hours on a scheduled basis, with vans departing every 15 minutes from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM. After you claim your luggage, proceed to the outer island marked “Van Service.” A uniformed SuperShuttle Guest Service Representative will arrange transportation to your destination.

The approximate one-way fare is $13 for the first person, $7 for each additional person. Call (800) 258-3826 for more information.

By Taxi

Taxicabs are available as follows: Terminal 2: North curbside, Terminal 3: North curbside and Terminal 4: Level 1, north curbside at the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. Cab fare is approximately $18.

By METRO

The Wyndham Phoenix Hotel is approximately one-tenth of a mile from the Washington/Central Avenue METRO Station. When exiting the METRO Station, head north on North Central Avenue. Turn right on East Adams Street, the hotel is on the left.

To get to the Washington/Central Avenue METRO Station from Sky Harbor International Airport, take the Airport bus shuttle service to the 44th Street and Washington METRO Station. The Washington/Central Avenue METRO Station is the fifth stop from the 44th Street and Washington METRO Station.
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Preregistration Form  (Please type or print clearly)

I will attend:  □ Forum only (March 1 - 2)  □ MIS only (March 3 - 5)  □ Forum and MIS (March 1 - 5)

Name ____________________________________________________________

Title/Department ____________________________________________________________________________________

Agency/Affiliation ____________________________________________________________________________________

Work Address _______________________________________________________________________________________

City __________________________ State _____________ Zip Code ________________

Phone _______________________ Fax _______________________ E-mail _______________________

Methods of Registration

You may register by faxing this form to (301) 907-2925 or registering online at http://ies.ed.gov/whatsnew/conferences.

MIS Conference Call for Proposals – All proposals are due by Friday, November 13, 2009.

(Submit your proposal online at http://ies.ed.gov/whatsnew/conferences)

I am interested in making a concurrent session presentation.  □ YES  □ NO

I am interested in being a demonstrator in the Cyber Café.  □ YES  □ NO

(Demos will run Wednesday AM through 10:00 AM Friday)

Topics of Interest: Data Use, Data Standards, Statewide Data Systems, Data Quality

Presentation Type:

□ Individual presentation (50 minutes)  □ Panel presentation (50 minutes)  □ Workshop (2 hours)

Presentation/Demonstration Title: ________________________________________________________________

Other presenters/demonstrators, their titles, and their agencies/affiliations: ____________________________________________________________

Three keywords or phrases that can be used to index your presentation: ____________________________________________________________

Please submit a separate abstract of the presentation/demonstration. This abstract will be used in the conference program. Summarize in 60-100 words, using complete sentences.

Please note:

All presenters, co-presenters, and demonstrators must register for the meeting to appear in the participant list.

Audiovisual Equipment:

All presentation rooms will be equipped with a high-speed Internet line, laptop, data projector, screen, and flipchart. Overhead projectors will not be provided. Demonstrators will be provided with a high-speed Internet line.

Presentation Guidelines:

Vendors may only submit proposals for demonstrations in the Cyber Café.

Presentations from vendors are not allowed unless the vendors are co-presenting with the state or district representative with whom they are working. However, the state or district representative must submit the proposal and, if the proposal is selected, lead the session.

For information regarding the conference, contact:

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