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U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution Announces 2005 National Conference

- Who:** US Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution (USIECR)
- What:** National Biennial Conference -- "ECR 2005: Pathways to Successful ECR"
- Where:** Hilton Tucson El Conquistador Golf & Tennis Resort, Tucson Arizona
- When:** May 24-26, 2005
- Registration:** Opens January 31, 2005 at www.mediusevents.com/ECR2005

The US Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution (USIECR) will host the fourth national biennial conference for Environmental Conflict Resolution (ECR) professionals and participants in Tucson, Arizona, May 24-26, 2005 at the Hilton Tucson El Conquistador Golf and Tennis Resort.

This three-day conference will feature national leaders and innovators in the ECR field conducting cutting-edge training workshops, dynamic panel sessions and interactive roundtable discussions. Attendees will also participate in off-site programmatic field tours, sight-seeing excursions in the beautiful Sonoran Desert, and networking and social functions designed to facilitate the active exchange of ideas and knowledge.

The conference theme, "Pathways to Successful ECR," is designed to foster a better understanding of ECR principles and practices to enhance the effectiveness of ECR processes. Additional tracks will focus on engaging multiple governments, parties and affected communities; and encouraging innovation and new applications in the field.

The ECR 2005 conference provides a forum for mutual learning among government representatives, non-governmental organizations, tribal nations and members, community based groups, environmental advocates, corporate entities, resource managers and users, private individuals, and professionals in the field of conflict resolution and consensus building.

The Hilton Tucson El Conquistador Golf & Tennis Resort is offering a special group rate for conference attendees through Memorial Day weekend. Room rates are on a space available basis, so book early and extend your stay with a desert vacation for the whole family. Details are available at the conference web site at www.mediusevents.com/ECR2005

Conference co-sponsors include the Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy at The University of Arizona, and various federal agencies including the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service and the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.

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The U.S. Institute serves as an impartial, non-partisan institution providing professional expertise, services and resources to all parties involved in environmental disputes, regardless of who initiates or pays for assistance. For more information about the U.S. Institute, call (520) 670-5299 or visit www.ecr.gov. For more information about the ECR 2005 conference, visit www.mediusevents.com/ECR2005 or call 1-877-ECR2005 or 1-520-624-1921.

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