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U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution 2005 National Conference Registration Opens

- Who:** US Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution (USIECR)
- What:** "ECR 2005: Pathways to Successful ECR" National Conference
- Where:** Hilton Tucson El Conquistador Golf & Tennis Resort, Tucson Arizona
- When:** May 24-26, 2005
- Registration:** Visit www.mediusevents.com/ECR2005 or call **1-877-ECR-2005**
(Advance registration discount fees available through April 15, 2005)

The US Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution (USIECR) has opened registration for "ECR2005", the fourth national conference on Environmental Conflict Resolution, scheduled May 24-26, 2005 at the Hilton Tucson El Conquistador Golf and Tennis Resort in Tucson, Arizona. Participants can register online at www.mediusevents.com/ECR2005 in just a few easy steps. Online registration is dynamic and live 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Advance registration discounts are available through April 15, 2005.

Attendees who register online can view details about the conference schedule, session abstracts and presenters, while staying abreast of ongoing updates about all conference activities. Details for booking special conference room rates, arranging ground transportation and exploring area attractions are also provided. Attendees who prefer to register via fax, email or postal mail may download printable registration forms at the conference website or obtain them by calling 1-877-ECR-2005.

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 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 networking and social functions designed to facilitate the active exchange of ideas and knowledge.

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 and must be reserved by May 2, 2005. Book early and plan to 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.

The U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution is a federal program established in 1998 by the U.S. Congress to assist parties in resolving environmental, natural resource and public land conflicts. It is a program of the Tucson-based Morris K. Udall Foundation, an independent agency of the executive branch overseen by a board of trustees appointed by the President. The Morris K. Udall Foundation was established in 1992 by Congress to honor the late Morris K. Udall's thirty years of service in the House of Representatives. For more information about the Udall Foundation, visit www.udall.gov

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-ECR-2005 or 1-520-624-1921.

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