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We are excited to announce that plans are nearing completion and **registration is open!** for the 1st Annual Huntington Small Business Conference - Monday evening, May 12 and all day Tuesday, May 13, 2014.

Join us at 5:00pm Monday as we gather in Huntington's Historic Heritage Station Patio area for a Very Special Welcome from Huntington's Mayor Steve Williams and the USACE Huntington District Commander Colonel Leon Parrott. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be provided during this important but casual networking ice-breaker. You'll want to take advantage of the unique opportunity before Tuesday's business agenda to mingle with your fellow business men and women as well as USACE Huntington officials.

A special guest will arrive at 5:30pm – someone you have never met and will absolutely never forget! You definitely won't want to miss this.

We'll wrap things up on Day one at around 6:30pm so that you can explore Huntington on your own - dine locally at one of our many fine downtown eateries offering a variety of cuisines – and maybe take in a movie while you're out and about. We hope you make the most of your visit and can take advantage of the many delights our small city offers.

Tuesday morning, May 13, plan to arrive at the Pullman Plaza Hotel Conference Center by 7:30 and enjoy a continental breakfast in the upstairs mezzanine area while you mingle during the morning networking session. Tables in this area will be staffed all day, providing you ample opportunity to meet fellow business reps and Corps staff officials.

Colonel Parrott will provide opening remarks and a general overview of the USACE Huntington District's current mission and future role within the Corps of Engineers. Pat Morgan, Chief of the Corps Dam Safety Center of Expertise, will lead an open panel discussion on the Corps Dam Safety mission and challenges, followed by a Q&A session. Concurrent workshops offering topics as diverse as "Government Contracting 101" and "What Large Firms are Looking for in Small Teaming Partners" and more.

Lunch, catered by the Pullman, will begin at Noon and will allow ample time for casual business networking. The Honorable Nick Rahall, West Virginia Congressman will join us at 1:00pm for the keynote address. Additional workshops and open forum sessions comprising USACE subject matter experts in the fields of cost engineering, safety, facility maintenance, contracting, and others will follow the Congressman's keynote address.

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