



2009 MICHIGAN REGIONAL MEETING – OCTOBER 21st

Spring greetings from Lansing, the capital city of our great state of Michigan! With the challenging winter behind us, we look forward to sunshine and warmer temperatures. I hope the daffodils are blooming in your neighborhoods as they are in mine!

Since many of you are busy looking ahead to next fiscal year, I wanted to share the details of our 2009 Regional Meeting in hope that you will plan to join us for a great event in October in Mount Pleasant, MI.

This year's conference will be held at the Bovee University Center on the campus of Central Michigan University. This wonderful facility is centrally located, and the Bovee Center has ample space for our meeting room, lunch, and our vendor show. Those of you who have attended the annual meetings know that they are a great opportunity to get together with other procurement professionals from around the state to learn new things, discuss relevant issues, share best practices and meet new vendors.

Mount Pleasant is a great destination with plenty to do if you'd like to extend your stay. The historic downtown area features fine dining, shopping, and the Broadway Theatre. Why not take a scenic canoe trip down the winding Chippewa River or journey to the Zibiwing Center to learn more about the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe? You can even try your luck at the Soaring Eagle Casino or watch live horse racing at Mount Pleasant Meadows.

For those of you needing lodging, the Comfort Inn & Suites in Mount Pleasant is located about one mile from the Bovee Center. Room rates start at \$109 and include a hot, complimentary breakfast bar. Call (989) 772-4000 for reservations.

Please feel free to contact me at 517.371.5140, ext. 2263, or mcardlev@cooley.edu with any questions or if you'd like more information. I look forward to seeing you in October!

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