

PMPEI Announces Spring 2012 Training

The Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Education Institute will hold a Train-the-Trainer program to prepare new instructors to teach *The Course in Zoning*. The training is a two-day program, June 8 and 9, 2012 (Friday and Saturday) at the Hilton Garden Inn, State College.

The training course is a concentrated 16 hour program that includes in-depth review and discussion of the course materials (text, visual aids, exercises), how to teach adults, team teaching with other instructors, and how to organize and present the course. Upon completion of the train-the-trainer program instructors become certified to teach the *Course in Zoning* for which they receive compensation and travel expenses.

The *Course in Zoning* is one of PMPEI's four in-depth courses that is presented statewide to appointed and elected officials involved with planning and zoning. The zoning course is "nuts and bolts" course that emphasizes the MPC, the fundamentals of drafting zoning ordinances, the use of techniques like overlays, performance zoning, TND and PRD. Participants in the course also get involved with mapping exercises and review of ordinance provisions. The course has been updated with the new components of Act 13 affecting zoning and this will be part of the training.

If you would like to share your knowledge and experience to help local officials become more effective in their zoning work you are invited to join the Institute's team of instructors. Citizen and professional planners with five years experience in planning and zoning are eligible to become Certified Instructors. The registration fee is \$160, and the deadline for applications is May 31, 2012. Space in the Train-the-Trainer program is limited. To obtain an application form, or for more information, contact Stanford Lembeck, AICP, at (814) 237-2382, or email sml1@psu.edu. For information about the Institute and its courses check the PMPEI website- <http://cax.aers.psu.edu/pmpei/>.

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