

## **Collaboration for the Federal Manager: Engaging Citizens in Government Decision Making**

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 1st ST NE, Washington, DC 20426

*Are you a federal manager? Would your agency benefit from using more effective processes  
to engage the public on regulatory issues?*

Collaborative processes enable the government to work with individuals, other agencies and organizations from outside your agency to resolve regulatory issues – especially those that could end up in litigation. Government experience has shown that decisions reached through collaborative processes can be more acceptable to a wide range of stakeholders, reduce litigation, and be easier to implement. They can be applied successfully in a wide range of decision-making processes.

For example, using collaborative processes, the USPS developed regulations for mailbox design; the DOI developed regulations governing off-road vehicle use at a national seashore; the EPA developed regulations on conducting “all appropriate inquiries” to avoid Superfund liability; USDA is looking at the long-term impact of biotechnology on agriculture; DOT, working with other state and federal agencies, built roads under the Federal-Aid Highway Program; FERC developed regulations regarding licensing hydropower projects.

This training will help you learn more about how these processes could apply to your agency and how to evaluate whether they are appropriate in a particular situation. The first half will introduce you to the range of collaborative processes available and explore when and how to use them in your agency. The second half of the morning program will allow you to interact with peers to analyze, evaluate and address a hypothetical fact situation that might benefit from a collaborative process.

### **Speakers:**

Francis Cameron, former Dispute Resolution Specialist for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Shayla Simmons, Counsel to the Solicitor on Collaborative Action and Dispute Resolution, Department of the Interior  
Judy Kaleta, Assistant General Counsel for General Law, Department of Transportation  
Michael Schechtman, Biotechnology Coordinator, Department of Agriculture  
Frank Dukes, Director, Institute for Environmental Negotiation, University of Virginia  
Robert Fisher, Independent Mediator and Facilitator, Fisher Collaborative Services LC

**Registration Fee:** \$40.00 (CLE credit applied for and beverage/light refreshments are provided)

Please allow extra time for security. The FERC building will open earlier than usual - at 7:45 am. - to clear all meeting participants in time. Please arrive early to clear security and allow the program to begin on time. Beverages and a light breakfast will be available beginning at 7:45 am. Enter the building through the entrance closest to 1st Street.



## Registration Information

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Registrations will be processed and email confirmations sent out after Monday, April 14, 2008.  
Registration ends Friday, May 2. All registrations after this date will take place on-site.

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