

16. Consideration of travel and training for specified City employees (Office of the City Manager/Community and Economic Development Department).



## LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Suzanne Sherman, City Manager

**THRU:** City Manager's Office

**DATE:** November 7, 2024

**RE:** Consideration of travel and training for specified City employees (Office of the City Manager/Community and Economic Development Department).

### **SUMMARY:3**

The following travel request was not included in the September 26, 2024 approved travel and training spreadsheet for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025.

The City Manager's Office and Community & Economic Development Department would like to request approval to attend the 2025 National Brownfields Training Conference in Chicago, Illinois from August 4 - 8, 2025. The conference provides a platform for participants to learn about the latest technologies and strategies for assessing perceived brownfields (contaminated) sites, clean up and reuse of contaminated properties, as well as opportunities to connect with peers and potential partners. By sharing knowledge and best practices, the National Brownfields Training Conference plays an important role in advancing the field of brownfields redevelopment and promoting sustainable land use practices.

In November 2023, Palm Bay City Council authorized the City to partner with East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (RPC) on a brownfields grant application, which included areas of the Palm Bay as well as other jurisdictions, to include south Melbourne, Kissimmee, and Apopka, collectively referred to as the Resilient Corridors Coalition. In May 2024, the City was notified by the RPC of a grant award in the amount of \$1.5 million under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Brownfields Assessment Grant Program. The grant period is a four-year period to fund Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments on eligible parcels within the jurisdictions included in the Coalition's grant application. The Resilient Corridors Coalition held the Brownfields Coalition Kickoff Meeting on October 22, 2024. The RPC anticipates bringing forth a Memorandum of Understanding to City Council in January/February 2025. The City may be eligible for reimbursement of the registration fee (\$500) per person from the grant.

The travel cost per person is estimated at \$2,855.16. Registration cost is estimated at \$500,

Airfare roundtrip \$650, Hotel for four (4) nights \$1,243.16, uber/ride-share cost of \$20, tolls and per diem \$442, for the total of \$2885.16 per person, or a total of \$5,710.32. As this travel was not included in the FY 2025 Travel and Training Spreadsheet, staff will submit a budget amendment to be allocated to the respective account numbers.

**REQUESTING DEPARTMENTS:**

City Manager's Office

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total estimated cost of \$2,855.16 each will be submitted on the next budget amendment, from General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance and allocated to the City Manager's Office Account Number 001-1210-512-4001 (\$2,355.16) and 001-1210-512-5501 (\$500); and Community and Economic Development Account Number 001-3410-512-4001 (\$2,355.16) and 001-3410-512-5501 (\$500).

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Motion to acknowledge and approve training and travel for the City Manager's Office and Community & Economic Development Department as noted above.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Travel Backup – Deputy City Manager, Joan Junkala
2. Travel Backup – Community & Economic Development Director, Clinton Hatcher



**CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA**

**Travel Request/Advance Request**

Control # \_\_\_\_\_

Request Date: 10/28/2024

Contact/Ext Angela Burak x3207

<b>Name:</b> <u>Joan Junkala-Brown</u>	<b>Destination:</b> <u>Chicago, IL</u>	
<b>Department/Division:</b> <u>City Manager's Office</u>	<b>Departure</b>	<b>Return</b>
	<u>8/4/2025</u>	<u>8/8/2025</u>
<b>Account To Be Charged:</b> <u>001-1210-512-4001 &amp; 5501</u>	<b>Time of:</b> <u>9am</u>	<u>11pm</u>
	<b>Estimated Cost:</b> before mileage reimbursement <b>\$2,855.16</b>	

**Purpose of Travel (Specify Conference, School or Other Reason) - ATTACH ITINERARY**

Attendance to the 2025 National Brownsfield Training Conference.

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**Transportation:** **boldface** POV - Estimated Mileage **City Vehicle**  
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<b>PER DIEM ADVANCE</b> Refer to <a href="http://www.gsa.gov">www.gsa.gov</a> for rates - attach proof of rate (Lodging prepaid - receipt required)				Vendor #	Check #
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				\$432.00	

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(ATTACH TO EXPENSE REPORT UPON RETURN)



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**If No, submit this POV authorization form with your Expense Report Worksheet when requesting Mileage Reimbursement.**

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Employee Signature:

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## Schedule

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1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Mobile Workshops
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Concurrent Sessions, Block 3
3:15 PM – 4:15 PM	Concurrent Sessions, Block 4
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM	Phoenix Awards
Thursday, August 7	Event
7:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Registration Open
7:45 AM – 2:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open
9:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Plenary: Keynote Presentation
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Concurrent Sessions, Block 5
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM	Concurrent Sessions, Block 6
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1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Mobile Workshops
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Concurrent Sessions, Block 7
3:15 PM – 4:15 PM	Concurrent Sessions, Block 8
5:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Community Reception, Tentative
Friday, August 8	Event
7:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Registration Open
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Mobile Workshops
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Concurrent Sessions, Block 9
10:15 AM – 11:15 AM	Concurrent Sessions, Block 10

Chicago, Illinois

The National Brownfields Training Conference is the largest event in the nation focused on environmental revitalization and economic redevelopment. Held every

## Conference Overview

### The National Brownfields Training Conference

The National Brownfields Training Conference brings together stakeholders from government, industry, and the community to share knowledge and best practices on the remediation and redevelopment of contaminated properties, known as brownfields. The conference features a range of sessions, workshops, and networking events that cover topics such as financing, liability, and community engagement, with the goal of promoting the cleanup and revitalization of contaminated sites across the United States.

Attending the National Brownfields Training Conference can be beneficial for professionals working in fields related to brownfields remediation and redevelopment, such as environmental consultants, developers, attorneys, and government officials. The conference provides a platform for participants to learn about the latest technologies and strategies for cleaning up and reusing contaminated properties, as well as opportunities to connect with peers and potential partners. By sharing knowledge and best practices, the National Brownfields Training Conference plays an important role in advancing the field of brownfields redevelopment and promoting sustainable land use practices.

When: August 5-8, 2025

Where: MCCORMICK PLACE, CHICAGO

### What to Expect



The Brownfields Conference features a dynamic educational program of speakers, discussions, mobile workshops, films and other learning formats that are calibrated to provide you with case study examples, program updates, and useful strategies for meeting your brownfield challenges head on. The exceptional training offered by the Brownfields Conference has something for both beginners and seasoned professionals.

The conference is also a premier stop for the private sector with a vibrant exhibit hall and other transactional activities that are catered towards companies doing the business of brownfields cleanup and redevelopment. The exhibit hall will feature federal agencies, engineering firms, developers, environmental cleanup companies, legal and financial expertise, nonprofits, and other types of organizations.

### Who Should Attend

If you are in the brownfields industry or are part of a locale with a brownfields site, and you are looking to revitalize your community, spur economic growth, restore the environment, and protect the public health, then don't miss Brownfields 2025.

## Attend

Brownfields 2025 features over 150 panels, town halls, roundtables, and topic talks where attendees can learn directly from experts in the field and interact with federal, state, and local decision-makers. In these sessions, speakers will discuss new practices, share success stories, and stimulate new ideas.

The Brownfields Conference is also a great opportunity to earn your continuing education credits.

## Discover

Chicago last hosted the conference 10 years ago, in 2015, and the planning team is looking forward to bringing this dynamic event back to the Windy City and highlighting the commitment to environmental protection and economic development in the region. We invite you to get out and experience all that Chicago has to offer through the many offered Mobile Workshops and self-guided tour.

## Connect

Brownfields 2025 will feature Regional Open Houses, affiliate meetings, and other networking events. You will have the opportunity to re-connect with your colleagues from around the country and network with federal, state, and local officials. This conference is an extremely valuable experience due to the interactions that take place among the broad range of stakeholders involved with brownfields redevelopment.

## Explore

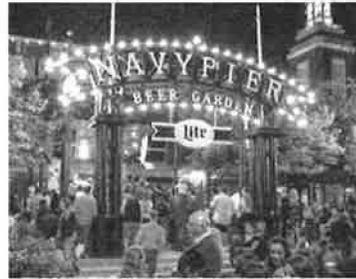
Mobile workshops offer attendees the opportunity to get out of the convention center and to visit brownfields sites firsthand, hearing from project leaders and the community.

## Individuals who may be interested:

- Local, state, tribal, and federal government leaders
- Federal and state contractors
- Real estate developers and investors
- Financial and insurance providers and risk management practitioners
- Economic development officials and community development organizations
- Construction and building firms
- Environmental and civil engineers, planners and public works officials
- Information technology professionals
- Academic institutions & students
- Attorneys

## Previous Conferences

- 2023 - Detroit
- 2022 - Oklahoma City
- 2019 - Los Angeles
- 2017 - Pittsburgh
- 2015 - Chicago
- 2013 - Atlanta
- 2011 - Philadelphia
- 2009 - New Orleans
- 2008 - Detroit
- 2006 - Boston
- 2005 - Denver
- 2004 - St. Louis
- 2003 - Portland
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Rate	Standard rate
Room	(1) 1 Queen and 1 Double Bed

#### Guest Details

Name Joan Junkala

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# Transportation

## Getting Here

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**21 miles**

**Chicago Midway International Airport (MDW)**

**9 miles**

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## Amenities

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Concierge

Digital Check-In

Digital Key

Fitness Center

Free Internet Access

Laundry

Meeting Facilities

Valet Parking

Pool

Restaurant On-Site

# ROOMS & SUITES

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# FY 2025 per diem rates for Chicago, Illinois

## Meals and incidental expenses (M&IE) rates and breakdown

Primary destination	County	M&IE total	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidental expenses	First and lastday of travel
Chicago	Cook / Lake	\$92	\$23	\$26	\$38	\$5	\$69.00



**CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA**

**Travel Request/Advance Request**

Control # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Request Date: 10/28/2024  
 Contact/Ext Joshua x3267 / Ang 3207

<b>Name:</b> <u>Clinton Hatcher</u>	<b>Destination:</b> <u>Chicago, IL</u>				
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11:45 AM - 12:45 PM		Concurrent Sessions, Block 2
12:45 PM - 2:00 PM		Lunch Break
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM		Mobile Workshops
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM		Concurrent Sessions, Block 3
3:15 PM - 4:15 PM		Concurrent Sessions, Block 4
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM		Phoenix Awards
<b>Thursday, August 7</b>		<b>Event</b>
7:00 AM - 6:00 PM		Registration Open
7:45 AM - 2:00 PM		Exhibit Hall Open
9:00 AM - 10:15 AM		Plenary: Keynote Presentation
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM		Concurrent Sessions, Block 5
11:45 AM - 12:45 PM		Concurrent Sessions, Block 6
12:45 PM - 2:00 PM		Lunch Break
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM		Mobile Workshops
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM		Concurrent Sessions, Block 7
3:15 PM - 4:15 PM		Concurrent Sessions, Block 8
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM		Community Reception, Tentative
<b>Friday, August 8</b>		<b>Event</b>
7:30 AM - 12:00 PM		Registration Open
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM		Mobile Workshops
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM		Concurrent Sessions, Block 9
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM		Concurrent Sessions, Block 10

Chicago, Illinois

## Conference Overview

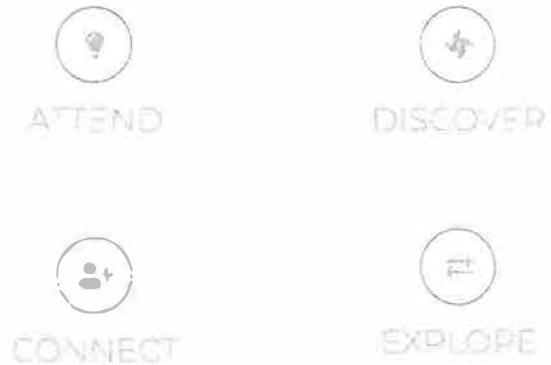
### The National Brownfields Training Conference

The National Brownfields Training Conference brings together stakeholders from government, industry, and the community to share knowledge and best practices on the remediation and redevelopment of contaminated properties, known as brownfields. The conference features a range of sessions, workshops, and networking events that cover topics such as financing, liability, and community engagement, with the goal of promoting the cleanup and revitalization of contaminated sites across the United States.

Attending the National Brownfields Training Conference can be beneficial for professionals working in fields related to brownfields remediation and redevelopment, such as environmental consultants, developers, attorneys, and government officials. The conference provides a platform for participants to learn about the latest technologies and strategies for cleaning up and reusing contaminated properties, as well as opportunities to connect with peers and potential partners. By sharing knowledge and best practices, the National Brownfields Training Conference plays an important role in advancing the field of brownfields redevelopment and promoting sustainable land use practices.

When: August 5-8, 2025

Where: MCCORMICK PLACE, CHICAGO



### What to Expect



The Brownfields Conference features a dynamic educational program of speakers, discussions, mobile workshops, films and other learning formats that are calibrated to provide you with case study examples, program updates, and useful strategies for meeting your brownfield challenges head on. The exceptional training offered by the Brownfields Conference has something for both beginners and seasoned professionals.

The conference is also a premier stop for the private sector with a vibrant exhibit hall and other transactional activities that are catered towards companies doing the business of brownfields cleanup and redevelopment. The exhibit hall will feature federal agencies, engineering firms, developers, environmental cleanup companies, legal and financial expertise, nonprofits, and other types of organizations.

### Who Should Attend

If you are in the brownfields industry or are part of a locale with a brownfields site, and you are looking to revitalize your community, spur economic growth, restore the environment, and protect the public health, then don't miss Brownfields 2025.

## Attend

Brownfields 2025 features over 150 panels, town halls, roundtables, and topic talks where attendees can learn directly from experts in the field and interact with federal, state, and local decision-makers. In these sessions, speakers will discuss new practices, share success stories, and stimulate new ideas.

The Brownfields Conference is also a great opportunity to earn your continuing education credits.

## Discover

Chicago last hosted the conference 10 years ago, in 2015, and the planning team is looking forward to bringing this dynamic event back to the Windy City and highlighting the commitment to environmental protection and economic development in the region. We invite you to get out and experience all that Chicago has to offer through the many offered Mobile Workshops and self-guided tour.

## Connect

Brownfields 2025 will feature Regional Open Houses, affiliate meetings, and other networking events. You will have the opportunity to re-connect with your colleagues from around the country and network with federal, state, and local officials. This conference is an extremely valuable experience due to the interactions that take place among the broad range of stakeholders involved with brownfields redevelopment.

## Explore

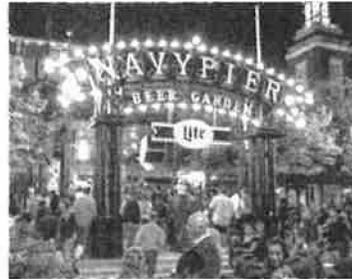
Mobile workshops offer attendees the opportunity to get out of the convention center and to visit brownfields sites firsthand, hearing from project leaders and the community.

## Individuals who may be interested:

- Local, state, tribal, and federal government leaders
- Federal and state contractors
- Real estate developers and investors
- Financial and insurance providers and risk management practitioners
- Economic development officials and community development organizations
- Construction and building firms
- Environmental and civil engineers, planners and public works officials
- Information technology professionals
- Academic institutions & students
- Attorneys

## Previous Conferences

- 2023 - Detroit
- 2022 - Oklahoma City
- 2019 - Los Angeles
- 2017 - Pittsburgh
- 2015 - Chicago
- 2013 - Atlanta
- 2011 - Philadelphia
- 2009 - New Orleans
- 2008 - Detroit
- 2006 - Boston
- 2005 - Denver
- 2004 - St. Louis
- 2003 - Portland
- 2002 - Charlotte
- 2001 - Chicago
- 2000 - Atlantic City
- 1999 - Dallas
- 1998 - Los Angeles
- 1997 - Kansas City
- 1996 - Pittsburgh





# FY 2025 per diem rates for Chicago, Illinois

## Meals and incidental expenses (M&IE) rates and breakdown

Primary destination	County	M&IE total	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidental expenses	First and lastday of travel
Chicago	Cook / Lake	\$92	\$23	\$26	\$38	\$5	\$69.00

	<b>2:05 pm – 6:03 pm</b> Delta	<b>1 stop</b> ATL	<b>4h 58m</b> MCO-MDW
	<b>1:05 pm – 6:38 pm</b> Delta	<b>1 stop</b> ATL	<b>4h 33m</b> MDW-MCO

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4h 58m

 Delta 1030 Boeing 757



**2:05 pm** Orlando (MCO)

 1h 49m

**3:54 pm** Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson (ATL)

1h 11m • Change planes in Atlanta (ATL)

 Delta 2060 Boeing 717-200



**5:05 pm** Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson (ATL)

 1h 58m

**6:03 pm** Chicago Midway (MDW)

**Return • Fri, Aug 8**

4h 33m


**8:00 am – 11:55 am**    **1 stop**    **4h 55m**  
 Delta    ATL    MCO-MDW


**3:40 pm – 9:46 pm**    **1 stop**    **5h 06m**  
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 Delta 1463 Boeing 757



**8:00 am** Orlando (MCO)


 1h 43m

**9:41 am** Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson (ATL)

Limited seats remaining at this price

1h 19m • Change planes in Atlanta (ATL)


 Delta 2417 Boeing 717-200



**11:00 am** Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson (ATL)


 1h 55m

**11:55 am** Chicago Midway (MDW)

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