



Leaders at the Core of Better Communities

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Inés Pearce Selected to Speak at Restoration 2007 Conference in New Orleans on Post-Disaster Recovery for Communities

Washington, D.C. — Inés Pearce with Pearce Global Partners will join community leaders from across the country at **Restoration 2007: Innovation, Networks and Leadership for Post-Disaster Recovery**, a national conference on post-disaster recovery, being held in New Orleans from at the Sheraton New Orleans May 2 through 4. Ms. Pearce will participate on an education panel entitled, **Public-Private Partnerships for Effective Restoration**.

Restoration 2007 is a national conference that concentrates on how to foster community redevelopment and revitalization following a disaster. The conference focuses on the importance of local leadership in recovery.

“The critical element in restoring disaster-impacted communities is leadership, said Bob O’Neill, ICMA Executive Director. “This conference will provide both the educational programs and the networking opportunities to get a clearer picture of leadership strategies that work.”

Restoration 2007 will feature educational, networking, and technical assistance activities focused on building leadership, sharing innovative practices, and establishing networks among government, private sector and nonprofit organizations engaged in preparing for and recovering from disasters. The conference is designed to create new approaches and to constructively critique old ones; develop position papers; jump start networking opportunities among participants; facilitate real estate deal making; and provide traditional learning opportunities on cutting edge topics.

Special discounts are offered to teams of leaders from one community. To learn more about the Restoration 2007 or to register online, visit www.restoration2007.org.

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