

To: WRS GC Members and Guests

From: **Tom Graver**, Arrangements and Program Chairman
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Subject: 2010 WRS GC Summer Test and Measurements Meeting
Invitation and Registration Information

Date: June 28, 2010

You are cordially invited to attend the Summer 2010 Western Regional Strain Gage Committee Conference to be held August 23-25 at the Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center in Atlanta, Georgia. The schedule for the meeting is as follows:

- Monday, August 23rd: Executive Board meeting followed by the Hostile Environments Workshop. The Executive Board dinner will be held that evening at STEEL Restaurant & Lounge.
- Tuesday, August 24th: Program to include the Chairman's Welcome, Host's Welcome, and several technical paper presentations. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided at the hotel.
- Wednesday, August 25th: Morning program at the hotel including the General Business Meeting and two or three additional technical presentations. Continental breakfast and Lunch at the hotel will be provided. After lunch, we will board buses for a group tour.

Complete program details are provided in the attachment accompanying this invitation letter.

Meeting Registration

The WRS GC conference fee is \$300. Please use Paypal to pay your fee at www.wrsgc.org.

If you prefer, the conference fee may be paid at the registration table at 8 AM on Tuesday, August 24. Checks payable to "WRS GC" or cash will be accepted (sorry, no credit cards).

Please complete the enclosed registration form and return it to Tom Graver no later than Monday, August 2.

Hotel Information

Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center

800 Spring Street NW

Atlanta, GA 30308

Direct Line: 1-404-838-2125 or 1-800-706-2899

Fax: 404-838-2098

Website: www.gatechhotel.com

Hotel Information, continued

The WRSGC has arranged a special conference rate of \$129 per night. You can receive this special rate by registering via telephone (at 1-404-838-2125 or 1-800 706-2899) as a Western Regional Strain Gage Committee meeting attendee. **The final cutoff date for obtaining the conference rate is Monday, August 2, 2010.**

WRSGC is under contract to meet a minimum daily room reservation commitment. **It is important that you register at the Georgia Tech Hotel under the Western Regional Strain Gage Committee.** Use "**Western Regional Strain Gage Committee**" to confirm reservations for this reduced rate.

CHECK-IN / CHECK-OUT TIME

Check-in time is 4:00 pm. Room assignments prior to this time are subject to availability. Check-out time is 12:00 noon. Any departures after this time are subject to a full day's charge.

ROOM RELEASE DATE (CUT-OFF)

The Hotel agrees to hold the above noted room block until **Monday, August 2, 2010**. At that time, rooms not covered by a rooming list or individual guaranteed reservations may be released for general sale. The hotel will continue to accept reservations from attendees after this date at rates publicly available at that time, subject to availability

RESERVATIONS

Reservations must be guaranteed via credit card or advance payment. **Please call 1-404-838-2125 or 1-800 706-2899 for 24 hour reservation assistance.** To ensure attendees receive the applicable group rate, it is important to identify yourself as a guest of the **WRSGC** and confirm reservations by **Monday, August 2, 2010**.

HOTEL LOCATION

The hotel is about 15 minutes (13 miles) north of the Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport (ATL). Many major airlines serve this airport.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

The hotel does not provide shuttle service from the airport; however, MARTA trains run from the airport to the Midtown Station for a one way fare of \$2. From there, catch the Tech Trolley for a short free ride to the hotel. If you prefer to walk four blocks, exit the MARTA train one stop earlier at the North Avenue Station. See maps and details here:

Hotel map: <http://www.gatechhotel.com/html/atlanta-hotel.asp>

Tech Trolley: http://www.parking.gatech.edu/info/1_maps_schedules/6_tech_trolley_route.php

MARTA: <http://www.itsmarta.com/rail-schedules-or-route.aspx>

Although, most of you will not need a car during your stay in Atlanta, free overnight parking for hotel guests and free daily parking for other meeting participants will be provided by the hotel as part of our meeting package.

Executive Board Meeting

The Executive Board will meet at 1:00 pm on Monday, August 23 at the hotel in the Gold Room located on the 1st floor of the hotel near the front desk.

Executive Board Dinner

The Executive Board dinner will be held at approximately 6:30 pm at STEEL Restaurant & Lounge, <http://www.steelatlanta.com/>. We will leave from the hotel lobby at 6:15 PM and take a short walk (or free Tech Trolley ride) to the restaurant. The dinner is open to all who would like to attend and is complimentary to all Executive Board members and guest speakers. Please indicate on the registration form if you will be attending the Executive Board Dinner and if you will have any guests.

Hotel Conference Room Location

The WRS GC Summer 2010 Test and Measurements Conference will be located in the Georgia Tech Hotel's Grand Ballroom, Salons 4-6. Free wireless Internet access will be provided.

Tour

We are working to confirm a tour at Lockheed-Martin in nearby Marietta, Georgia. "[This location is] home to the C-130J Super Hercules transport and the F-22 Raptor air dominance fighter. The Marietta site is also responsible for the avionics and engine modernization programs for the C-5 Galaxy strategic transport, as well as P-3 Orion program operations, including the new wing production line." (Source: <http://www.lockheedmartin.com/aeronautics>)

The tour is planned for Wednesday afternoon leaving the hotel at 1:00 PM. We will provide round trip transportation between the hotel and the tour location.

If we cannot confirm this tour, we will work to confirm one of our backup tour ideas. US Citizenship may be required for the tour.

Workshop Questions

Workshops have been always been a vital part of the WRS GC. Please help make this meeting a success by taking a few minutes think of a few challenging questions. Please submit your question(s) using the form on the last page and return it with the registration.

Miscellaneous

The hotel website has a good summary of area attractions and restaurants. Find them here: <http://www.gatechhotel.com/>

For a more extensive listing of Atlanta events, go to: <http://www.accessatlanta.com/atlanta-events/>:

**WRSGC Summer 2010 Conference
Atlanta, GA
Registration Form**

Please provide Tom Graver with the following information by **August 2.**

- Full name: _____
- Company Name: _____
- Phone number: _____
- Email: _____
- Drivers License Number and State _____
- I will be attending the Lockheed Martin Tour **(Y/N)** ____
- I will be attending the Executive Board meeting **(Y/N)** ____
- I will be attending the Executive Board dinner **(Y/N)** ____ and bringing _____ guest(s)

Tom can be reached at one of the following:

- Email: twgraver@micronoptics.com
- Work Phone: (404) 235-2118
- FAX: (404) 325-4082

REMINDER: Registrations must be received by Monday, August 2 if you wish to be included for the tour.

**WRSGC Summer 2010 Conference
Workshop Questions
(Please Submit with Registration Form)**

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