

**TRACK NAME**

Green Governance Strategies – Maricopa Association of Governments

SESSION NAME

Greening the City

DATE + TIME + ROOM NUMBER

Friday September 5th – 3:00pm – 106 B/C

SESSION DESCRIPTION

Many of the green building strategies that provide the highest return on investment require a new look at established policies and guidelines. Lessons learned in developing the Tempe Transportation Center shed light on the challenges common to most city, county and state efforts to build, manage and maintain sustainable facilities.

Beyond conflicts of code, regulation and standard practices, we face an organizational divide that separates the initial investment in a building from the life time operation and maintenance costs. Greening the government requires us to rethink methods of managing and recycling water, energy use, materials and methods of construction, and our purchasing protocol. In the process, we discover a variety of ways we can save money and reduce pollution, empower employees and improve their health, and inform residents about how sustainable practices benefit the community.

PRESENTOR(s)

Bonnie Richardson – City of Tempe

PRESENTOR BIOGRAPHY (s)

Bonnie Richardson is an architect and principal planner for the City of Tempe Transportation Division. She is a LEED Accredited Professional and serves as Vice Chair on the Arizona Board of Directors of the U.S. Green Building Council. Prior to joining the City, she established her own architectural firm, and taught as a Visiting Professor at Arizona State University College of Architecture and Environmental Design.

Richardson is a member of the American Institute of Architects, Valley Forward, and the Arizona Technology Council. Her recent community involvement includes serving as a Director for the Caitlin Robb Foundation (a non-profit dedicated to research in pediatric cancer).

As Project Manager for the Tempe Transportation Center, Bonnie has introduced green building strategies to City decision makers and citizens. By the end of 2008, Tempe will have 3 LEED facilities and several sustainable initiatives underway.

She is working with a PBS film maker, producing a documentary of the design process and construction of the Transportation Center which will demonstrate the value of sustainable civic buildings and serve as an educational tool for the community. She speaks frequently on the topic of green building and sustainability, both locally and nationally, to citizen groups, professionals, and government employees.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT (CEU)

N/A