



## ATLANTA, GEORGIA

### **Location**

Richard Russell Federal Building  
L.D. Strom Auditorium  
75 Spring Street, SW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

### **General**

The meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. Please plan to arrive at least 30 minutes early to find parking, go through the security checks in the federal building and pick up conference materials. L.D. Strom Auditorium is located on the Lower Plaza level of the Richard B. Russell Federal Building, directly next to the cafeteria.

### **Entrance to Building**

Bring a photo ID. Security check is required to enter the federal building.

### **Transportation**

#### **Airport**

The Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport serves the Atlanta area. Hartsfield is located off of Interstate 85, approximately 15 miles South of downtown Atlanta. Taxicabs, hotel shuttles, and other forms of ground transportation are available from the airport to the downtown area.

#### **Driving Directions/Parking**

Rush hour traffic is a challenge in the metropolitan Atlanta area. So please take that into account as we will start the conference on time. There are several parking lots in the vicinity and the daily parking rate is approximately \$7.00.

Coming from the NORTH on either I- 75 or I-85.

Exit on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive (Exit #248A). Follow Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Drive past the State Capitol. Once you cross Forsyth Street (approximately seven blocks), MLK shifts to the right. You should continue straight underneath the viaduct directly in front of you (stay toward the left side of the street). At the stop sign, turn right and take an immediate left into the Parking Company of America's parking lot. The Richard B. Russell Building will be directly behind you as you enter the parking lot and take your ticket from the parking attendant's station. You will enter the building through the loading dock. You will have to go through a metal detector and have your belongings

scanned. Once you are inside of the building, turn left and you will see the L.D. Strom Auditorium at the end of the hallway.

**LEAVING:** Turn left out of the parking lot onto Alabama Street. At the traffic light (McDonald's on the right) turn right onto Forsyth Street. Continue two blocks and turn left onto Mitchell Street. Stay on Mitchell Street until it comes to an end at the State Capitol (approximately six blocks). Turn left onto Piedmont Rd. Go one block to the traffic light and turn right onto Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. Follow signs to I-75/85.

Coming from the SOUTH on either I-75 or I-85 (From Hartsfield International Airport)

Exit on Fulton Street, Central Avenue, Downtown (Exit #246). As you exit, stay in the left lane of the ramp. Continue straight on Central Avenue approximately five blocks. You may want to remain in the left lane. Turn left onto Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Drive. Drive straight down MLK Drive. You should continue straight underneath the viaduct directly in front of you (stay toward the left side of the street). At the stop sign, turn right and take an immediate left into the Parking Company of America's parking lot. The Richard B. Russell Building will be directly behind you as you enter the parking lot and take your ticket from the parking attendant's station. You will enter the building through the loading dock. You will have to go through a metal detector and have your belongings scanned. Once you are inside of the building, turn left and you will see the L.D. Strom Auditorium at the end of the hallway.

Leaving: Same as previous leaving directions.

Coming from the WEST on I-20

Exit on Spring Street/Windsor Street (Exit #56B). At the bottom of the ramp, turn left. The Richard B. Russell Building is located four blocks on the left (tall, white building). Parking is available in the lots on Spring Street before you reach the building. Once you go through security, turn left and you will see signs for the "Lower Level and Basement" elevators. Take the elevator to the Lower Plaza (LP). Exit the elevator to the right and follow the signs. You will see the L.D. Strom auditorium at the end of the hallway.

Coming from the EAST on I-20

Exit on Spring Street/Windsor Street (Exit 56B). At the bottom of the ramp, turn right. The Richard B. Russell Building is approximately four blocks on the left (tall, white building). Parking is available in the lots on Spring Street before you reach the building. Once you go through security, turn left and you will see signs for the "Lower Level and Basement" elevators. Take the elevator to the Lower Plaza (LP). Exit the elevator to the right and follow the signs. You will see the L.D. Strom auditorium at the end of the hallway.

**MARTA (Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority)**

### Taking MARTA from the Airport/other locations in Atlanta

The MARTA rapid rail line Airport station is located in the airport terminal and may be taken downtown for \$1.50. MARTA's central downtown station, **Five Points**, is located a few blocks away from the Richard B. Russell Building.

Exit the train at the "Five Points" MARTA Station. Follow signs in the station at Forsyth Street, walk left. Continue walking one block until you reach Martin Luther King Jr. Drive (MLK). Cross the street and make a right onto MLK. You will see the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service building directly in front of you. Walk one block until you reach Spring Street. You will see the Richard B. Russell Building across the street on the left, at the intersection of Spring Street and MLK. Once you go through security, turn left and you will see signs for the "Lower Level and Basement" elevators. Take the elevator to the Lower Plaza (LP). Exit the elevator to the right and follow the signs. You will see the L.D. Strom auditorium at the end of the hallway.

### Hotel Accommodations

The following hotels are provided for informational purposes only, as the Department of Education can neither recommend nor rate hotels.

#### Hotels closest to the Richard B. Russell Federal Building Hotels

Those listed in bold are within a ten to fifteen minute walk of the building, and the remaining are about a twenty five minute walk or a short cab ride away. Italics/asterisks indicate hotels convenient to *MARTA*.

***\*Underground Suites at Underground Atlanta, 54 Peachtree Street 404-223-5555\*Closest***

***\*Omni, 100 CNN Center, Corner of Marietta and Techwood, 404-659-0000***

***\*Westin Peachtree Plaza, 210 Peachtree Street, 404-659-1400***

***\*Ritz-Carlton - Downtown, 181 Peachtree Street, 404-659-0400***

***\*Marriott Residence Inn, 134 Peachtree Street, 404-522-0950***

***\*Marriott Marquis, 265 Peachtree Center Avenue, 404-521-0000***

***\*Hyatt Downtown, 265 Peachtree Street, 404-577-1234***

***\*Hilton & Towers - Downtown, 255 Courtland Street, 404-659-2000***

Marriott Fairfield, 175 Piedmont Avenue, 404-659-7777

Marriott Courtyard, 175 Piedmont Avenue, 404-659-2727

Radisson Hotel Atlanta, Courtland & International Boulevard, 404-659-6500

Renaissance Hotel, 590 West Peachtree Street, 404-881-6000

#### Hotels near Airport

These hotels are convenient to the Hartsfield International Airport, which is located about 15 miles south of the Richard B. Russell Building. None of these hotels can be considered convenient to *MARTA*, but may be convenient if you are flying in for conference.

Courtyard by Marriott, 3399 International Boulevard, Hapeville, 404-559-1043  
Days Inn - Atlanta Airport, 4601 Best Road, College Park, 404-761-6500  
Embassy Suites - Airport, 4700 Southport Road, College Park, 404-767-1988  
Atlanta Airport Hilton & Towers, 1031 Virginia Avenue, Hapeville, 404-767-9000  
Holiday Inn - Atlanta Airport, 1380 Virginia Avenue, East Point, 404-762-8411  
LaQuinta Inn - Airport, 4874 Old National Highway, College Park, 404-768-1241  
Marriott - Atlanta Airport, 4711 Best Road, College Park, 404-766-7900  
Westin Hotel - Atlanta Airport, 4736 Best Road, College Park, 404-762-7676  
Renaissance Hotel - Airport, 1 Hartsfield Centre Parkway, 404-209-9999  
Marriott Residence Inn - Airport, 3401 International Boulevard, Hapeville, 404-761-0511

### Hotels in Mid-town Atlanta

The Midtown area of Atlanta is located about three miles north of the Richard B. Russell Building and is nearby MARTA. Taxi service is also easily available from most of the hotels listed below. Midtown offers a variety of restaurants and nightlife. An asterisk indicates that this hotel is convenient to MARTA.

*\*Best Western Grenada Suites, 1302 West Peachtree Street, 404-876-6100*  
Courtyard by Marriott, 1132 Techwood Drive, 404-607-1112  
*\*Four Seasons Hotel, 75 Fourteenth Street, 404-881-9898*  
*\*Marriott Suites - Midtown, 35 Fourteenth Street, 404-876-8888*  
*\*Marriott Residence Inn - Midtown, 1041 West Peachtree Street, 404-872-8885*  
*\*Sheraton Colony Square - Fourteenth Street at Peachtree Street, 404-892-6000*  
*\*Wyndham Garden Hotel - Midtown, 125 Tenth Street, 404-873-4800*

### Hotels in the Buckhead/Lenox Area of Atlanta

These hotels are located in the fashionable Buckhead/Lenox area of Atlanta, about six miles north of downtown. The area is convenient to shopping, nightlife, and fine dining. A cab ride from this area to the Richard B. Russell Building is about \$12, and MARTA is convenient to most of these hotels.

Embassy Suites - Buckhead, 3285 Peachtree Road, 404-261-7733  
Hampton Inn - Buckhead, 3398 Piedmont Road, 404-233-5656  
*\*Holiday Inn - Buckhead/Lenox, 3377 Peachtree Road, 404-264-1111*  
*\*Lenox Inn - 3387 Lenox Road, 404-261-5500*  
*\*JW Marriott at Lenox Square, 404-262-3344*  
Grand Hyatt- Atlanta, 3300 Peachtree Road at Piedmont Road, 404-365-8100  
Marriott Resident Inn - Buckhead, 2960 Piedmont Road, 404-239-0677  
*\*Ritz-Carlton - Buckhead, 3434 Peachtree Road, 404-237-2700*  
*\*Swissotel Atlanta, 3391 Peachtree Road at Lenox Square, 404-365-0065*  
*\*Wyndham Garden Hotel - Buckhead, 3340 Peachtree Road, 404-231-1234*

*\*MARTA fare is \$1.75 each way. Train service is available from the Atlanta International Airport in either the South or North Terminals. During peak hours, trains run every ten minutes. The Richard B. Russell*

*Federal Building is located between the Peachtree Center (on the North-South line), and the Five Points (on the North-South and East-West lines) stations. For further information regarding MARTA fares and schedules, you may call the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority at 404-848-4711.*

### **Lunch**

There is a cafeteria in the Richard B. Russell Federal building. A listing of other lunch venues will be available at the conference.

### **Customer Service Contacts**

If you have any questions about National Default Prevention Day, please send an e-mail or call one of the Customer Service numbers listed below:

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