



Welcome to the U.S. Department of the Interior 1849 C Street NW Washington, DC 20240



Welcome to the U.S. Department of the Interior in Washington, DC, our Nation's capital. As part of your travel guidance we have put together for you some information and recommendations for travel, lodging, food, and other miscellaneous incidentals.

ACCESSING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR – THE MAIN INTERIOR BUILDING

To gain access to the Main Interior Building (MIB), you must enter the C Street entrance and show some form of government-issued photo identification, such as a Federal Government building pass (if a Federal employee); State-issued driver's license, or non-driver's identification, etc. Inform the guard you are here for the USEITI MSG Meeting. You will then undergo a security screening process that requires you to sign in, receive a temporary visitor's pass, and undergo a security screen, including bag and parcel checks. After you complete the screening process, you will be escorted to the location of the meeting.

Handicap Accessibility:

A handicap-accessible entrance is located on the E Street entrance of the MIB.

WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS

You may connect to our guest WIFI in the MIB by having your Government contact escort you to room 1543. Please bring a government issued I.D. and your business address (a business card is ideal).

TRAVEL - CHOOSING AN AIRPORT

There are three airports you may choose to fly into:

1. Washington-Reagan National Airport (DCA) – Located only a few miles from Washington, DC. This airport is by far the most convenient and is accessible by Metro (the DC area public transportation system).
2. Dulles International Airport (IAD) – Located approximately 26 miles from Washington, DC
3. Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI) – Located South of Baltimore, approximately 35 miles from Washington, DC

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Although you are authorized to rent a car, it is not recommended when traveling to Washington, DC. Driving within the city limits, especially for visitors, can be a frustrating, confusing, and expensive experience.

The Washington Metro Area is equipped with a first class public transportation system with many options for getting around the city – including the subway system (Metro), city buses, taxicabs, and a bike

share program. Costs for public transportation and taxicab fares are reimbursable expenses – don't forget to save your receipts.

Transportation from the Airport to your Hotel:

Taxicabs, the most expedient method of travel from the airport to your hotel, are readily available, as are signs directing you to them.

Some hotels offer a shuttle service to and from the airport.

There are also commercial shuttle services available. You can make reservations in advance or when you arrive at the airport.

Washington Flyer <http://www.washfly.com/>

Super Shuttle <http://www.supershuttle.com/>

Go Airport Shuttle <http://goairportshuttle.com/>

Another transportation option is the Metro. This option is especially convenient for travel into Washington Reagan National Airport. You can map your trip, and learn more about Metro, using the following website: <http://www.wmata.com>

Transportation to the Main Interior Building:

The Main Interior Building is located at 1849 C Street NW; Washington, DC 20240. The building is on C Street NW between 18th and 19th Streets.

Parking: The Main Interior Building does not offer visitor parking. There is metered parking surrounding the outside of the building; however most meters have a two-hour limit. There are public parking garages along 18th and 19th Streets NW as well as along Pennsylvania Avenue NW.

Metro Accessibility: The closest Metro stop to the Main Interior Building is Farragut West – a station on the Orange and Blue lines. To get to MIB using Metro, off board at Farragut West, take the 18th Street exit, and walk south towards Constitution Avenue. The entrance to MIB is 6 blocks south on C Street between 18th and 19th Streets – a 15 minute walk. You can map the trip at: <http://www.wmata.com>

LODGING

We are offering a list of nearby hotels, however, it is your responsibility to check and make sure they have rooms available at the government rate. You will only be reimbursed for the government lodging per diem rate, which for February 2013 is \$183/night.

There are several hotels in the Washington, DC area that are in close proximity to the MIB. The following are a few that are within walking distance of the building:

AKA White House
1710 H Street Northwest
Washington, DC 20006
(202) 904-2500
stayaka.com

Club Quarters
839 17th Street Northwest
Washington, DC 20006
(202) 974-4222
clubquarters.com

Hilton Garden Inn
815 14th Street Northwest
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 783-7800
hilton.com

Four Points by Sheraton
 1201 K Street Northwest
 Washington, DC 20005
 (202) 289-7600
fourpointsdc.com

Hotel Monaco
 700 F Street Northwest
 Washington, DC 20004
 (202) 628-7177
monaco-dc.com

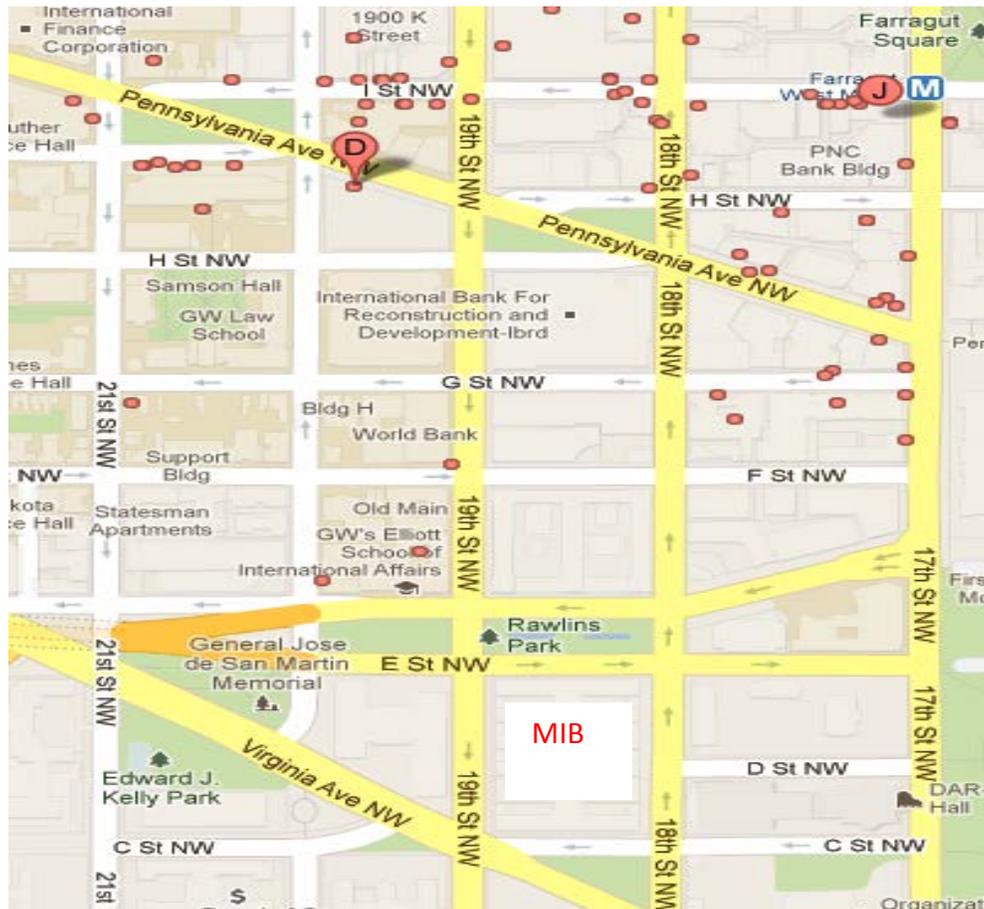
Washington Marriot at Metro Center
 775 12th St NW
 Washington, DC 20005
 (202) 737-2200
www.marriott.com

The closest hotel with the government rate may not be in Washington, DC. Other cities in the greater Washington metropolitan area are another option. Look for hotels with metro accessibility, such as hotels in Arlington, Virginia – in Arlington, both the Crystal City and Rosslyn areas are metro accessible.

www.Fedrooms.com is a useful resource for locating hotels in the area that honor the government rate.

DINING

As part of your per diem you will be reimbursed for your meals. The Washington, DC per diem rate in February 2013, for meals and incidentals is \$71 per day. The **Bison Bistro** is located in the basement of the MIB and is open daily from 7:30am to 2:30pm. The following is a map of other nearby places to eat.



Subway
 1959 E Street NW

Clara Barton – Red Cross Cafeteria
 1730 E Street NW

G Street Food
 1706 G Street NW

Café Phillips
 1776 G St NW

Roti Mediterranean Grill
 1747 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Met Café
 1725 F Street NW

Potbelly Sandwich Works
 1701 Pennsylvania Avenue NW