

December 14, 2011

Dear Aircraft Carrier Industrial Base Coalition Member:

As you have read and heard there will be an intense debate in Washington about what programs will have their funding eliminated or reduced. Once a year, ACIBC and Huntington Ingalls Industries ask that you come to Washington, DC to remind your Member of Congress in person of the connection between their support for uninterrupted funding of the U.S. Navy's aircraft carrier program and businesses and jobs in their district.

We urge you to make plans to attend Action Days 2012.

Action Days 2012 will be held in Washington DC on **Wednesday, March 28 and Thursday March 29, 2012** and provide the aircraft carrier vendor base with an opportunity to educate the new Congress on the value of aircraft carriers, particularly the connection between their funding and the economic benefits they create in congressional districts across the country.

No voice in Washington is more effective than the constituent who creates jobs back home and can talk about how their company helps build and maintain our carrier fleet.

This year's Action Days will be held on March 28 and 29, 2012 at the [Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel](#), 999 Ninth St. NW, Washington DC, 20001. We hope you will join us for an important discussion about the carrier program and the role that your company plays as a vital part of the nation's overall defense structure.

Registration will begin at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, March 28 with the schedule of activities starting at 12:30 PM. The first day will consist of a kickoff and general membership session with the regional board members and an information exchange with Huntington Ingalls Industries and the U.S. Navy as well as a reception and dinner that will feature a keynote speaker.

On **Thursday, March 29**, ACIBC members will attend a breakfast on Capitol Hill followed by meetings with your Congressional representatives. As Action Days approaches, your Congressional meeting schedule will be available online at the [Action Days website](#). While we will try to schedule Congressional meetings for as early as possible on Thursday, March 29, some meetings may need to be held in the early afternoon. We ask that participants be flexible in making their plans and not schedule their departure earlier than 2:00 PM.

If you have not done so already, you may register for Action Days online at the [ACIBC website](#). To register, you must log in to the [ACIBC website](#) using your email address and the password "teamwork".

You will also find information about how to reserve your hotel room through the group block for a discounted rate on the Action Days website. For immediate questions about Action Days or if you experience difficulty booking your hotel room, please contact Elaine Harvey at 202-585-2052 or eharvey@acibc.org.

Make plans now to attend, learn, network and most importantly ensure your voice is heard!

Best regards,



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Action Days 2012
Wednesday, March 28 and Thursday March 29, 2012
Hotel and Travel Logistics

Meeting Location/Hotel

[Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel](#)

999 Ninth Street NW
Washington, DC 20001
Tel: 202-898-9000

Action Days 2012 will be held in Washington, DC, at the Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel. Reservations should be made online via the [ACIBC Action Days website](#) to ensure obtaining the ACIBC room block discounted rate. The hotel is within walking distance of several Metro stations.

Transportation

The Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel is easily accessible from all three airports either by Metro, taxi or train. Washington National Airport (DCA) is the closest airport to the hotel. If you are searching for a flight online "WAS" is the airline code which will cover all Washington, DC area airports.

To travel to Washington for Action Days, you may fly into any of the following three major airports:

- **Ronald Reagan Washington National (DCA):** Approximately 7 miles from the hotel. 15 minutes by car/taxi or 20 minutes via Metro to GALLERY PLACE, three blocks walking distance from hotel.
- **Washington Dulles International (IAD):** Approximately 35 miles from the hotel and 45 minutes by car/taxi.
- **Baltimore Washington International (BWI):** Approximately 40 miles from the hotel and 45-60 minutes by car/taxi.

Additionally, SuperShuttle, a bus service, provides service to and from all three airports and has desks at each airport where reservations can be made and tickets may be purchased. You may also contact SuperShuttle at 1-800-258-3826 to make your reservation.

Helpful Links

[Hotel Maps & Transportation](#)

[Washington, DC Visitors Information](#)

[Visitors Information from the House of Representatives](#)

[Going Out Guide / Visitors Guide from the Washington Post](#)

[Metro Train Website](#)