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Facilitation Training Workshop Offered March 3 & 4, 2007

Albuquerque, N.M. Hate going to meetings? Believe it or not, they can be shorter, more relevant, and less like a waste of time! Two seasoned professionals with over 30 years of experience will conduct a facilitation training workshop on Saturday & Sunday, March 3 & 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Elizabeth Perrachione (formerly Neustadter) and Kathleen Oweegon present “Facilitating with Finesse: Preparing yourself for the best...and worst that groups have to offer,” at The Source For Creating Sacredness, 1111 Carlisle SE, in Albuquerque. This training is endorsed by New Mexico First, foremost provider of town halls in New Mexico, and the City of Albuquerque Land Use Facilitation Program. The workshop is especially useful for those who: want to run more effective meetings, find themselves facilitating groups that are in conflict, hold leadership positions in organizations, are teachers, mediators, or managers, and/or are interested in exploring facilitation as a profession.

The two-day workshop will offer comprehensive “conception to delivery” information for the novice and is a great refresher course for the seasoned facilitator. Tools and ideas will cover everything from intake and setting the stage to the summary report and next steps, including:

- ?? Making sure the group feels that you understand them — gaining the group’s trust
- ?? Transforming the unwieldy, unresponsive or dominating participant into a great contributor
- ?? Getting the creative juices flowing — eliciting ideas & brainstorming strategies
- ?? Ensuring great participation — jump-starting a quiet group & calming the chaos
- ?? Focusing the group — tools that help groups make decisions
- ?? “Will facilitate for food” — marketing yourself & getting gigs

About the Trainers

Elizabeth Perrachione is founder of Albuquerque-based FireOwl Consulting Services (www.fireowl.com) and a partner in Entente Resources, LLC (www.ententeresources.com). She is a mediator and trainer, and most often works with nonprofits, communities, entrepreneurs, and individuals.

Kathleen Oweegon is founder of Santa Fe-based Bridges of Peace (www.bridgesofpeace.com), and is a mediator, facilitator and communications trainer. She has provided these services to individuals, groups and institutions throughout the United States.

The cost for the workshop is \$275 per person. Registration deadline is February 17, 2007. Registration for groups of 4 or more is \$250 per person. To register, contact Kathleen Oweegon at 505-982-7009 or Elizabeth Perrachione at 505-699-8889. -30-