

Good afternoon Midwest Affiliates:

Attached are the Agenda and the Registration forms for the Janet Murguia Affiliate Listening Tour taking place in KANSAS CITY (MO and KS), SEPTEMBER 20-21, 2004. As mentioned in previous communications, we strongly encourage your attendance and participation at the event as it has been structured to allow for maximum communication and networking among the Midwest Affiliates and NCLR's President/COO, Janet Murguia. You, the Affiliates, will have direct access to Janet, NCLR regional staff, and other Midwest Affiliates working through various organizational and programmatic challenges and opportunities.

As NCLR Midwest Regional staff and your Affiliate Council representatives, we would like to highlight all the outstanding work that is being done in our region and have a significant presence at the event. As NCLR completes its Five Year Strategic Plan we welcome and encourage input and the Affiliate Listening Tour will provide a venue for this critical feedback.

We also encourage you to review the Strategic Plan and come to the meeting with comments. This is how you can access the Strategic Plan on NCLR's website ([www.nclr.org](http://www.nclr.org)):

1. In order to access the document, all affiliates will need to go through a brief application process to set up their own login password. This is done on the RESOURCES FOR AFFILIATES page.
2. Once this is done, and the form is approved, you will then be able to access the Strategic Plan. Any feedback should be submitted in writing, via fax or email or can be presented at the Affiliate Listening Tour.

Hotel and meeting information is included on the Registration Form. We would like all Registration Forms to be submitted by SEPTEMBER 3, 2004 so that we can have an accurate count of participants. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact us and we look forward to seeing you all in Kansas City!

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