Volunteers Needed for CDC Ebola Safety Training Course in Alabama

Dear Residents, Fellows, Program Directors and Program Coordinators,

Below is a request from the CDC for clinicians to participate in the CDC’s Ebola Safety Training Course. These are three-day courses in Alabama. There is no patient contact. Most individuals would need to participate at least twice. Travel expenses and an honorarium is provided.

This opportunity would come from scheduled vacation time.

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Bobby Baron

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Trainees Needed for Ebola Safety Training Course

CDC's Safety Training Course for Healthcare Workers Going to West Africa in Response to the 2014 Ebola Outbreak <http://cl.exct.net/?qs=71ec7b6c7d1a9b6b4a0bf74ce153d440c55cbb822ca2ebe6d7d9bc2d04c3544e> is looking for clinicians (physicians, nurses, 4th year med students) who would enjoy facilitating exercises in a mock Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU). Trainers guide students in the donning and doffing (putting on and off) of personal protective equipment (PPE), and coach them through exercises that help to prepare them for caring for patients in a real ETU in west Africa. It’s a unique opportunity to contribute to the Ebola response with a short-term commitment, and to meet, instruct, and get to know the compassionate clinicians who will soon deploy to work in west Africa. Trainers who have done it thus far have loved it.

Trainers are needed immediately. The course will be held most weeks during October through March, 2015 (schedule <http://cl.exct.net/?qs=71ec7b6c7d1a9b6b50d45eed57ea3c3cebb5ddd2b9d1635a22b901715cd7c2cc> ), usually from Monday 8 AM until Wednesday 5 PM. We are asking potential instructors to commit to facilitate at least two courses during 2014 (the first as a student instructor, the second as an instructor), although persons with strong skills, e.g., infection control or teaching, may be accepted for just one course.

Trainings are held on the FEMA training campus in Anniston, Alabama, about a 90 minute drive from Atlanta. CDC will reimburse travel expenses; meals, lodging, and an honorarium are provided.

Here are some newscasts about the training:
http://cl.exct.net/?qs=71ec7b6c7d1a9b6b97083b47e7b3e847567d64820fc0f1e4e10d278f5ff9f1
http://youtu.be/BuHISTFCpAI
http://cl.exct.net/?qs=71ec7b6c7d1a9b6bda21f10ceb0e6db9780718e528df541f984763fd1d8e8a0b

If interested, please send the following information to HCWTrainer@orau.org:

• A short bio, and CV or resume with education, credentials, and experience relative to the trainer duties

• The specific courses (by start date on schedule) when you are available (October - March)

• Contact information for 2 work references who know your abilities (indicate if we should get your permission before contacting)
• A statement whether or not you are a U.S. citizen

The Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE), a U.S. Department of Energy Institute, is assisting CDC by handling interactions with and logistics for the trainers. Correspondence from ORISE staff can be identified by their orau.org email address.