

# **Building Community and Institutional Capacity: Panel Introduction**

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# Why a Panel on Capacity?

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- Workshop agenda focused primarily on science, tools, and prevention
- Broader view of capacity needed to reach our goals
- Panelists will discuss their real world experiences in working to build capacity

# Where Would We Like to be in Five Years?

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- Local air quality clearly understood and the contribution of all sources identified
- Community baseline and indicators for evaluating progress set
- Effective community leadership and organization established to track and address air quality issues

## **...in Five Years (continued)**

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- Effective partnership among all sectors of community, governments, and academic institutions
- Strong consensus in community on priorities and a plan for reductions
- Community residents and businesses mobilized and making real improvements

# Community Capacity Checklist

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- ✓ funding, staff, resources (office space, printing, computer, etc.)
- ✓ effective leadership, organization, and collaboration in community
- ✓ skills and means to communicate effectively with community and partners
- ✓ skills to build and work in partnerships

# Community Checklist (continued)

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- ✓ understanding of government, academic, and NGO partners
- ✓ understanding of air toxic regulation
- ✓ understanding and training to use air toxics science and information

# Government Capacity Checklist

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- ✓ staff and resources
- ✓ leadership, organization, collaboration among governments
- ✓ skills and means to communicate effectively with community and partners
- ✓ skills to build and work in partnerships

# Government Checklist (continued)

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- ✓ understanding of community and academic partners
- ✓ understanding of community issues and priorities
- ✓ technical skills, science, and information to address local air toxics issues with community