

Pre-Conference Workshop: FPD Training | 3 March 2026

From Legacy Headquarters to Modern Design: U.S. Military Heritage in Frankfurt – Innovation and Application for Planners

The Federal Planning Division (FPD) will host a Pre-Conference Workshop targeting to provide in person training to Europe-based planners and other design professionals. This training opportunity will provide 6 hours of Certification Maintenance (CM) credits through a guided walking tour of the Westend Campus of Goethe University in Frankfurt coupled with presentations from the University as well as the local German Bauamt (building authority), responsible for the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of public buildings and spaces. Participants will have an opportunity to explore the former “Pentagon of Europe”, built from 1928-1930 and contrast that with recently added modern university buildings such as the “House of Finance”, built in a style that complements the “New Objectivity” style of the original I.G. Farben Building, and forms this campus in the heart of the city. Further, participants will have the opportunity to tour an example of modular timber construction (temporary construction) at the nearby Adorno-Gymnasium (High School), highlighting the differences in the execution of construction standards. The tour will include time for a group lunch (additional cost) that will allow time to informally discuss the history and architecture of the campus as experienced.

Tour highlights include:

- Westend Campus of Goethe University
- I.G. Farben Building, including the Paternoster Lifts
- House of Finance
- PEG Building and Courtyards
- Adorno Gymnasium

Learning Objectives

By attending the Pre-Conference Workshop:

1. Participants will learn about the history of the I.G. Farben Building and its role in post-WW II Germany, from both an architectural and historical perspective.
2. Participants will gain an understanding of how the campus was developed over time to its current state by learning local processes and building practices. An understanding of sustainability and resilience features will be gained.
3. Participants will see a successful application of a temporary, prefabricated and modular facility and understand how these techniques and building materials can be applied for U.S. use to provide quality and resilient facilities in an expeditious manner.

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Draft Agenda | Subject to Change

- 0900** Depart Frankfurt Marriott (35 min walk or 10 min rideshare)
- 0930 – 0945** Meet at Goethe University Frankfurt Westend Campus. *Meeting Location TBD*
- 0945 – 1030** University Presentation + Campus Orientation. *Lecture Hall TBD*
- 1030 – 1200** Guided Walking Tour of the Westend Campus and I.G. Farben Building
- 1200 – 1230** Bauamt Presentation. *Lecture Hall TBD*
- 1230 – 1315** Group Lunch + Discussion on Campus. *Lecture Hall TBD*
- 1315 – 1430** Adorno Gymnasium Orientation and Guided Tour
- 1430 – 1500** Debrief with University/Bauamt. *Lecture Hall TBD*
- 1500 – 1530** Return to Frankfurt Marriott (walk or rideshare)
- 1730 – 1930** Europe Tri-Service Regional Summit Opening Reception. *Frankfurt Marriott*

Registration Information

All participants must register; the workshop is limited to 30 participants and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration for the full Regional Summit is not required.

Attendee Type	SAME or FPD Member Rate	Non-Member
Private Industry	\$99	\$149
Government	\$29	\$39

Key Biographies

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Steve has over 30 years of Planning, Project Management, and Business Development experience involving Federal agencies. He holds a B.S. in Architectural Engineering and served eight years as an active duty Air Force Civil Engineer Officer where he led facility operations & maintenance programming and planning at both the installation and headquarters level. Mr. Baird is an AICP-certified Planner and a Certified Charrette Planner. Since 2020, he leads the growing planning practice at Black & Veatch, with an active portfolio in Europe, and previously led four nationally recognized award-winning federal projects in Texas and Germany.

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Jill specializes in sustainable master planning, collaborative design and has over two decades of experience in federal planning, training, and operations. A former active duty Air Force civil engineering officer, Jill has served as an engineer, programmer, designer, and author for over 300 area development plans and associated studies for federal clients worldwide, including NASA, NOAA, FEMA and all branches of the U.S. military. She has been recognized as an expert facilitator and an award-winning educator, and has taught and facilitated over 100 courses, workshops, and practicums for corporate, non-profit, and government organizations. She founded The Schreifer Group, an award-winning woman-owned, veteran-owned small business, in 2016.

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