PURPOSE
To train operators of commercial and large-scale compost facilities in the science of composting.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND
Composting plant operators, managers and other interested persons.

ENROLLMENT LIMITATIONS
Enrollment will be limited to the first 40 who enroll with the required registration fee.

COURSE OF INSTRUCTION
School starts promptly at 10a.m., September 24 and ends at noon, September 28.

REGISTRATION FEE
$450 if received by September 4, 2018. Registration after September 4, 2018 will be $500. The registration fee includes handout materials, third-day tour, all breaks, tour lunch, facility rental and other administrative costs.

LOCATION
Classroom and laboratory work will be held at the USDA Beltsville Agricultural Research Center Building 005 and other locations.

LODGING
A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn (10000 Baltimore Ave (Route 1), College Park, MD 20704), $117/night for single or double occupancy (includes breakfast). Participants are responsible for making their own lodging reservations. A block of 10 rooms will be reserved at the above price until August 29, 2018. Call Holiday Inn for reservations at 301-345-6700. Indicate that you are with the Better Composting School (BCS).

Precise directions will be sent with registration confirmation. Holiday Inn will have available transportation to and from the USDA Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.
Lyndell Pate - Technical Sales Manager for Ecoverse Industries in the Charlotte, NC Area

Lonnie Heflin - Project Manager at Maryland Environmental Service

Patricia D Millner, PhD - Research Microbiologist, USDA Agriculture Research Center in Beltsville, MD
She has worked with biological waste management since 1976 and was instrumental in the development of the Aerated Static Pile method of composting. She has expertise in microbiology of composting, compost products, food safety, and pathogen reduction. Pat has been an extraordinary advocate for organics recovery and composting for more than 20 years. Her work has done more to advance the cause than anyone else in the federal government. She is a constant source of technical expertise and wise counsel.

Lonnie has been President of Bay Organics, LLC, has worked at WSI International, LLC and Wood-Tech Mulch. He has 30 years of experience in organics recycling and composting, including operations, product development, marketing, sales, and management.

Ecoverse delivers a full line of environmental processing equipment including Doppstadt line, BACKHUS, Backers, Tiger, Stationary Solutions, and Harvest Quest compost equipment lines. Lyndell has in excess of 12 years experience in technical support, sales, and consultation for compost operations, specifically with regard to process and equipment recommendations.

Composting is becoming the method of choice for converting organic waste into a marketable product. If horticultural industries and home gardeners are to accept commercial compost as they do fertilizers, processed animal manures and peatmoss, the compost must be produced under controlled conditions employing methods deemed acceptable by the industry. Horticultural industries include nurseries, greenhouses, landscape contractors, garden centers, and landscape maintenance companies are major users of organic matter and fertilizers. Since commercial compost can be manufactured from a variety of waste materials, a variety of standards have been established based on end uses. Managers of composting facilities must be familiar with these standards and with the waste materials and composting systems that can best produce the desired products. Composting to produce a product that is consistent in quality will require good management and quality control. School participants will learn the basics of making good compost. They will tour commercial operations. They will perform product sampling and learn simple procedures for compost testing. Participants will become better composters. For additional information, call 301-405-1198.

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTORS

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COMPANY NAME

PARTICIPANT NAME(S)

PHONE NUMBER (WITH AREA CODE) & EMAIL

BUSINESS ADDRESS

PERSONAL ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

NO. ATTENDING $ =

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS: (vegetarian, etc.)

Make check payable to: UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND COLLEGE PARK FOUNDATION, INC. (UMCPF)

Mail by August 30, 2018 (early registration) or Sept. 14, 2018 (late registration)

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