Travel Information for Boston VQEG Meeting

The April 24-28 meeting of VQEG will be at the Verizon Laboratories outside Boston. The labs are located in Waltham, a suburb roughly 10 miles from the center of Boston. Boston has one main airport, Logan. Our hotel suggestions in Waltham near the Labs are

- Doubletree Waltham  550 Winter St., Waltham, MA  $139-$151   001-800-222-8733
  Ask for the Verizon rate. This hotel has the easiest walk to the Verizon Labs.

- Summerfield Suites, Waltham  54 Fourth Ave., Waltham, MA  $130  001-866-974-9288
  Ask for the Verizon rate. This hotel is within walking distance of the labs, but the traffic is unpleasant.

If you want to stay in downtown Boston, I suggest you make your reservations soon because several of the places I’ve tried already are not giving Verizon discounts April 24-28, and the regular room rates are quite expensive. The following hotels are giving Verizon discounts as of 7 March, 2006.

- Doubletree Boston  821 Washington St., Boston, MA  $159  001-800-222-8733
  Ask for the Verizon rate. This hotel is about 45 minutes by cab from the labs in Waltham; cab fare is approximately $60.

- Club Quarters Boston  161 Devonshire St., Boston, MA  $126  email reservations@clubquarters.com and ask for the Verizon rate. This hotel is about 45 minutes by cab from the labs in Waltham; cab fare is approximately $60.

Transportation. A cab from Logan Airport to the Labs in Waltham costs about $60. A cab from downtown Boston to Waltham is also about $60. If you are staying in Waltham and want to get into Boston, one way would be to take a cab to the nearest subway station, which would cost about $25, and take the subway system to all other downtown points. Or, if you are adventurous, you might try renting a car; Boston is known as a difficult city in which to drive, but it is not impossible. Getting to Waltham from Logan by car is pretty easy now if you avoid rush hour.

I will update this notice later with more information about directions and things to do around Boston. If you have questions please contact me or Karen DeFrancisco (karen.defrancisco@verizon.com) 781-466-2999.  ---  Greg Cermak