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Dear Valued IMS Customer,

It is my pleasure to invite you to participate in one of several upcoming IMS Regional User Group kick-off meetings! With the continued corporate focus on Enterprise Integration, Application Modernization, and SOA, we have seen a surge in interest in IMS and a need for more IMS technical education. We also understand that with cost and time constraints, many of our IMS users cannot attend as many technical conferences as they did in the past. However, the need for current technical information on IMS is as great as ever. IBM is committed to supporting local user group activities. Through these kick-off meetings, IBM is hoping to start more IMS regional user groups, thereby bringing IMS technical updates closer to our customers on a regular basis.

The kick-off meeting for our **Columbus customers** will be held on **September 23, 2008**. The meeting will be held at:

IBM  
Presidents Conference Room  
5475 Rings Road  
Dublin, OH.

There is no fee to attend this meeting. Complimentary breakfast and lunch will be served. See agenda details below. We have an all-star lineup of IMS experts as speakers, so don't miss this opportunity to meet with them!

To sign-up and attend this meeting, simply send an email to:

[IMS\\_user\\_groups-subscribe@yahogroups.com](mailto:IMS_user_groups-subscribe@yahogroups.com)

In your email, indicate that you will be attending the Columbus meeting. For a list of all IMS user groups, please go to [www.ibm.com/ims](http://www.ibm.com/ims) and look for 'IMS User Groups'.

Finally, feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this new IMS Regional User Group, or if you would like to create a user group in another area. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

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**IBM IMS Regional User Groups  
Kick-Off Meeting Agenda  
*For Columbus***

Time	Topic	Speaker
8:30 – 9:00	Breakfast and Registration	
9:00 – 9:30	<b>IMS User Group Discussion</b> Charter and Guidelines, Steering Committee, Website, Frequency and location of meetings, Vendor participation, etc.	IBM Host
9:30 – 10:15	<b>IMS Update</b>	Deepak Kohli IBM
10:15 – 10:30	Break	
10:30 – 12:00	<b>IMS Security Using RACF</b> An overview of IMS security with SMU conversion details and things an IMS specialist needs to know about RACF. Hints, tips and practical experiences to help you avoid some common pitfalls.	Maida Snapper IBM
12:00 – 12:30	Lunch – Provided by IBM	
12:30 – 2:30	<b>Disaster Recovery Strategies for IMS</b> This presentation will cover the two main disaster recovery strategies for IMS: 1) Application Dependent, and 2) Mirroring	Glenn Galler IBM
2:30 – 2:45	Break	
2:45 – 4:45	<b>IMS Performance Hot Topics</b> A discussion of more recent performance issues observed over the past year or so, how to diagnose them, and how to avoid having them become an issue at your installation. Any and all areas of IMS will be covered and open for discussion. Bring your questions and experiences along to share.	Dave Viguers IBM
4:45 – 5:00	<b>Meeting Close</b> (and Possible Steering Committee Meeting afterwards)	All