Planning a meeting on a Per Diem!

If you missed our May meeting at the Courtyard by Marriott in Columbia, you missed a good session. Chef Brad Faith was our guest speaker and we had a “sit down” discussion about stretching your food & beverage dollars to work with your per diem food budget.

Chef Brad encouraged planners to consider going with a “Chef choice” to maximize your dollars. This allows the chef to use the same fresh ingredients for several different meal functions, saving time and money. And we all know there’s a labor shortage and with that comes delays in product delivery and availability; so being flexible and talking to your hotel sales/catering team about our budget is key.

We also want to thank our host for the meeting, Lorie Jaegers with the Courtyard by Marriott, Columbia for the lovely venue and our sponsor for the meeting, Terra Crane with the Columbia CVB. Thank you for helping to make the May meeting a success!