



Employee Organizations - Contacts

Organization/Agency Name	Group Purpose	Contact Name	Phone Number	E-mail	Address
African American Strategy Group	Employee Organization To provide an African American perspective that assist the Forest Service in achieving its Mission and Vision which includes multiculturalism and diversity in all aspects of organizational life.	Marlette C. Lacey President	303-275-5325	mlacey@fs.fed.us	740 Simms Street Golden, CO 80401
American Indian Council	Employee Organization AIC's mission is to: 1) Give voice to the concerns of American Indian/Alaska Native employees of the USDA. 2) Support the USDA Secretary's diversity initiatives. 3) Provide cultural awareness for AI/AN issues at the USDA and; 4) Promote the recruitment, retention and career development of AI/ANs in the USDA.	Richard Regan President	202-622-7942 202-720-1670	richard.regan@ascr.usda.gov	
American Indian Council - Forest Service	Employee Organization To serve as a resource to the Chief and National Leadership Team for supporting and nurturing respect, understanding, trust, and good relationships among AI/AN employees, Tribal governments, and the Forest Service	William Ray, Jr. President	541-783-4077	wray@fs.fed.us	USDA Forest Service Chiloquin Ranger District 38500 Highway 97N Chiloquin, OR 97624
American Indian/Alaska Native Employees Association for the NRCS	Employee Organization Serve as the bridge between NRCS and Tribes, strengthen and improve the government to government relationship, provide the guidance of Tribal Elders and share their wisdom, encourage youth involvement and recruit youth for NRCS program opportunities, and provide training opportunities for employee development and advancement.	Dave Wise President	218-879-0863		300 W. Welsh Street P.O. Box 404 Williamsburg, IA 52361
Asian Pacific American Network in Agriculture	Employee Organization Organized 20 years ago, APANA serves as a conduit through which issues of common interest of the members are addressed. APANA's objectives are to: (1) Promote representation of APA employees in USDA services and programs. (2) Facilitate career employment and advancement of APA within USDA. (3) Expose and reduce racism, sexism and other barriers to fair employment in USDA. (4) Provide resources and sponsor activities to help APA employees in USDA acquire skills	Dr. Pat Basu President	202-690-6558	pat.basu@fsis.usda.gov	Aerospace Building, Room 318 901 "D" Street S.W. Washington, DC 20024

	and knowledge for career advancement. (5) Ensure that APA Heritage Month is properly observed in the Department. APANA has multiple Chapters throughout the U.S.				
Asian Pacific Islander Organization	Employee Organization The Asian Pacific Islander Organization was established in May 1998 to provide a forum for employees of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service to exchange ideas, network, mentor, train, and add value to the agency by being a linguistic, cultural, and ethnic bridge to our communities and other employee organizations. The APIO will focus attention on the under-representation of Asian Pacific Islander employees and serve in an advisory role to address methods of recruitment, retention, and promotion. In assisting the NRCS to achieve workforce diversity goals, the APIO will help to enhance outreach, as well as promote access and delivery of agency programs to historically under-served communities.	Peter P. Bautista	509-323-2941	Peter.Bautista@wa.usda.gov	316 W. Boone Ave., Ste. 450 Spokane, WA 99201
Association of Christians Reaching Out in Service and Support (ACROSS)	Employee Organization The purpose of ACROSS is to contribute to employee welfare and morale by supporting and strengthening one another in the practice of a living faith in Jesus Christ, devoted to serving our fellow employees and agency constituents.	Charlie Vaughn Chair	435-619-3057	Sojourner@skyviewmail.com	1170 4 th Avenue South Park Falls, WI 54552
Association for Persons with Disabilities in Agriculture (APDA) – Kansas City	Employee Organization	Daniel Plumridge, President		d.plumridge@fsis.usda.gov	
Black/Minority Employees Organization	Employee Organization Enhance awareness of and participation by Blacks and other minorities within USDA by promoting equal opportunity and fairness in recruitment, assignment, and promotion; support increased training opportunities; provide and/or assist with the orientation of summer interns and/or new hires; and support career development. BMEO shall operate in all agencies within the USDA.	Geraldine Herring President	202-720-1637	geraldine.herring@usda.gov	US Department of Agriculture 1400 Independence Ave., SW Washington, DC 20250

Blacks in Government, USDA GWC Chapter	Employee Organization USDA George Washington Carver Chapter is a leader for employees and promotes excellence in professionalism and employee development	Star Bryant President	202-720-0183		P.O. Box 23381 Washington, D.C. 20026
Federally Employed Women, USDA New Horizons Chapter	Employee Organization Private membership organization working as an advocacy group to improve the status of women employed by the federal and DC government.	Sederis Fields President Altheria Myers Vice President	202-205-1715	(need to call Sederis to get email)	P.O. Box 44149 Washington, D.C. 20026
Forest Service Hispanic Employees Association	Employee Organization The FSHEA is formed for the purpose of collectively addressing issues affecting the Hispanic community by: 1. Promoting unity among all Forest Service Hispanic employees and all Forest Service colleagues. 2. Assisting each other in achieving individual career goals. 3. Taking responsibility for developing our skills to meet current and future needs of the Forest Service. 4. Being pro-active with the Forest Service management to ensure that the development and implementation of policy is sensitive to the cultural values of Hispanic employees and the Hispanic community. 5. Working with Forest Service management to ensure that the talents and skills of Hispanic employees are recognized and utilized at all levels of the organization.	Sandra Macias President	707-562-9025	smacias@fs.fed.us	Pacific Southwest Region, 1323 Club Drive Vallejo, CA 94592
Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Employees Organization	Employee Organization a) Promote understanding of issues affecting gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender employees in USDA. b) Support the USDA policy of nondiscrimination based on sexual orientation. c) Provide outreach to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community in the Department d) Serve as a resource group to the Secretary on issues of concern to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender employees. e) Work for the creation of diverse work force that assures respect and civil rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender employees. f) Create a forum for the concerns of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community in the Department.	Blake Velde President	202-205-0906	Blake.Velde@dm.usda.gov	Blake Velde President, USDA GLOBE 300 7 th St SW Suite 553 Washington, DC 20024

Hispanic American Cultural Effort	Employee Organization The HACE Mission is to promote workforce diversity in USDA.	Febe Ortiz President	202-720-0002	febe.ortiz@wdc.usda.gov	1400 Independence Ave, SW Room 2646 W., D.C. 20250
Hispanic Organizations Leadership Alliance (HOLA)	Employee Organization USDA Chapter of Hispanic Organizations Leadership Alliance (HOLA)	Carmen Nordlund	703-305-2195	Carmen.Nordlund@usda.gov	
National Association of Federal Veterinarians	Association of Managers and Supervisors Advance the science of veterinary medicine in federal public affairs; promote continuing education; advocate continuous improvement of animal disease prevention, disease control and disease eradication; improve slaughter inspection procedures to protect public health by reducing meat and poultry origin food borne illnesses; promote veterinary medical research; improve laboratory animal care; promote humane handling of all animals; recognize contributions of uniformed services to public health, biomedical research, and national defense; promote practices that prevent chemical residues in food animals; and promote practices that prevent drug resistant organisms.	Dr. Douglas L. Fulnechek Vice President	479-927-7683	douglas.fulnechek@fsis.usda.gov	1910 Sunderland Pl. N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036
National Association of Hispanic Federal Executives-USDA Chapter (NAHFE)	Association of Management Officials or Supervisors	Richard G. Chavez President	202-690-2051	rchavez@csrees.usda.gov	560 N Street, S.W., Apt., N513 Washington, D.C. 20024
National Association Support Personnel (RD)	Employee Organization To promote the welfare of members of the Assn., betterment of Rural Development, and establish a cooperative relationship with Area, State, Finance, National Offices, and Centralized Servicing Center.	Christie Brooks President	715-345-7621 cell-608-886-0174	chris.brooks@wi.usda.gov	4949 Kirschling Court, Steven Point, WI 54481
National Association of Credit Specialists	Association of Management Officials or Supervisors To expand, improve and expedite the services of Rural Development to rural people.	Michael Angerson Past President	570-836-5111	michael.angerson@pa.usda.gov	Rural Development 1 Hollowcrest Complex Tunkhannock, PA 18657
National Organization of Professional Black NRCS Employees	Professional Group or Association The National Organization of Professional Black NRCS Employees (NOPBNRCSE) seeks to enhance the awareness and improve the level of education and professional development of Black employees within the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and to increase the participation of Blacks in agriculture, natural resources, and related fields. Membership in "The Organization" is open to all employees of NRCS.	Kalven Trice President	501-758-7385 x 115	kalven.trice@wdc.usda.gov	4004 McCain Blvd Room 208, NBA Bldg. North Little Rock, AR 72116

National Organization of Professional Hispanic NRCS Employees (NOPHNRCSE)	Employee Organization NOPHNRCSE Mission - To motivate and mentor members for leadership roles to assist NRCS and partners in delivering natural resources conservation. NOPHNRCSE Purpose - To assist NRCS in the delivery of program benefits and services to the Hispanic rural/urban community by strengthening NRCS efforts in the recruitment, retention, development, and advancement of Hispanics.	Angel Figueroa President	202-720-6731	angel.figueroa@wdc.usda.gov	USDA-NRCS Room 5232, 1400 Independence Ave. S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250
Organization of Professional Employees of USDA	Professional Group or Association The mission of our organization is to enhance the effectiveness of our members in the performance of their duties. We exist to represent and inform our members, promote professionalism and serve our country. We provide representation of our membership to the Administration and to other employee groups and organizations that promote efficient and effective management of the agencies of USDA.	Louis Iacoletti President	202-720-4898	opeda@usda.gov	OPEDA P.O. Box 23762 Washington, D.C. 20026-3762
Pathfinders - Forest Service	Employee Organization The Pathfinder mission is to promote and ensure equality for Persons with Disabilities in Forest Service sponsored activities, opportunities, and employment including training and benefits. They work to ensure that Persons with Disabilities are provided a positive and safe work environment that will enhance excellence, dignity, and independence. The organization is formed for the purpose of collectively addressing issues affecting opportunities for Persons with Disabilities.	Jerry Smith Chair	989-739-0728 x3033	gsmith01@fs.fed.us	Huron Manistee NationalForest Huron Shores Ranger Station 5761 Skeel Avenue Oscoda, Michigan 48750
Sin Nombre	Employee Organization Sin Nombre is a FAS Hispanic employees organization assisting USDA in the outreach, recruitment, and retention of FAS employees. Program events are geared towards Hispanic heritage celebrations, professional development, and outreach to promote employment opportunities and succession planning.	Roberto Curtis President	202-690-1927	roberto.curtis@usda.gov	c/o OCBF, FAS/USDA 1400 Independence Ave., SW Room 3210, Washington, DC 20250

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