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SUBJECT: EOP – Natural Resources Conservation Service Joint
Professional Employee Organizations and Special
Emphasis Program Managers FY 2010 Training Conference

TO: State Conservationists File Code: 230-15
Directors of the Caribbean and Pacific Basin Areas
Centers and Institutes

As a first time endeavor, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will host a joint diversity training conference with the agency’s Professional Employee Organizations (Asian American Pacific Islander, Black, and Hispanic) and Special Emphasis Program Managers (SEPM). The conference is scheduled for March 15 – 19, 2010, in Kansas City, Missouri. The host hotel is the Kansas City Marriott Downtown, located at 200 West 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

The conference will provide an opportunity for the agency’s SEPMs to receive required training, briefings from exemplary keynote diversity speakers, network with others, and share their valuable experiences. The topics and subjects covered will enhance the SEPM’s abilities to perform their duties and responsibilities more effectively and efficiently. The SEPM’s required training will take place on Monday, March 15, and Thursday, March 18, 2010. They will have the opportunity to attend other diversity workshops and activities on Tuesday, March 16, Wednesday, March 17, and Friday, March 19, 2010.

I anticipate your support and commitment of the conference endeavor by sponsoring and approving your collateral duty SEPMs for attendance.

If you have questions regarding the SEPM training, please contact Jacqueline Padron, NRCS, Hispanic Employment Program Manager, at (301) 504-2336; email at Jacqueline.padron@wdc.usda.gov, or Sharyn Alvarez, NRCS, Federal Women’s Program Manager, at (301) 504-2338; email at sharyn.alvarez@wdc.usda.gov.

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