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SUBJECT: FNM - The National Organization of Professional
Hispanic Natural Resources Conservation Service
(NRCS) Employees (NOPHNRCS) National
Training Conference

DATE: December 17, 2007

TO: Regional Assistant Chiefs
Deputy Chiefs
Associate Deputy Chiefs
State Conservationist
Directors of Pacific Basin & Caribbean Areas
National Headquarters (NHQ) Division Directors
and Above

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EXPIRATION DATE: June 23, 2008

Action Requested By: June 4, 2008

The National Organization of Professional Hispanic Natural Resources Conservation Service Employees (NOPHNRCS) will host its 16th Annual Training Conference in Madison, Wisconsin. The conference will be held at The Madison Concourse Hotel, One West Dayton Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53703, July 7-11, 2008. The Hispanic Emphasis Program Managers (HEPM's) will be having their annual training in conjunction with NOPHNRCS Conference. This function will "provide a great opportunity for HEPM's to fulfill their training and network needs." The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) encourages its employees to take advantage of career development and professional enhancements opportunities through training subject to the availability of resources agency funds and work priorities.

You should submit one composite Form SCS-FNM-72, Meeting Attendance Approval, by the deadline date of June 4, 2008, to: Deanna Smith-Queen/Financial Specialist /USDA / NRCS, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, DC 20013 or fax to 202/ 720-2177.

For reservations call The Madison Concourse Hotel at 1-800-356-8293. Be sure to mention you are a part of the NOPHNRCS to receive the group rate. You may make your reservations now through June 7, 2008.

Questions regarding attendance approval should be directed to Deanne Smith-Queen, Financial Specialist, at (202) 720-0429. Questions concerning the Organization can be directed to Carlos Suarez, President, NOPHNRCS, at (530) 792-5609, or e-mail at carlos.suarez@ca.usda.gov or you may contact Astrid Martinez, Chair, 2008 Conference Planning Committee, at (308) 632-2195, or e-mail at astrid.martinez@ne.usda.gov.

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