



The National Organization of  
Professional Black NRCS Employees  
12<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Conference

# The Daily Link

Tuesday, December 14, 2004

**Western Diversity  
Many Faces, Many Dreams, One Vision—  
Conservation  
Today at a Glance—**

**Wednesday, December 15, 2004**

Continental Breakfast	6:00 A.M. - 7:15 AM
Registration	6:30 AM – 12:00 PM
General Session II	7:30 AM – 9:00 AM
Life Members Awards	7:30 AM – 11:45 AM
Luncheon	12:00 PM – 1:15 PM
Concurrent Training Sessions	
The Store Opens	3:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Executive Board	5:00 PM
Networking Session	5:30 – 6:30
<b>LIVE AUCTION!</b>	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
	7:45 PM

Training Conference Has Wide Appeal  
The Organizations 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Conference got off to a great start with excellence attendance. When registration started there were registrants from 42 states including places as far away as Guam. Many participants were greeted at the airport by local members welcoming them to Sacramento and the training conference. More than 350 registrants descended on the Doubletree Sacramento Hotel eager for the education and training on the theme of “**Western Diversity: Many Faces, Many Dreams, One Vision-Conservation**” Some of the early events of the conference include the career fair, the opening of The Store and the Committee and Regional Meetings.

**‘The Store’ is Open  
for Business**



The Organization’s mobile Store was initially opened in 2002 during the Organization’s training conference in Arlington, TX. This Store carries

items such as clothing, and souvenir items that help to endorse the Organization and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The Store serves to raise funds to sustain and grow the Organization. Member support is essential, because the store is totally self supported and without outside funding. The store manager, appointed by the president of the Organization, is Cutrina Moreland, Soil Conservationist in Minnesota. Cutrina, Kenneth Lee, and many enthusiastic volunteers have worked hard to make The Store a big success.

**The Debut of the  
Organization’s  
*LIVE*  
*AUCTION***



*a featured item at the auction*

The Organization’s first *Not-So-Silent* auction will be held Tues, Dec 15th @ 7:45 PM in the Capital Ballroom C. “This Live Auction will generate funds for the Organization’s Historical Black Colleges and Universities scholarship program.” says Tim Wilson, one of the coordinators.

Each of the Organization’s 23 charter chapters were asked to donate at least two items for the auction. We expect to sell 50-60 auction items. The auction will be lively and fun. There is a \$5.00 registration fee to join in the bidding. Get ready, and buy that **STUFF**; you just gotta have!

**The Organization’s ‘Wireless Networking’**

Did you know that The Organization invented *wireless networking*? We started getting together to get acquainted, and talk shop long before ‘*wireless routers*’ hit the computer world. One of the important features of the Training Conference is our get acquainted ‘Networking Session’. Increase your

knowledge of NRCS, USDA, and your profession by mixing it up with your co-workers at today's

**Networking Session Tues, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 7:00 PM in the Capital Ballroom area.**

### **A Special Thank You Hug is Due**



Some of the local committee. I-r Janet Carnes, Kevin Farmer, Diana Hebert-Boyd, and Kay Joy

Pulling off a National Conference takes hard work, dedication, endurance, persistence and more hard work. A special Thank You and Bear Hug is due for the California NRCS State Conservationist, Chuck Bell, and the California NRCS local committee. We will always remember your wonderful, warm California hospitality!

## **Did You know about these African American “FIRSTS”?**

1990	<b>Sherman Lewis</b>	First African American NRCS Assistant Chief
1992	<b>Sherman Lewis</b>	First African American NRCS Deputy Chief
1994	<b>Pearlie Reed</b>	First African American NRCS Associate Chief
1998	<b>Pearlie Reed</b>	First African American NRCS Chief

Watch for more **FIRSTS** in each day's Daily Link