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NEW MEXICO BULLETIN NO. 250-11-1

SUBJECT: FNM – TRAINING CONFERENCE – NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF
PROFESSIONAL BLACK NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION
SERVICE EMPLOYEES (NOPBNRCSE)

TO: All Employees

ACTION REQUIRED BY: JANUARY 14, 2011

Purpose. To transmit information to all employees.

Expiration Date. December 31, 2011

The National Organization of Professional Black Natural Resources Conservation Service Employees (NOPBNRCSE) will host its 19th Annual Training Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. The conference will be held at The Sheraton Gateway Hotel, 1900 Sullivan Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30337 on March 20-25, 2011. This year's conference theme is "Bridging the Gap in Professional Development and Advancing the Principles of the Organization".

NRCS encourages its employees to take advantage of career development and professional enhancements opportunities through training subject to the availability of agency funds and work priorities.

The following attendance categories will receive approval consideration on a "government time and expense" basis:

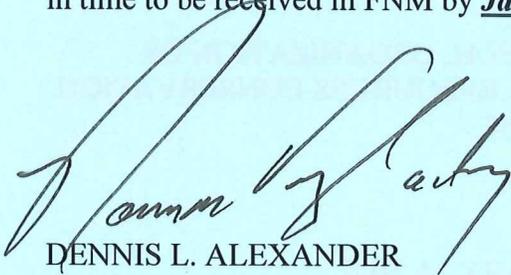
- ◆ Receiving a scholarship
- ◆ Member of Chief's staff
- ◆ Training (providing or fulfilling a training need)
- ◆ Receiving an award, citation, or commendation
- ◆ Presenting a topical paper or poster

Approval to attend on government time and expense will be in accordance with New Mexico policy in General Manual, Title 250, Part 406. Under that policy, the State Conservationist will determine the number of employees that New Mexico can support financially to attend on government time and expense.

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To make your reservations call 1-770-997-1100 and say you are part of the "The National Black Organization of NRCS" to receive the group rate of \$132.00. The hotel is not accepting reservation until February 25, 2011. For questions regarding the conference, please contact Vivian A. Dickson, Special Program Manager, by email vivian.dickson@wdc.usda.gov, or Terry Cosby, Ohio - State Conservationist, by email terry.cosby@oh.usda.gov.

Requests and justification for meeting attendance should be submitted through proper channels to Financial Management (FNM) in the State Office. Requests for attendance must be submitted in time to be received in FNM by **January 14, 2011**.



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