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NEW MEXICO BULLETIN NO. 250-9-2

SUBJECT: FNM – TRAINING CONFERENCE – NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF
PROFESSIONAL BLACK NRCS EMPLOYEES

To: All Employees

ACTION REQUIRED BY: OCTOBER 17, 2008

Purpose. To transmit information to all employees.

Expiration Date. December 31, 2008

The National Organization of Professional Black Natural Resources Conservation Service Employees (NOPBNRSCSE) will host its 16th Annual Training Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, at the Hilton Atlanta, 255 Courtland Street, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, December 8-12, 2008. This year's theme is "Conservation as a Public Policy: One Purpose, One Passion – Sustaining our Natural Resources."

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) encourages its employees to take advantage of career development and professional enhancement opportunities through training subject to the availability of resources, 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.

Requests and justifications for meeting attendance should be submitted through proper channels to Finance Management (FNM) in the State Office. Request for attendance must be submitted in time to be received in FNM by October 17, 2008.

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The registration fee is \$300 and is due November 3, 2008. Registration forms and other conference information can be printed from the NOPBNRSCSE website www.nopbnrscse.org.

A block of room has been reserved under the group code "NOPBNRSCSE" at the rate of \$99 per night through November 25, 2008. The phone number for the hotel is (404) 659-2000. Rooms are available **now** through November 25.

Questions concerning the Organization can be directed to Kevin Farmer at 706-546-2217.

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