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SUBJECT: FNM – SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY (SWCS) 65TH ANNUAL
CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

To: All Employees

ACTION REQUIRED BY: MAY 14, 2010

Purpose. To announce and solicit participation in the SWCS 65th International Annual Conference.

Expiration Date. June 30, 2010

The 2010 SWCS 65th International Annual Conference will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, July 18-21, 2010. The theme of this year's conference is "Ecosystem Services, applications for Conservation Science, Policy, and Practice." The conference will help increase participants' awareness of recent developments in the science and art of natural resource conservation and environmental management. The conference is also an opportunity for dialog within the SWCS community about the values of an ecosystem services framework for conservation science, policy, and practice.

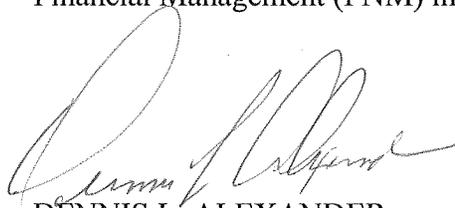
The 4th Annual Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) Showcase will be held in conjunction with the SWCS Annual Conference. The CIG Showcase will consist of sessions on July 19 and 20. Employees are encouraged Showcase activities to learn about innovative conservation projects and the CIG program. Attendance is particularly beneficial for State and national technical contacts, CIG program managers and coordinators, technical specialists, and planners.

SWCS is offering an early registration discount to conference participants who register by June 2, 2010. Employees are encouraged to take advantage of the early registration discount.

A block of rooms has been reserved by SWCS at the Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark Hotel in St. Louis. Reservations may be made online through the link on the SWCS Web site, <http://www.swcs.org/10ac>, or by calling (877) 845-7354. Reference the SWCS 2010 International Conference. The cutoff date for the room block in **June 16, 2010**.

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 Financial Management (FNM) in the State Office no later than **May 14, 2010**.

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State Conservationist