

NATIONAL
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
PARTNERSHIP
SPRING
RURAL POLICY
CONSULTATION

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

This conference will provide members of the National Rural Development Partnership with up-to-date information on Partnership activities, as well as afford you the opportunity to meet with leadership of the USDA and members of the National Rural Development Coordinating Committee.

◆ ACCOMMODATIONS

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Jurys Washington Hotel, 1900 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC. 20036. YOU must call 1-202-332-9300 to reserve your room. Mention that you are with the NRDP Conference to receive the special room rate of \$176 plus tax.

www.jurys-washingtondc-hotels.com/jurys_washingtondc

This hotel is located at Dupont Circle and adjacent to the Dupont Circle Metro Stop.

◆ WHO SHOULD ATTEND

State Rural Development Council Executive Directors and Council members, National Rural Development Council members, Rural Development State Directors, and any NRDP Partner!

◆ OPTIONAL SESSIONS

Two options are provided for Monday, 3/7/05. *Option 1:* SBA/CSG Entrepreneurship Conference will be held off-site at Reagan Building. This conference is by invitation only.

Option 2: OCD organized SRDC Consultation activity for New Councils. New Councils and its members will have an opportunity meet with OCD staff.

Sponsored by:



*March 6-9, 2005
Jurys Washington Hotel
Washington, DC*

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Cheyenne, WY 82002



SPRING RURAL POLICY CONSULTATION TENTATIVE AGENDA

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

1:00 - 5:00 pm Registration table open
 1:00 - 6:00 pm SRDC regional info table displays set-up

1:00 pm PRA Board of Directors Meeting
 2:00 pm PRA General Membership Meeting
 2:30 pm PRA Committee Meetings
 (open to non-member SRDCs)
 3:30 pm General Meeting of SRDC
 Representatives
 5:00 pm **BREAK**
 6:00 pm Regional SRDC Dinner Meetings
 (Check with PRA rep for location)

MONDAY, MARCH 7

7:30 am Warm-Up Break & Networking
 8:30 am **OPTION 1:**
 SBA/CSG Entrepreneurship Conference
 (off-site at Reagan Building)
OPTION 2:
 OCD-Organized SRDC Consultation
 Activity for New Members (at hotel)

Noon LUNCH *on own or at SBA/CSG Conference*

1:30 pm **Option 1:**
 SBA/CSG Entrepreneurship Conference
 (continues)
Option 2: Rural Policy Dialogue
Topic: Rural Health and Veterans Issues
 (at hotel)

3:00 pm Break
 3:30 pm NRDC, SRDC and USDA-RD
 Dialogue Session
*Topic: Looking Ahead to the 2007 Farm Bill
 ~ Facilitating Greater Collaboration
 in Light of Reduced Resources*

5:00 pm Networking Reception with
 NRDC members
 6:00 pm **DINNER on your own**

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

7:30 am Warm-Up Break & Networking
 8:30 am Depart Hotel
 9:00 am Off-site Visits
 12:30 pm **LUNCH on your own**
 2:30 pm Meeting with Federal NRDC
 Representatives at USDA
 (Whitten Building)
 4:00 pm NRDP General Discussion
 (with USDA)
 6:00 pm **ADJOURN - DINNER on your own**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

9:00 am **OPTION 1:**
 Technical Assistance with OCD Desk
 Officers and Staff at USDA-OCD
 (structured session followed by
 individual consultations)
OPTION 2:
 Federal Agency Visits
 (individually arranged)

**◆ For conference information call
 Mary Randolph at 307-777-6430**

◆ To Register Online visit:
<http://wyomingrural.org/>

◆ To register by phone: Call Tom at
 1-877-733-3618, ext. 2; or 307-766-5249

◆ Cancellations must be received in writing.
 Cancellations received by 2/18/05
 will receive a full refund.
 After 2/18/05 a \$50 processing charge
 will be assessed.

◆ No refunds for no shows

Registration Form For
Spring Rural Policy Consultation
 Washington, DC • March 6- 9, 2005
 Please Note: *Full payment must accompany registration.*
One person per form. Form may be duplicated.
 Print name as you would like it on your nametag.

Name _____
 Title _____
 Council/Organization _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Phone() _____
 Fax () _____
 E-mail _____

If you are a UW employee, please list your department.

The University of Wyoming is committed to making this conference accessible to all individuals. If you have a disability and require accommodations to participate in this activity, or require special dietary needs, please check here. You will be contacted by someone from the Office of Conferences and Institutes to discuss your specific needs.

Registration Fees: (all sessions, breaks, & reception)
 On or before 2/18/05\$ 130 x ___ \$ _____
 After 2/18/05.....\$ 160 x ___ \$ _____
 On-site registration\$ 225 x ___ \$ _____
TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED\$ _____

*Please mark which option you will attend on
 Monday, March 7:*

- Option 1: SBA/CSG Conference (invitation only)
 Option 2: OCD-Organized SRDC Consultation

◆ Make checks payable to UW/NRDP

◆ To register by mail: send check or money order to:
 NRDP, UW Conferences & Institutes
 Dept. 3972, 1000 E. University Ave.
 Laramie, WY 82071

◆ To register by fax: 307-766-3914, you must use a
 VISA/MasterCard, or AMEX card.

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