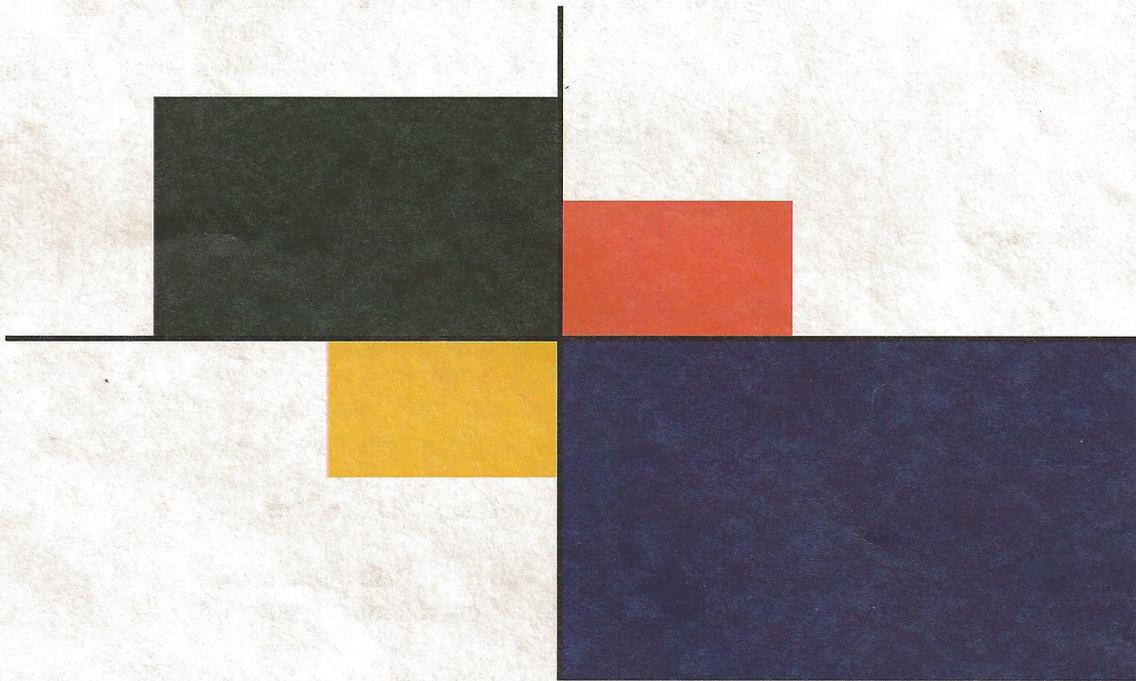




Second Annual USDA Partners Meeting

***"Creating the Future:
The CBO/USDA Partnership"***



**August 3-5, 2005
Marriott at Metro Center
775 12th Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20005**

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

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Wednesday, August 3, 2005

12:00pm-7:00pm Registration Ballroom Foyer

Session One: Advancing the Dialogue Salons C&D

2:00pm Welcome
Alma C. Hobbs
Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

Greetings and Remarks
Paul Gutierrez
State Director for Rural Development, New Mexico

2:30pm *Introductions:* Patrick Field

3:00pm Orientation to Partners Meeting and Operating Procedures
Patrick Field

3:15pm Break Ballroom Foyer

3:30pm Partners/USDA Dialogue Sessions

- *Conversation 1: Making Minority and Small Farmers Count: Finding them is the First Step to Serving Them* Salons C&D

Introductions: Georgia Good

Conversationalists: Ron Bosecker, Constance T. Bails,
Alphonso Drain, Nathan Notah, LoXing Kiatoukaysi

Facilitator: Patrick Field

- *Conversation 2: Marketing and Risk Management* London II

Introductions: Steven Shelor

Conversationalists: Ross Davidson, Carmen Humphrey,
Dorothy Barker, Will Allen, Fr. Randy Eldridge

Facilitator: Marie Buchanan

4:45pm Break Ballroom Foyer

**SECOND ANNUAL USDA PARTNERS MEETING
AGENDA (cont'd)**

5:00pm	<p>Report on Conversations 1 and 2 Discussion and Summary Georgia Good, Steven Shelor, Marie Buchanan, Savi Horne, Patrick Field</p> <p>Session Evaluation Edgar Lewis, Geraldine Herring</p> <p>Directions for Second Day</p> <p>Announcements Agency Outreach Coordinators and CBO Leaders</p>	Salons C&D
6:45pm	Reception	London I&II
7:30pm	CBO Partners Meeting	Salons C&D

Thursday, August 4, 2005

7:00am	Continental Breakfast	Ballroom Foyer
8:00am- 12:00pm	Registration	Ballroom Foyer

Session Two: Partnering Salons C&D

8:00am	<p>Introduction of the Under Secretary for Rural Development Paul Gutierrez <i>State Director for Rural Development, New Mexico</i></p> <p>Welcome and Greetings Thomas Dorr <i>Under Secretary for Rural Development</i></p>
8:20am	<p>Building Bridges: The Annual Partners Meeting Vernon B. Parker <i>Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights</i></p> <p>Building Bridges: The CBO/USDA Partnership</p> <p>Shirley Sherrod <i>Federation of Southern Cooperatives</i></p> <p>Lorette Picciano <i>Rural Coalition</i></p>

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- 9:00am Introduction of the Panelists
Clyde Thompson
Associate Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
- Effective Outreach in the Mission Areas: An Interactive Panel Discussion
- *Clarence Carter, Food, Nutrition & Consumer Services*
 - *Gil Gonzalez, Rural Development*
 - *Dave Shipman, Marketing & Regulatory Programs*
 - *Merle Pierson, Research, Education & Economics*
 - *Floyd Gaibler, Farm & Foreign Agricultural Services*
 - *Mark Rey, Natural Resources & Environment*
- 10:45am The CBO/USDA Partnership: Continuing the Conversation
Calvin King, Will Allen
- 11:15am Networking and Beverage Break
- 12:00pm Luncheon Salons C&D
- Introduction of the Speaker
Vernon B. Parker
Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
- Speaker
Chuck Conner
Deputy Secretary
- Dialogue: Deputy Secretary and Participants
Facilitator: Patrick Field
- Session Three: Building Community**
- 1:30pm Partners/USDA Dialogue Sessions
- *Conversation 3: Foreclosures, Offsets, Civil Rights and Litigation* Salons C&D
- Introductions: Sonya Neal Reeves*
- Conversationalists: Carolyn Cooksie, David Grahn, Constance T. Bails, Ralph Paige, Nathan Notah, Lupe Garcia*
- Facilitator: Patrick Field*

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- *Conversation 4: Farm Workers and Worker's Compensation* Montreal II

Introductions: Sheena Xiong

Conversationalists: Chukou Thao, Sue Harris Green, Carolyn Bell, Francisco Garza, Hezekiah Gibson, David Wiggins

Facilitator: Savi Horne

3:15pm Break Ballroom Foyer

3:30pm Partners/USDA Dialogue Sessions

- *Conversation 5: FSA Accountability, County Committees and Equitable Access to Farm Programs and Services* Salons C&D

Introductions: Sybil Wright

Conversationalists: Tom Hofeller, Calvin King, Cecilia Davila, Donnie Valdez, Charlie Chang

Facilitator: Patrick Field

- *Conversation 6: Conservation Programs and Equitable Access for Minority and Small Farmers* Salon E

Introductions: Annette Hiatt

Conversationalists: Bruce Knight, Larry Holmes, Anne Dubey, Dick Gooby, Jerry Pennick

Facilitator: Al Drain

- *Conversation 7: Meeting Infrastructure Needs and Assuring Equitable Access to Rural Development Programs and Services* Montreal I&II

Introductions: David Wiggins

Conversationalists: Peter Thomas, Savi Horne, Shirley Sherrod

Facilitator: Rudy Arredondo

**SECOND ANNUAL USDA PARTNERS MEETING
AGENDA (cont'd)**

- 5:00pm Report on Conversations 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7 Salons C&D
Discussion and Summary
Sonya Neal Reeves, Sheena Xiong, Sybil Wright,
Annette Hiatt, David Wiggins, Patrick Field
- Session Evaluation
Alicia Rodriguez, Geraldine Herring, Cheryl Bailey
- Directions for Second Day
- Announcements
Agency Outreach Coordinators and CBO Leaders
- 7:30pm Buffet Dinner and Informal Networking Salons A&B

Friday, August 5, 2005

- 7:00am Continental Breakfast
- Session Four: Lessons Learned/Creating the Future* Salons C&D
- 8:15am Partners/USDA Dialogue Sessions
- *Conversation 8: The 2007 Farm Bill, Small Farms and USDA*

Introductions: Erica Allen

Conversationalists: Scott Steele, Calvin Gibson,
Alphonso Drain, Denis Ebodaghe, Jerry Pennick,
Chukou Thao, Hezekiah Gibson

Facilitator: Patrick Field
- 9:45am Partners/USDA Dialogue Sessions
- *Conversation 9: The 2501 Program and Other Extension Programs*
Introductions: Katherine Hill

Conversationalists: Colien Hefferan, Calvin King,
Shirley Sherrod, Dorothy Barker, LoXing Kiatoukaysi

Facilitator: Patrick Field
- 10:45am Break

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AGENDA (cont'd)**

- 11:00am Introduction of the Secretary
Dale Moore
Chief of Staff
- Building Bridges: Conversations with the Secretary
Mike Johanns
Secretary
- 12:00pm Report on Conversations 8 and 9
Erica Allen, Katherine Hill, Patrick Field
- Where Are We Now? A Synthesis
Ralph Paige, Nathan Notah, Rudy Arredondo
- Summary/Next Steps
Participants and Patrick Field
- Conference Evaluation: What Messages Will You Take Home?
Geraldine Herring, William Pittman
- Reflections
Participants and Patrick Field
- 1:00pm Closing
Clyde Thompson
Associate Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
- Box Lunch and Networking

Presiders for all sessions will be Clyde Thompson, Associate Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Alma C. Hobbs, Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, and Farook Sait, Counsel to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights.

Representatives of Community-Based Organizations and USDA Agency Outreach Coordinators will serve as reporters for the conversations, introduce the conversationalists, and conduct the evaluations. USDA staff will serve as room monitors, timekeepers, and assist with registration.

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