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SUBJECT: PER – TRAINING - TECHNICAL SERVICE PROVIDER WORKSHOPS

Purpose. To announce the upcoming Technical Service Provider training workshops for SWCD Supervisors and their staff.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2004.

During May the state office, in cooperation with MASWCD and the Minnesota Extension Service, will be conducting a series TSP training sessions. These sessions will be held in each Area and are specifically structured for SWCD Supervisors and their staff. The primary audience for these sessions does not include NRCS field office staff.

During these sessions we will be explaining our 2004 TSP priorities and providing information on how SWCDs can participate in this program through Contribution Agreements. Each ASTC (FO) has a 2004 TSP allocation for Contribution Agreements and will be the lead agency representative to negotiate individual agreements with the Districts in their Area. District Conservationists will play an important role in helping to identify the potential TSP workload. At this time we are anticipating that TSP work done through Contribution Agreements will support implementation of EQIP contracts with some limited funds also directed toward implementing CRP practices.

The role of the Minnesota Extension Service at these sessions will be to help SWCDs understand potential conflicts of interest, the changing ethical expectations and other related issues when they participate in Contribution Agreements.

Additional information on the TSP sessions can be found on the MASWCD web site at <http://www.maswcd.org/>. Each session does require submission of an advanced registration form; however, there is no registration fee. NRCS attendance is expected to be limited and employees must receive prior approval from their supervisor.

Questions on these TSP training sessions can be directed to Paul Flynn, SRC, (651) 602-7870 or Jeff St. Ores, TSP Coordinator (651) 602-7869.

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