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MINNESOTA BULLETIN NO. 250-7-14

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SUBJECT: FNM – NATIONAL ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER ORGANIZATION (APIO) NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS) EMPLOYEE TRAINING CONFERENCE

Purpose. To provide information on APIO training conference.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2008.

**ACTION DUE BY: JULY 9, 2007**

The National Asian Pacific Islander Organization (APIO) will host its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Conference in Miami, Florida, August 20-24, 2007.

The conference will focus on the importance of job skills, personal development and career enhancement. The agenda also includes informational sessions on NRCS programs and success stories. The first day will be dedicated to the training needs of Special Emphasis Program Managers (SEPMs).

Employees desiring to attend this conference should reference MN Bulletin 360-6-46, "NRCS Employees Participating in Outside Organizations," for procedures to request participation in this event.

Supervisors should submit employee requests to Charles Montgomery no later than close of business July 9, 2006. STC approved participants will be notified through their supervisors. Form SCS-FNM-72, Meeting Attendance Approval will be submitted by Bryan Welp, Budget Officer, July 10, 2007, to NHQ for final approval.

Early registration is \$400 if paid by July 31, 2007; registration after July 31 will increase to \$425. Registration forms and conference information are available and can be printed from website: [www.apio.org](http://www.apio.org). A block of rooms has been reserved under the group code of "APIO" at the Marriott Hotel located at 9090 Dadeland Boulevard, Miami Florida 33156. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel at 1-305-671-2645 or 1-800-228-8700 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CDT. The Marriott Hotel will honor the Federal per diem lodging rate of \$107 per night for the conference. **Reservations must be made on or before July 30, 2007, to guarantee the Federal lodging rate.**

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