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SUBJECT: PER – 2007 MN NRCS CONSERVATION APPLICATION TRAINING

Purpose. To request assistance with preparations for Conservation Application Training

Expiration Date. September 30, 2007

ACTION DUE BY JANUARY 30, 2007

As discussed at the Leadership Meeting in Bloomington, two Conservation Application Training sessions are being planned for August 2007. These are full week sessions that will be “hands-on” training focused on the application of common conservation practices.

At this time we need to identify the following items:

1. A training site
2. A technical coordinator for the engineering portion of the sessions
3. Instructors
4. Students

Training Site

Based upon feedback from the leadership team, there is a desire to hold this in the central part of the state so that all travel can be done in 4 hours or less.

We will need a farm where we can have access to fields for layout of terraces, contour strips, waterways, and residue measurement. In the past, we paid the farmer to operate various types of tillage equipment so the students could observe it before they did residue checks. We had very positive feedback on that part of the training and it would be good to do that again if possible.

By January 30, please consider potential training sites within your area that could meet these criteria and send your suggestions to John Brach.

Technical Coordinator for Engineering Part

We are in need of a Technical Coordinator for the engineering part of the course. This person will be responsible for coordinating the engineering instructors, finalizing the curriculum, developing example problems, and scheduling the classes with the ECS Coordinator. The engineering coordinator could be an engineer or an experienced CET.

Instructors

We need instructors for the ENG and ECS parts of the class. Based upon feedback from the Leadership Meeting, we are going to try to identify enough instructors so that they are only involved in one session. In order to do that, I estimate that we will need 8 ECS instructors and 8 ENG instructors (4 of each for each session).

We are looking for instructors such as SCT's, CET's and SC's who work with these practices on a regular basis and have good group communication skills. Please pass this on to prospective instructors in your area and send John Brach your instructor nominations by January 30.

Students

We previously solicited the number of students who may attend this training. This was done in order to decide if we would hold the class or not. At this time we need to move ahead and identify students by name. Each ASTC-FO is asked to submit a list of participants from their area consolidated onto one MN-PER-025 form to Charles Montgomery by January 30. The only information we need on that form is the student names and approval by the ASTC-FO.

When we get the students identified, you will be provided with a list of prerequisites that must be certified prior to the class. We will take these prerequisites seriously and do not anticipate approving any waivers. If you have any questions, please contact John Brach, who is the Management Team Sponsor for this training.

Thank you for your cooperation. It would not be possible to have these sessions without your support.

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