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December 4, 1995
Jackson, Mississippi

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November 27, 1995

Subject: USDA/AmeriCorps Joint Training
RECD & NRCS

To: USDA-RECD/AmeriCorps Site Supervisors

We are requesting that you attend the subject training on December 4, 1995. The training will be held in the A. H. McCoy Federal Building, 100 West Capitol Street, 14th floor conference room, Jackson, Mississippi.

We believe that the morning sessions will help you understand the USDA/AmeriCorps program better and your specific role as a site supervisor.

An agenda is attached for your information. If you need additional information, please contact Bettye Oliver at 601-965-5460.



GEORGE E. IRVIN, SR.
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Attachment

Training

AMERICORPS RURAL DEVELOPMENT CORPS

The goal of training for the Rural Development Corps is to instill within volunteers a sense that they can take the knowledge and experience they have acquired thus far in their lives and put it to productive use in improving the quality of life for the citizens in the rural areas of America.

The training component itself has three major objectives. The first objective is to provide the volunteers with a fundamental understanding of Americorps - providing the volunteers with a shared sense of purpose. Covered in this component will be Americorps; its philosophy, purpose, and methods. This component is predicated on a process of developing a keen sense of unity and team spirit among the volunteers. Participants will gain knowledge in the purpose of their work, a basic understanding of the Americorps philosophy and approach, as well as the administrative realities within which they are functioning.

The second objective is to provide participants with the process skills necessary to facilitate community change. This requires an understanding of the community development process; how change occurs in communities, the elements necessary to enable change to take place, development of local leadership, and how to create coalitions, organizations, and institutions within communities which empower citizens to take charge of their futures. This component will provide participants with the basic tools necessary to engage a community.

The third objective is to provide participants with a basic understanding of the various subject matter areas and issues with which the volunteers will be working. Subject matter specialists from several USDA agencies, land grant institutions and rural development centers, and relevant community organizations will provide; a socio-economic overview the country and their particular region, an examination of the major issues affecting rural American as well as those impacting local citizens and communities, an in-depth examination of specific issues, and a review of resources available to address these issues.

BUDGET:

Predicated on a three-week intensive course covering the three areas outlined above. Weeks one and two, covering the first two training components, will take place at a single centralized location. Week three, covering the subject matter areas, will be held at regional centers. It is recommended that regional workshops be held twice yearly for the duration of a volunteer's placement. These are not covered in this budget.

Transportation per Participant:	\$700.
Lodging and M & IE per Participant	\$1500.
Training Materials and Support per Participant	\$600.
Other (trainers, supplies, etc.) per Participant	\$200.

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Citizenship

Leadership

Understanding Self

Communicating

Relating to Others

Learning to Learn

Decision-Making

Managing Resources

Leading Groups

Developing Self-Esteem

Time Management

Intercultural/Diversity

Recreation

Visual Arts (variety of topics)

Horticulture

Plants and Soils

Plant reproduction

Plant Care

Harvesting

Cooperative Work

Understanding Prevention

Anger Reduction

Community Natural Leaders

Stress Management

Plus others.....

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