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WORKFORCE SYSTEMS LETTER No.: 10-06**DATE:** February 1, 2010**EFFECT:** ATTENTION INFO WITH ATTCHMENTS
[X] [SWA's] [X]**SUBJECT:** Monitor Advocate Technical Assistance and Training Workshop and 2010 Midwest Association of Farmworker Organizations Conference (MAFO)

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- 1. Purpose:** To notify State Workforce Agencies (SWA) of the Monitor Advocate Technical Assistance Training (TAT) Workshop and the 2010 Midwest Association of Farmworker Organizations (MAFO) National Farmworker Conference that will be held jointly in San Antonio, Texas, March 22 – 24, 2010.
 - 2. References:** 20 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 653, Service of the Employment Services Systems and TEN 26-09, Monitor Advocate Training at the 2010 Midwest Association of Farmworker Organizations (MAFO) Conference.
 - 3. Background:** To ensure continued compliance with Job Service regulations, the Employment and Training Administration's national and regional Monitor Advocates conduct annual monitor advocate training for all State Monitor Advocates (SMAs). The CFR 653.108(e) requires that SMAs attend conferences of farmworker organizations to initiate and maintain contact with organizations serving farmworkers and to better coordinate service delivery to migrant and seasonal farmworkers (MSFW). The 2010 MAFO National Farmworker Conference provides SMAs the opportunity to establish ties that will strengthen partnerships and promote the integration of service delivery to MSFW's within the workforce system.
 - 4. Training Objectives:** The objectives of the training are to (1) provide examples of best practices to SMAs to improve services and performance, (2) integrate better services to MSFW's and agricultural employers in the workforce system, (3) coordinate improved enforcement of farmworker regulations, (4) facilitate the exchange of information among farmworker service providers, and (5) enhance communication and cooperation between farmworker groups and state and federal officials. The Monitor Advocate TAT Workshop and 2010 MAFO Conference agenda are attached.
 - 5. Logistics:** Participants should register for the MAFO Conference no later than March 12, 2010 at www.mafofarmworker.com. The special rate for Monitor Advocates for the MAFO Conference is \$250.00.

The joint Monitor Advocate TAT Workshop and 2010 MAFO Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel San Antonio located at 123 Losoya Street, San Antonio, Texas. The special room rate during the training will be \$117 per night. For reservations, participants should contact the hotel directly at (210) 222-1234. Hotel reservations should be made and confirmed by March 12, 2010, to receive the special rate.

6. Action Required: SWAs are requested to encourage SMAs and other staff involved with farmworker and One-Stop Career Center services to attend the monitor advocate training.

7. Contact: Questions concerning the monitor advocate training should be directed to Mr. George Kincannon at (617) 788-135 or kincannon.george.j@dol.gov. For further information about MAFO, please contact Mr. Lalo Zavala at (320) 251-1711 or visit the MAFO Web site at <http://www.mafofarmworker.com>.



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Attachments:

- 2010 MAFO Conference Agenda
- SMA- MFO Agenda
- Hotel Information

Draft MAFO Conference Quick View Agenda

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2010

01:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration

12:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall – Set Up

MONDAY, March 22, 2010

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Exhibit Hall** — Explore resources available to communities and organizations from different agencies and organizations. When you're not in a session or take advantage of other conference opportunities, make sure to visit the Exhibit Hall.

Opening Plenary Session

Welcome — **Lupe Martinez**, MAFO Corporate Board of Director's Chairman

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Keynote Speaker** — **Arturo Rodriguez**, President of the United Farm Worker of America (**Confirmed**)

Ronald G. Congleton, Commissioner Representing Labor, Texas Workforce Commission (**Confirmed**)

Special Guest: — **Hilda Solis**, Secretary of Labor, U.S. Department of Labor, (**Invited**)

Juan Regalado, USDOL, National Monitor Advocate, ETA

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Plenary Session: Human Trafficking That Leads to Indentured Servitude**

Juan Carlos Fry, Actor & Director (Confirmed)

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Morning Break-Out Sessions: (see break out sessions)

12:00 pm – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch on your Own**

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Afternoon Break-Out Sessions:

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Afternoon Break-Out Sessions:

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **MAFO Reception**

TUESDAY, March 23, 2010

7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Registration

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Exhibit Hall**

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Morning Break-Out Sessions:

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Plenary Session: Federal Programs Impacting Farmworker and their Communities from the United States Department of Agriculture (Invited)**
Victor Vasquez — Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development
Oscar Gonzalez — Deputy Director Intergovernmental Affairs
Judith A. Canales — Administrator: Bus. & Coops. Programs
Tammye Treviño — Administrator: Rural Housing Programs
Lisa Pino — Deputy Administrator: Food & Nutrition Service
Juan Garcia — State Executive Director, Farm Service Agency
Rudy Perez — Interim Farmworker Coordinator

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch on your Own**

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Afternoon Break-Out Sessions:

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Afternoon Break-Out Sessions:

TUESDAY, March 23, 2010

MAFO Awards GALA

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. **Pre – MAFO Awards GALA Reception**

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **MAFO Awards Banquet/Gala**

9:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m. **MAFO Awards Dance**

WEDNESDAY, March 24, 2010

MAFO Closing Assembly

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Closing Plenary Session:**
Presentation of ‘Children in the Fields Campaign’
Presentation of MAFO National Issues

- Two— \$100 drawings to be given away.
- Two— Gifts Giveaways.
- Two— Free 2011 MAFO Conference Registrations.

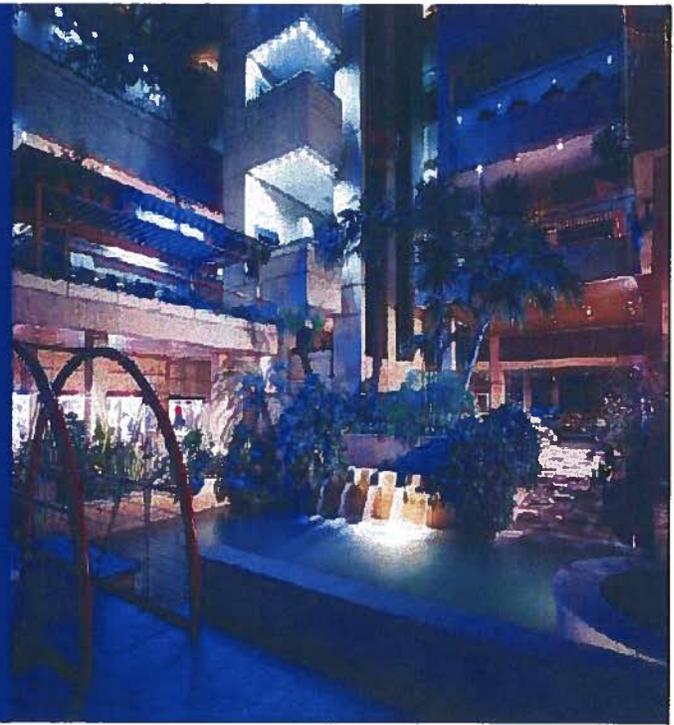
Monitor Advocate Professional Development Forum			
Monday		Rio Grande Center Room	
A2	<p>Internship Opportunities for Farmworkers Internships can serve as an effective means to expose students to gain experience that contributes to leadership development. This workshop will discuss the various internships that are available for migrant students nationally. It will describe in detail the National HEP/CAMP Association Migrant Student Internship Program. Students can participate in an internship with congressional offices or the Department of Education.</p> <p>Presenters: Dr. Arturo Martinez, HEP Director, Milwaukee Area Technical College; Javier Gonzalez, CAMP Director, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College</p>	10:30 AM – 12:00PM	
A7	<p>DOL: Office of Foreign Labor Certification — H2A Final Rules</p> <p>Lead Persons: Jesus Morales, Juan Regalado</p>	1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	
A12	<p>State Workforce Agency, Workforce Investment Boards</p> <p>Lead Persons: Jesus Morales, Juan Regalado</p>	3:15 PM – 4:45 PM	
Tuesday			
B2	<p>Wage & Hour: Coordinated Enforcement & Farmworker Investigations This presentation will describe a general overview of some of the laws enforced by Wage Hour that affect farm workers and the agricultural community. Included will be a discussion of the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act (MSPA), the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHAct) as it relates to field sanitation. This will be an open forum that will encourage questions and dialogue throughout the presentation.</p> <p>Presenters: Juan G. Coria, District Director, United State Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division. Francisco Cerda, State Monitor Advocate, Texas Workforce Commission</p>	8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	
B7	<p>Human Trafficking</p> <p>Lead Persons: Jesus Morales, Juan Regalado</p>	1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	
B12	<p>Tools for the Monitor Advocates</p> <p>Lead Persons: Jesus Morales, Juan Regalado</p>	3:15 PM – 4:45 AM	

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- Zoo / SeaWorld / Six Flags / Trolley Tours / Museums

Reservations Deadline

Make reservation no later than

Friday, March 12, 2010

to guarantee the discounted conference rates of per night plus tax.

Single Rate	Double Rate
\$117.00	\$142.00