

<b>TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE</b>	<b>NO.</b> 26-09
	<b>DATE</b> January 27, 2010

**TO:** ALL STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES  
ALL STATE WORKFORCE LIAISONS  
NATIONAL FARMWORKER JOBS PROGRAM (NFJP) GRANTEEES

**FROM:** JANE OATES /s/  
Assistant Secretary

**SUBJECT:** Monitor Advocate Training at the 2010 Midwest Association of Farmworker Organizations (MAFO) Conference

1. **Purpose.** To inform State Workforce Agencies (SWAs), liaisons, and NFJP grantees, of the 2010 MAFO National Farmworker Conference, and the Monitor Advocate Training sponsored by the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) and the National and Regional Monitor Advocates. The 2010 MAFO National Farmworker Conference will be held in San Antonio, Texas, from March 22 to March 24, 2010.
2. **Background.** 20 CFR 653.108 (e) requires that Monitor Advocates attend conferences of farm worker organizations in order to initiate and maintain contact with Farmworker-serving organizations to better coordinate Job Service delivery of services to Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers (MSFWs). The MAFO National Farmworker Conference provides Regional and State Monitor Advocates the opportunity to meet with these organizations and to receive training.
3. **Monitor Advocate Training.** To ensure continued compliance with Job Service regulations the ETA National and Regional Monitor Advocates conduct yearly Monitor Advocate Training for all State Monitor Advocates. The training will take place on March 22 and 23, 2010, concurrent with the MAFO National Farmworker Conference. Both events will provide participants with the opportunity to establish ties that will strengthen partnerships and promote the integration of service delivery to MSFWs within the workforce system. The objectives of the training are to: (1) provide best practices to Monitor Advocates to improve services and performance; (2) better integrate services to MSFWs and agricultural employers in the Workforce System; (3) better coordinate the 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.

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The Monitor Advocate training agenda includes the following workshops: (1) best practices for the delivery of services to farmworkers by the SWAs; (2) how the revised H2A regulations affect the Agricultural Recruitment System; (3) how to coordinate farmworker regulations enforcement with other agencies, and (4) training on the Job Service Complaint System. A draft agenda is attached.

- 4. Arrangements.** The Monitor Advocate training sessions will begin at 10:15 a.m. on March 22, 2010 and continue until 4:30 p.m. on March 23, 2010. The training will be held at the Hyatt Regency San Antonio, 123 Lasoya Street, San Antonio, Texas 78205. The special rate for the Hyatt Regency Hotel during the training/conference will be \$117.00 per night. For reservations, participants should contact the hotel directly by phone at (210) 222-1234 or by Fax (210) 227-4925. Hotel reservations should be made and confirmed by March 12, 2010 to receive the special conference rate.

Participants should register for the MAFO Conference no later than March 12, 2010 at: [www.mafofarmworker.com](http://www.mafofarmworker.com). The special rate for Monitor Advocates for the MAFO conference is \$250.00.

- 5. Action required.** State Administrators are requested to strongly encourage State Monitor Advocates and other staff involved with farmworker and one-stop services to attend the MAFO Conference and the Monitor Advocate training.
- 6. Inquiries.** Inquiries concerning this TEN should be directed to either the ETA Regional Monitor Advocate serving your State or to Mr. Juan M. Regalado, National Monitor Advocate. Mr. Regalado may be contacted at (202) 693-2661 or by email at [regalado.juan@dol.gov](mailto:regalado.juan@dol.gov). A list of ETA Regional Monitor Advocates and the states they serve is attached.

Attachments:

Monitor Advocate Training Agenda  
MAFO Registration information  
List of Regional Monitor Advocates