



US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

2007 NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

Theme: "Workers with Disabilities – Talent for a Winning Team"



SPONSOR	CONTACT	DATE & TIME	PROGRAM ACTIVITIES
<p>USDA Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights Office of Diversity</p>	<p>Terry Thir Departmental Disability Employment Program Manager</p> <p>(202) 720-1146 or (202) 720-6382 TTY</p>	<p>Oct. 3</p> <p>10:00 am – 11:00 am</p> <p>Jefferson Auditorium South Building</p>	<p>Departmental Opening Ceremony National Disability Employment Awareness Month</p> <p>Remarks: Chuck Conner Acting Secretary and Annabelle Romero Deputy Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Christine M. Griffin, Commissioner Equal Employment Opportunity Commission</p> <p>Closing Remarks: Carl-Martin Ruiz Director, Office of Outreach and Diversity</p>
<p>USDA's Disability Employment Program Managers (DEPM)</p> <p>Workshop for Managers and Supervisors RSVP requested</p>	<p>Terry Thir 202-720-1146</p>	<p>Oct. 11</p> <p><u>Morning Session</u> 9:30 am – 11:30 am or <u>Afternoon Session</u> 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm</p> <p>Room: SM-7 Wing 2 Sub-Basement</p>	<p><u>WORKSHOP</u> Reasonable Accommodations and Solutions</p> <p>Speakers: Morning session: Naomi Levin, Special Assistant to Vice-Chair Silverman, EEOC Afternoon Session: Sharon Rennert, Senior Attorney Advisor, EEOC DEPM Panel and USDA TARGET Center</p>
<p>USDA's Disability Employment Program Managers</p> <p>Workshop for Managers and Supervisors RSVP requested</p>	<p>Terry Thir 202-720-1146</p>	<p>Oct. 17</p> <p>9:30 am – 11:30 am</p> <p>Room: SM-7 Wing 2 Sub-basement</p>	<p><u>WORKSHOP</u> Recruiting and Employing People with Disabilities</p> <p>Panel of experts to discuss various facets of disability recruitment including: special hiring authorities, Workforce Recruitment Program, Vocational Rehabilitation and Internship Programs</p>



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<p>USDA's Disability Employment Program Managers</p> <p>Workshop for All Employees</p>	<p>Terry Thir 202-720-1146</p>	<p>Oct. 17 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Room 3074-South Bldg.</p>	<p align="center"><u>WORKSHOP</u></p> <p align="center">Building Workforce for the Future</p> <p>Learn tips and skills to welcome persons with disabilities in the workplace, disability awareness and etiquette. Presenter: Evelyn Kaiser, Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services</p>
<p>USDA's Disability Employment Program Managers</p> <p>Workshop for All Employees</p>	<p>Terry Thir 202-720-1146 or 202-720-6382 TTY</p>	<p>Oct. 25 9:30 am – 11:30 am Room: 107-A Whitten Building</p>	<p align="center"><u>WORKSHOP</u></p> <p align="center">Understanding the Reasonable Accommodation Process</p> <p>Overview of USDA procedures and discussion.</p>
<p>Office of Operations</p>	<p>Paul Lloyd (202) 720-2600 Voice/TTY</p>	<p>Oct. 23 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Room: 1006-South Building</p>	<p>TARGET Center Demonstration Day</p> <p>See how assistive technology supports the employment of persons with disabilities. Walk-ins are encouraged during this time.</p> <p>For more information call 202-720-2600 or visit http://www.usda.gov/oo/target/</p>
<p>AbilityOne Celebration Program And Exhibits</p>	<p>Lisa Brown OSDBU 202-690-0113</p>	<p>Oct. 30 Program 11 am Expo 10 am – 2:00 pm South Café Conference Rooms</p>	<p>Office of Small Disadvantaged and Business Utilization (OSDBU)</p> <p>AbilityOne Celebration and NISH/NIB Exhibitors</p> <p>Remarks: James E. House, Director and Presidential Appointee to the Committee for Purchase from People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled Beth Scott, ParaOlympic Gold Medalist FREE Giveaway Items www.usda.gov/osdbu</p>
<p>Food Safety Inspection Service</p>	<p>Cynthia Dixon 301-504-0252</p>	<p>Oct. 30 10 am Jefferson Auditorium</p>	<p align="center">NDEA Month Closing Program</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Tawana Williams National Motivational Speaker</p>
<p>Association for Persons with Disabilities in Agriculture (APDA)</p>	<p>Ann Jenkins President 301-504-2244</p>	<p>Oct. 31 10:00 am - 1:00 pm South Building Café Conference Room</p>	<p align="center">APDA Super-Supervisors Award Program</p> <p>Recognition of USDA Managers and Supervisor Award Winners and Reception Remarks: Margo McKay, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights For more information: Ann Jenkins, President, APDA 301-504-2244 or http://www.apda.usda.gov/</p>

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**George Washington Carver Center
 Beltsville, Maryland**

Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS)	Susan Bowen 301-504-2129	Oct. 11 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Cafeteria	TARGET On-site Ergonomic Assessments
Office of Operations TARGET Center	Paul Lloyd 202-720-2600 V/TTY	Oct. 16 10 am – 11:30 a.m. Cafeteria	Discovery Series: Basics of Reasonable Accommodation and TARGET Center Display
FSIS	Susan Bowen 301-504-2129	Oct. 17 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Cafeteria	FSIS GWCC Resource Fair Meet national service providers who assist clients with employment and services.