DEPARTMENTAL REGULATION

Number: 1041-002

SUBJECT: Diversity in Task Force and Committee Assignments

DATE: June 4, 1996

OPI: Human Resources Management

1 PURPOSE

This regulation establishes policy for diversity for internal committee and task force assignments.

2 POLICY

Whenever any organizational component of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) establishes a task force, committee, or advisory group composed of USDA employees to develop policy or procedural recommendations, it is essential that the establishing organizational component fully consider the needs of all USDA employees, customers, and clients, including the needs of minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Accordingly, in order to ensure that the recommendations made by any internal USDA task force, committee, or advisory group take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to

represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

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