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SUBJECT:

Federal Register Notices Announcing Meetings for October 12 and 27

Two Federal Register (FR) notices of interest were published on Wednesday, September 24, 2008, by the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES).

In the first notice (73 FR 54988) CSREES announces a meeting to be held Sunday, October 12, 2008, to request public and stakeholder input in developing regulations for identifying and certifying institutions as Hispanic-serving Agricultural Colleges and Universities (HSACUs) as well as input in developing regulations for the five new programs for HSACU.

In the second notice (73 FR 54987) CSREES announces a meeting to be held Monday, October 27, 2008, to request public and stakeholder input from persons who use or conduct research, extension or education training, outreach and technical assistance regarding the implementing regulation to be developed for a new program called Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program.

For more information about the meetings including the meeting location and instructions for the submission of comments, see the attached FR notices.

Attachments