

For: State Offices

Farm Loan Programs (FLP) Training

Approved by: Administrator



1 Overview

A Background

DAFLP will conduct training on farm credit issues and other changes that are related to the Federal Agriculture Improvement Act of 1996 (1996 Act). There are significant changes as a result of the 1996 Act, which directly affect loan making, loan servicing, inventory property management, as well as other FLP policies. In addition, many of the software applications that are used by FLP employees have been or will be converted to the System A-36, and the status of these conversions will also be discussed.

Areas to be discussed in the training include:

- the National Internal Review process
- record keeping concepts
- changes in regulations
- updates on all FLP software programs that are currently used by FLP employees in the National and field offices
- improving credit supervision in the field
- civil rights action team report and implementation
- recent audit findings and outstanding issues
- hazardous waste and environmental issues
- implementation of debt collection act
- offsets.

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Background (Continued) Discussion groups will also review streamlining loan making and servicing processes that will not compromise the integrity of FLP.

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Purpose This notice provides participants with the necessary hotel and training information.

2 Training Information

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Participants SED's (optional), Ag Credit Directors, and 1 representative from each State's FLP staff shall participate in the training.

Note: If SED chooses **not** to attend, an appropriate FLP employee should be substituted.

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Training Session Dates, Locations, and Rates FLP training is scheduled as follows.

Session	Dates	Locations	Participants
I	September 10 to 12, 1997	San Antonio, Texas	Southwest and Northwest Regions
II	September 16 to 18, 1997	Annapolis, Maryland	Midwest, Northeast, and Southeast Regions

Travel for State Office participants, excluding spouse or guest, shall be charged to Washington-controlled State travel. Ag Credit Directors and FLP staff participants will also use the special project code **DA** when using the Washington-controlled State travel code.

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Accommodations Accommodations for each session are as follows.

Session	Accommodations	Group Name	Reservations	Per Diem Rates
I	Holiday Inn Riverwalk 217 N. St. Marys Street San Antonio, Texas	USDA/Farm Loan Program Meeting	210-224-2500	\$128 (\$94 for lodging and \$34 for M&IE)
II	Holiday Inn Annapolis Hotel & Conference Center 210 Holiday Court Annapolis, Maryland	USDA/Farm Loan Program Meeting	410-224-3150	\$124 (\$86 for lodging and \$38 for M&IE)

Note: Reservations for each session **must** be made by **August 25, 1997**.

3 Miscellaneous Information

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Disability Accommodations Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this training conference should notify their Area Office.

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Preparing SF-182 Complete SF-182, according to 6-PM, for each participant to document this training.

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Contact Direct any questions to David Spillman at 202-720-3647.
