

## You are invited...

On behalf of the Farm Service Agency, Foreign Agricultural Service, and the U.S. Agency for International Development, it is my pleasure to invite you to attend the sixth Export Food Aid Conference, to be held April 20-22, at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown in Kansas City, Missouri.

This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Public Law 480, The Agricultural Trade and Development Assistance Act. This all-important piece of legislation has been a key component of America's commitment to providing international food assistance. Last year's conference attracted over 650 representatives from grain and processed commodity vendors, steamship and domestic transportation lines, private voluntary organizations, U.S. ports, trade associations, the World Food Programme, and government.

I hope you will plan now to join us as we share ideas for continued progress among all partners who deliver food aid around the world. This conference is a forum for food aid discussions designed to improve communication and cooperation between government, private voluntary organizations, and agricultural industry representatives involved in providing export food aid. Our **Commitment to a Healthy World** continues as we seek to improve the health and well-being of millions of the world's most needy by delivering nutritious food aid.

Sincerely,



Bert Farrish  
Deputy Administrator for Commodity Operations  
Farm Service Agency

# Committed to a Healthy World 50 Years of Giving

## Keynote Address

**President George W. Bush** - *invited*

## Featured Speakers

- **Ambassador Robert B. Zoellick** - *invited*
- **Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman** - *invited*
- **Andrew Natsios**, Administrator, USAID
- **J.B. Penn**, Under Secretary, Farm & Foreign Agricultural Services
- **James R. Little**, Administrator, Farm Service Agency
- **Ellen Terpstra**, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service
- **Chuck Connor**, Special Advisor to President Bush - *invited*

## Topics

- Trade Policy and Food Aid
- Food Security - Bioterrorism
- Food Aid and Biotechnology
- Malnutrition as a Public Health Concern
- Food Aid and Agricultural Issues in Iraq
- Food Aid Through the Eyes of Government Representatives from Recipient Countries
- 50 Years of Giving - Public Law 480

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Updated agenda available at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/daco/default.htm>

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Register online or FAX this form to **816-823-4034**.
- **Registration deadline is April 1, 2004.**
- **A registration form is required for each participant.**
- Registration fee is **\$150** per person if received by **April 8, 2004**. Payment at the door will be **\$200**.
- **No refund of registration fees will be made;** however substitutions will be accepted.
- **Pay online by credit card or mail check drawn on a U.S. Bank payable to EFAC.** Include your organization's name and list each name for which payment is enclosed.



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**Kansas City, MO 64141-6205**

**NOTE:** Your name, organization, phone number, FAX number, and Email address will be published as part of the conference material. If you prefer your FAX number or Email address NOT be published, please check the information you wish withheld. Comments and/or questions may be directed to Debbie Crow at [dscrow@kcc.usda.gov](mailto:dscrow@kcc.usda.gov) or Sue King at [sking@kcc.usda.gov](mailto:sking@kcc.usda.gov) or by phone at 816-926-6301.

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**Payment Options** (check one)  Check  Visa  MasterCard  Other  
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**Special Accommodations:**  Wheelchair Accessibility  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Directions

From KCI Airport take I-29 South to 169 South (169 South turns into Broadway). Continue South on Broadway to 12th Street. Turn left on 12th Street. The Marriott Downtown is on your left in the second block. Approximate distance is 25 miles.

Self Parking: \$10 per day  
Valet Parking: \$12 per day  
Dress: Business/Business Casual  
Average Temperature: 55 degrees

## Ground Transportation

KCI Shuttle is available at the current rate of \$14 one way or \$23 round trip per person. Upon arrival at KCI Airport, locate the RED shuttle booth located near the baggage claim area or use the white airport courtesy phone and dial 5000. Reservations are required in advance for your return trip and can be made by calling 816-243-5000. The hotel can provide shuttle schedules. Taxi service is also available for a higher rate.

## Hotel Information

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown at 200 West 12th Street in Kansas City. To make lodging reservations, call 816-421-6800 or 1-800-228-9290 and identify yourself as attending the USDA/USAID Export Food Aid Conference. Online reservations can be made at [www.marriott.com/mcidt](http://www.marriott.com/mcidt) using Group Code: EPFEPFA.

Room rate is \$88 plus tax for single or double occupancy. All reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card. Cut-off date for making room reservations is **Friday, March 19, 2004**. Check-in time is 3 p.m. Checkout time is 12 noon.

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