



NCOSAFP

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2007 Annual Conference- Springfield, Missouri

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NCOSAFP Steering Committee

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Welcome to the beautiful heart of the Ozarks, Springfield, Missouri where the National Council of State Ag Finance Programs will hold its annual conference October 14-17, 2007.

Tony Stafford, Executive Director of the Missouri Agricultural and Small Business Development Authority will be your host.

The University Plaza will be home for the conference while we are in Springfield. Room rates for the conference are \$94.00 for a king, standard, or two full beds per night, or \$129.00 for an executive suite. Reservations must be made by September 12, 2007 in order to receive the National Council of Ag rate. You may make your reservations by calling (417) 864-7333 or visit

<https://reservations.synxis.com/lbe/rez.aspx?hotel=15373&language=1&group=ncsoca> online. Please be sure to mention that you are with the National Council of State Ag Finance Programs.



The Ozarks is the place to be in the fall and you won't want to miss this year's conference. Registration for the conference is \$275 if paid by September 1, 2007 and \$325 after this date. Spouse or Guest registration is \$150 by September 1, 2007 or \$175 after this date. Please complete the registration form and include your payment and mail to the address listed on the form. A tentative agenda is included in this newsletter. The registration form is on the last page of this newsletter. ■



*National Council of State Ag Finance Programs
Annual Meeting, October 14-17, 2007
University Plaza, Springfield, Missouri*

Proposed DRAFT Agenda (as of 6/26/07)

Sunday, October 14

1:30-4:30 pm Pre-registration
6:00-7:30 pm Reception
Dinner-On your own

Monday, October 15

7:00-8:30 am Registration
7:30-8:30 am Breakfast
8:30-9:30 am Welcome
Governor Matt Blunt (invited)
Mayor Thomas J. Carlson (invited)
Director Katie Smith, Missouri Department of Agriculture
9:30-10:15 am Direct Marketing of Pork- Everett Forkner
10:15-10:30 am Break
10:30-11:00 am Dr. Anson Elliot, Missouri State University
11:00-12:00 pm State Program updates
12:00-1:00 pm Lunch – Barry Henson - Missouri State University Coach (invited)
1:00- Tours Missouri Fox trotter Horse Training Farm and Arena
Pennington Seed Processing and Distribution
Hammonds Black Walnut Plantation and Processing
Dinner
Return to hotel
8:00-10:00 pm Hospitality Room open

Tuesday, October 16

7:00-8:00 am Breakfast
8:00-9:00 am FAPRI- Dr. Abner Womak
9:00-10:00 am RUPRI-Dr. Tom Johnson
10:00-10:30 am Break
10:30-11:00 am USDA – Mark Falcone
11:00-11:30 am Washington DC update
11:30-12:30 pm Lunch @ Tower Club
12:30- Tours Dickerson Park Zoo - Elephant Breeding Program
Branson Landing
Dinner Theater – Dixie Stampede
Return to Hotel
9:00-11:00 pm Hospitality Room open

Wednesday, October 17

7:30-8:30 am Breakfast
8:30-10:30 am NCOSAFP Annual Council Meeting

WORDS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

By: Jeff Ward, IA

I hope everyone is having a fantastic summer. It's been a busy one for the NCOSAFP. As I am writing this the Aggie Bond Improvement legislation is having the final touches put on it and will be introduced. Also, language which will give relief to beginning farmers that are called to military deployment will be added to a Military Tax Relief bill. If you have any questions concerning these items, please let me know.

I would encourage everyone to attend our annual conference in Springfield, MO October 15-17. Tony Stafford and his crew have put together a great agenda and the Ozarks area should be beautiful that time of year. Full conference information can be found as part of this newsletter.

ATTENTION NON MEMBER STATES!! Non member states which attend the conference, will receive 1 year free membership to the National Council. ■

Have a great summer!!!
Jeff

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RURAL REHABILITATION CORPORATIONS

Annual Conference - Alabama

For states that are also members of NARRC, the Annual Meeting/Conference for the National Association of Rural Rehabilitation Corporations will be held September 23-26, 2007 in Point Clear, Alabama.

The Grand Hotel Marriott will host the event.

More information regarding the conference and the NARRC can be obtained from the organization's website at www.ruralrehab.org.

Future NARRC annual meetings will be held September 27-October 1, 2008 in Fargo, North Dakota and September 19-23, 2009 - Traverse City, Michigan. ■

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One of the NCOSAFP goals is to assist states that may be interested in developing state agricultural finance programs. For additional information or assistance, feel free to contact any of the steering committee members or check us out on the web at www.stateagfinance.org . ■



National Council of State Agricultural Finance Programs (NCOSAFP)

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

October 14 – 17, 2007
Springfield, Missouri

Registration Form

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Company: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

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Total Registration Fee Enclosed: \$ _____

Please duplicate form for additional registrants.

Please make checks payable to NCOSAFP (FIN#80-0039625).

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