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SUBJECT: Society of American Indian Government Employees Fifth Annual
National Training Conference

I am pleased to announce the Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE) Fifth Annual National Training Conference on June 2-6, 2008, in Traverse City, Michigan. This year's theme is "Blessed by Tradition: Honoring Our Ancestors Through Government Service."

The SAIGE is a national, non-profit organization that serves American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Federal employees and provides a forum on relations between Tribes and the Federal government. Support for the SAIGE conference can be accomplished in the following ways: 1) support USDA AI/AN Special Emphasis Program Managers and encourage USDA employees to participate; and 2) reserve an exhibit booth at the conference.

The following deadlines should be noted for the SAIGE conference:

- (1) Prior to May 1, 2008, early registration; and
- (2) After May 1, 2008, final registration.

For further information on the SAIGE conference, please visit www.saige.org or contact Mr. Richard Regan, Departmental AI/AN Employment Program Manager, at (202) 720-1670 or richard.regan@usda.gov.

cc: Agency Civil Rights Directors