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OKLAHOMA BULLETIN NO. OK360-3-8

SUBJECT: PER – Leadership Oklahoma Program

Purpose: To provide leadership training to an NRCS employee through the Leadership Oklahoma Program

Expiration Date: September 30, 2003

ACTION REQUIRED BY MARCH 1, 2003

Oklahoma NRCS recognizes the importance of leadership training and will provide government-time and government-expense for one employee to attend the Leadership Oklahoma Program.

Leadership Oklahoma is a statewide leadership program sponsored by Leadership Oklahoma, a 501-(c)(3) nonprofit organization. It selects, challenges, develops, and educates Oklahomans who have demonstrated an interest in local and/or statewide issues. The program is a series of issue-oriented forums and experiences, which is based on the belief that knowledge is the key element and prime motivator for leadership.

The course consists of an orientation session, mandatory two-day retreat, and eight two-day sessions. The selected NRCS representative will be required to complete the course over a ten-month period. This program will require a definite commitment of time from the participant. Attendance is mandatory for successful completion of the program. Absence from more than one full session or the accumulation of partial sessions will make the participant ineligible to graduate. In the event the participant fails to graduate for non-attendance, he/she will be required to reimburse the government for tuition and application fee of \$2,025.00. Final approval for attendance will be contingent upon budget and workload.

NRCS employees who are interested in applying for the Leadership Oklahoma Program will find additional information and the application form attached. The application must be completed and mailed to Eddie L. Kephart, State Administrative Officer. All applications must be received at the State Office by March 1, 2003. Upon receipt of applications, the State Leadership Team will review and select one applicant from NRCS to attend this program. Leadership Oklahoma will make the final selection of applicants for enrollment. If you have questions, please call Eddie L. Kephart, at 405.742.1203.

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