

# **NCDEA Update**

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**September 27, 2006**

## ***President Dobbs Participates in September 20 Quarterly National Conservation Partnership meeting***

Bob Dobbs joined the leaders of the conservation partnership for a day of discussion and planning for partnership activities. The meeting was the first for new NRCS Chief Arlen Lancaster. The agenda included finalizing items for the Leadership Training Conference in Nashville, TN scheduled for November 29-30. Other agenda items included ongoing training opportunities, an update on the Technical Service Provider initiative, Information technology items including security issues, budget status for federal and state governments, and a number of other organizational updates.

## ***NCDEA meeting with new NRCS Chief Arlen Lancaster .***

On Tuesday before the Wednesday partnership meeting President Robert Dobbs and executive director Rich Duesterhaus met with the Chief Lancaster to review and discuss items related to conservation district employees. The NCDEA project to coordinate an update of an electronic data base of district employees was one of many topics discussed. Lancaster stated his strong interest in reaching even stronger partnerships. Dobbs also expressed support and willingness to work closely with the new Chief.

## ***Reminders:***

### ***November 29-30, 2006 Leadership Conference***

The registration forms should be sent in as soon as possible. The deadline is November 3 for the early registration fee level. Also Stipend requests for up to \$500.00 are due no later than October 27<sup>th</sup>. Any questions please contact [Rich-Duesterhaus@nacdnet.org](mailto:Rich-Duesterhaus@nacdnet.org)

### ***2006 NCDEA Awards nominations due Oct 1***

The 2006 award nomination information with forms is located on the Web Site [www.NCDEA.org](http://www.NCDEA.org) Glenda Lewis and Peter Vigil sent this information as a reminder earlier this month.

## ***Other Upcoming Events:***

NRCS National Employee Development Board meeting, Sept. 28, 2006 Wash. D. C.  
National NCDEA Board Conference Call October 12, 2006  
NCDEA Annual meeting Los Angeles, CA February 3-7, 2007

***From the NCDEA.org Website:***



President Bob Dobbs was in Washington D.C last week to participate in a regular national conservation partnership meeting. Prior to the meeting he visited with Arlen Lancaster new Chief of NRCS. He welcomed the new chief and offered to work together to advance conservation. They also discussed employee issues such as training, communications, workload, and customer service.