

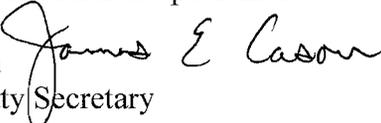


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Memorandum

To: Bureau and Office Directors
Bureau Dispute Resolution Specialists

From: James E. Cason 
Associate Deputy Secretary

Subject: 2008 CORE PLUS Orientation Conference

As part of the implementation of the CORE PLUS program for managing conflicts and resolving disputes in the workplace, the Office of Collaborative Action and Dispute Resolution (CADR) is sponsoring the *2008 CORE PLUS Orientation Conference*. It will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, at the Hotel Albuquerque, beginning on January 14, 2008, at 3:30 p.m. and ending on January 17, 2008, at 4:00 p.m.

The purpose of this conference is to provide essential education and training to support consistent implementation of the CORE PLUS program and to promote conflict management competency throughout the Department. The target audience for this conference includes Bureau Dispute Resolution Specialists and CORE PLUS roster members and coordinators, as well as representatives from Human Resources and Human Capital, Civil Rights/EEO, and employment attorneys from the Office of the Solicitor.

The conference agenda includes joint sessions on CORE PLUS program policies and procedures and skills training opportunities for the target audiences. The conference will satisfy the annual training requirements for CORE PLUS roster members.

There is limited space available and the CADR office is working with the Bureau Dispute Resolution Specialists (BDRS) to ensure diverse participation from each Bureau and Office and representation from each of the target communities. The BDRS and CADR will send out the attached registration form and conference information to conference invitees during the week of November 12, 2007. Registration forms will be due to the CADR office by December 7, 2007.

Thank you for your support of this important event.

Attachments

cc: Elena Gonzalez, Director, CADR
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