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TO: NRCS ACES Monitors
NOWCC ACES Enrollees

FROM: Greg Merrill, President
NOWCC

SUBJECT: NOWCC ACES Program Support

Mr. Mike Durkin, Director of the NOWCC South Central Field Office in Dallas, will be retiring at the end of March after 13 highly productive years with NOWCC. Mike has been deeply involved in the growth and support of the ACES Program since its inception as a pilot program in 2005. He has done a sterling job and we are grateful for his many contributions to the success of the ACES Program and to NOWCC.

Because of Mike's impending retirement, and in our continuing effort to assure the highest quality of support for the NRCS ACES Program, NOWCC will soon be transferring our support for the ACES Program in six states to our Eastern Field Office (EFO), located in Arlington, Virginia at NOWCC Headquarters. Those states are Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina and Tennessee. (The ACES programs he has been supporting in states east of the Mississippi are being transferred to our Western Field Office, in Denver, Colorado.)

Mr. Jack Everett, Director of Eastern Field Operations, and the excellent staff in our Arlington Eastern Field Office will assume responsibility for supporting the ACES Program in your state effective March 25, 2010. Mr. Everett, like Mike, has been involved with the ACES Program since it began as a pilot program. His experience, dedication and commitment to the ACES Program assures me that he and the EFO staff - Ms. Delma Hamlett, Recruiter (dhamlett@nowcc.org), and Ms. Fannie Walker, Recruiter (Fwalker@nowcc.org) - will maintain the high service levels you have come to expect from NOWCC.

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I wish you all well in the continuing success of the NRCS ACES Program.

Cc: State Coordinators
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