



DATE: March 26, 2010

TO: NRCS ACES Monitors  
NOWCC ACES Enrollees

FROM: Greg Merrill, President  
NOWCC

SUBJECT: NOWCC ACES Program Support

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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 five states to our Western Field Office (WFO), located in Lakewood, Colorado. Those states are Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri and Nebraska. (The ACES programs he has been supporting in states east of the Mississippi are being transferred to our Eastern Field Office, in Arlington, Virginia.)

Ms. Sheila Miner, Director of Western Field Operations, and the excellent staff in our Colorado office will assume responsibility for supporting the ACES Program in your state effective March 25, 2010. Ms. Miner, like Mike, has been involved with the ACES Program since it began as a pilot program. Her experience, dedication and commitment to the ACES Program assures me that she and Ms. Bridget Yupcavage, Recruiter ([byupcavage@nowcc.org](mailto:byupcavage@nowcc.org) or 303 238 0022), 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.

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