

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE	NO. 31-08
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**TO:** STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES  
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**FROM:** GAY M. GILBERT /s/  
Administrator  
Office of Workforce Investment

**SUBJECT** Monitor Advocate Training following the 2009 MAFO Conference

**1. Purpose.** To inform State Workforce Agencies (SWAs) of the 2009 MAFO National Farmworker and the Monitor Advocate Training Sponsored by the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) Region IV Dallas Office being held in San Antonio, Texas, March 29-April 1, 2009.

**2. Background.** The ETA Dallas Regional Office is conducting Monitor Advocate Training for all State Monitor Advocates. The training will take place April 1 & 2, 2009, at the conclusion of this year's MAFO National Farmworker Conference, which is March 29 through April 1, 2009. Both events will provide participants with substantive knowledge and the opportunity to establish ties that will strengthen partnerships and promote the integration of service delivery to Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers (MSFWs) within the workforce system.

**3. Monitor Advocate Training.** The objectives of the training are to: (1) provide best practices to Monitor Advocates to improve services and performance; (2) better integrate services to MSFWs and agricultural employers in the Workforce System; (3) better coordinate the enforcement of farmworker regulations; (4) facilitate the exchange of information among farmworker service providers; and (5) enhance communication and cooperation between farmworker groups and State and Federal officials.

The Monitor Advocate training agenda will include discussions: of best practices for the delivery of services to farmworkers by the SWAs; on how the revised H2A regulations impact the Agricultural Recruitment System; and how to coordinate farmworker regulations enforcement with other agencies and training on the Job Service Complaint System. A draft agenda is attached.

4. **Arrangements.** The Monitor Advocate training sessions will begin at 10:30 a.m. on April 1, 2009 and continue until 4:00 p.m. on April 2, 2009. The Monitor Advocate training will be held at the Omni San Antonio Hotel, 9821 Colonnade Boulevard, San Antonio, Texas 78230. The special rate for the Omni San Antonio Hotel during the training/conference will be \$112.00 per night. For reservations, participants should contact the hotel directly by phone at (210) 691-8888. Hotel reservations should be made and confirmed by March 13, 2009 to receive the special conference rate.

5. **Action required.** State Administrators are requested to encourage State Monitor Advocates and other staff involved with farmworker and one-stop services to attend the Monitor Advocate training.

6. **Reply Requested and due date.** None

7. **Inquiries.** Inquiries should be directed to the ETA Regional Monitor Advocate serving your State; Juan M. Regalado, National Monitor Advocate, [regalado.juan@dol.gov](mailto:regalado.juan@dol.gov), (202) 693-2661; or Ted Roberts, (202) 693-3510, [roberts.thadeus@dol.gov](mailto:roberts.thadeus@dol.gov).

Attachments:

Monitor Advocate Training Agenda

MAFO Letter and Registration information