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May 4-5, 2010*



Regions Connecting
for Rural Innovation

Regions Connecting for Rural Innovation – Promising Strategies

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has requested assistance from Partners for Rural America (PRA) and State Rural Development Councils to establish stronger partnerships with key institutions at the state and regional level and to encourage communities to work together at the regional level. Four rural convenings will be held across the U.S. this spring.

Purpose of the Regional Convening:

- The convening will focus on USDA key priorities that are also critical issues facing the region
- The goal of the convening is to address these issues with a local and regional strategy to:
 - Promote the creation of new partnerships and regional collaboration
 - Enable regions to share “best practices”
 - Focus on utilizing regional partnerships to enhance rural program delivery and shape rural economic development policy
- **Conference outcomes will become implementation plans for each region**
- Participation is key – this is our opportunity to ensure USDA hears local views and concerns

Help ensure the regional convening is a success by attending the convening and help identify participants who need to be at the table.

North Central Region Rural Convening

Convening date: **May 4-5, 2010**

Location: **Madison, Wisconsin**

Conference Theme: **Regions Connecting for Rural Innovation – Promising Strategies:**

- * Small Business and Entrepreneurship
- * Energy
- * Broadband
- * Local Foods and Tourism Development

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