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Energy Training for Agriculture Professionals (EnTAP) Supervisor's Letter of Support

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Personal Information	Applicant's Name	
	Your Name	
	Job Title	
	E-mail address	
	Phone	
	Address Line 1	
	Address Line 2	
	City, State, Zip	
Relationship with Applicant	What is your relationship to the applicant and how long have you known the applicant?	
Support for course participation	Do you support the applicant's participation in the course Energy Training for Agriculture Professionals, September 30-October 2, 2009?	
Support for local energy training	Will you support the applicant in conducting local energy workshops and other trainings?	
Other comments	Please add any comments you would like.	

Save your completed letter and send it as an e-mail attachment to Carol Moore, carol.moore@bellsouth.net

Or mail to

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Attn: Carol Moore
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Applications and Letters of Support must be received by April 30, 2009.

About Energy Training for Agriculture Professionals (EnTAP)

The National Center for Appropriate Technology (www.ncat.org) and the Center for Environmental Farming Systems (www.cefs.ncsu.edu) will choose 25-30 participants to participate in an intensive three-day energy course in the fall of 2009. We will prepare these Energy Educators to lead training efforts in their communities, helping local people manage and develop their energy resources profitably and sustainably. We hope to offer this course at least annually, developing a network for information-sharing and support. See the Energy Training for Agriculture Professionals website (<http://www.entap.org>) for more information.

Time, date, funding

The training will take place at the Center for Environmental Farming Systems, near Goldsboro, North Carolina, from September 30 to October 2, 2009. Tuition, materials, lodging, and meal expenses will be fully paid for successful applicants. We also expect to be able to pay all travel-related expenses. Funding comes from the Southern Region of USDA's Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program.

What will the training include?

- Participants will gain familiarity with renewable energy technologies as well as energy efficiency opportunities commonly available to farms and rural landowners.
- Participants will learn about energy-related developments and opportunities, including networking with agriculture professionals from throughout in the southern United States.
- Participants will learn how to evaluate and plan an energy project, as well as how to conduct a basic energy audit.
- Participants will learn about financial and technical resources, so they know where to look for answers and can make appropriate referrals.

Who is eligible to apply?

- Priority will be given to Cooperative Extension Service agents or specialists. Field staff members from any USDA agency are also eligible to apply.
- Applicants must work in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands.

How will participants be chosen?

Applicants are not expected to be energy experts. We are looking for:

- Clear evidence of applicant interest and supervisor support;
- Likelihood that the participant will become an active and successful Energy Educator;
- Geographic diversity, with many states and universities represented; and
- Diversity of interests and backgrounds—people who can learn from each other.

What are the requirements for being certified as an Energy Educator?

- Successfully completing the course;
- Participating in post-training teleconferences; and
- Conducting a successful energy training event within a year of completing the course.

Why is a letter from a supervisor required?

In order to justify the substantial investment of public funds in each participant's training, we need to know that participants have the full support of their supervisors—both for attending the training and for conducting training in their communities.

Who do I contact with questions?

Contact Carol Moore: carol.moore@bellsouth.net or (919) 273-6322.

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