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Hands-on Handler Training Program PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

WSDA's Farmworker Education Program (FEP) is seeking partners for their innovative hands-on pesticide handler training program. This proven training, provided in Spanish and English, is geared towards agricultural pesticide handlers most at risk of acute poisoning – those who mix, load and/or apply pesticides. This training meets the requirements for Worker Protection Standard handler training. Pesticide licensees receive WSDA recertification credits. (See the "How-to Guide" to learn more about the training program and its successes.)

Since the programs development in 1997 to the most recent courses in 2003, the hands-on training programs have been a collaborative effort with the agricultural community. We would like to build on this positive relationship with the addition of new and diverse partners. These partnerships are beneficial to all interests because the training reaches the target audience and results in a safer, healthier, and more knowledgeable workforce.

There are many ways to provide support. At the highest level, our industry partners can handle one or more of the course logistics by marketing the training event, securing an adequate facility, handling registrations, providing lunch for the all-day event, reimbursing travel expenses for non-agency trainers, and providing stipends to our volunteer trainers. Other ways to support the program include the donation of supplies, expertise or time. If your group is too small to partner on your own, why not find a similar group and join together to sponsor a local training. WSDA staff will secure trainers and provide them with training and lesson plans, supply all training props and supplies, and conduct and evaluate the training event.

Would your organization like to learn more about this partnership opportunity? If so, consider inviting us to your next membership or board meeting to give a presentation on the program and discuss how we can work together. To schedule a meeting or to find out more, please contact one of the following:

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We look forward to working with you to ensure a healthy workforce!