



FACT SHEET

USDA Inter-Agency Ethics Conference

DESCRIPTION

USDA's annual one-day conference, open to all senior officials within USDA as well as ethics officials from other Executive Branch agencies. This conference featured: (1) the most authoritative ethics experts in Executive Branch speaking, (2) USDA's senior ethics officials providing an overview of its new E-filing system and "IT lessons learned," to benefit other ethics programs considering adopting their own E-filing systems, (3) keynote remarks by the Director of OGC, (4) leadership remarks by the Secretary of Agriculture (5) a presentation and panel discussion on the "hot topic" of scientists serving on outside non-profit professional boards and (6) a listening session. Due to budgetary constraints, USDA ran the entire conference at no cost to the Government.

PURPOSE

We wanted to enhance communications, the interactive exchange of ideas and provide training for the broader ethics community.

PRODUCT ADAPTABILITY

All agencies could also have these one-day conferences, but the concept would be of greatest use to large agencies.

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