

NCSSSA Membership

RE: Regional Level-One Training Sessions

The National Conference of State Social Security Administrators (NCSSSA) Training and Succession Planning Committee is pleased to announce two regional training sessions to be held in February 2013 – one in Atlanta, Georgia (Feb. 12th and 13th) at SSA Regional Office and the other in Albuquerque, New Mexico (Feb. 26th and 27th) at New Mexico PERA. These training sessions will focus on the basics, but also provide some information on the emerging issues of police / fire coverage, charter schools and political subdivisions. These training sessions are quite different from the annual conference – which is equally valuable – as these training sessions focus entirely on the day-to-day issues of performing the duties of a state administrator in a venue that provides for individual attention. The Regional Training sessions are not meant to replace the annual conference, but augment the broad policy and specific issues presented at the annual conference.

NCSSSA is sensitive to the fact that many state administrators face restricted funding and in particular the lack of training and travel funds. These training events, however, do not require any fee, of any kind. The training is provided at no cost. Thus, the only expense to attend one of these training events is the cost of travel (transportation and accommodations) – but there too we try to reduce these costs by having them in locations where transportation costs are less. We have also secured hotel rooms within walking distance of the meeting place at or below the federal government rate. The training sessions will be held all day Tuesday and ½ day on Wednesday (with Monday and Wednesday afternoon as travel periods).

We have secured room blocks for each city:

Residence Inn Atlanta Downtown >>

<<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/ATLDT?groupCode=NCSNCSC&app=resvlink&fromDate=2/11/13&toDate=2/13/13>>

Sheraton Uptown Albuquerque -

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/NCSSSABLOCK>

NCSSSA is the SOLE professional organization for state administrators and this training is offered by no other organization. NCSSSA was established in 1952 to provide a unified state perspective at the federal level to ensure there is an ongoing mechanism for problem-solving and to maintain an open forum for the development of new policy. Since its formation in 1952, the NCSSSA has worked closely with SSA and IRS to address Social Security/Medicare coverage and employment tax issues raised by state and local governmental employers and State Social Security Administrators throughout the United States. The NCSSSA works with the federal officials to ensure legislative and regulatory changes address state and local concerns. The NCSSSA provides

leadership to state and local governments through accurate interpretation of federal laws and regulations, communication of federal tax policy, and resolution of problems arising at the state and local levels.

Should you wish to attend one of these training events, please send an email to Dean Conder at: dean.conder@state.co.us.

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