



HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS
APPLICATION FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL

DATE OF REQUEST: 12/05/12
TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES TRAVELING: 1
DEPARTMENT NAME: Hidalgo County Extension Service
NAME & TITLE OF EMPLOYEE(S): Barbara Storz, CEA-Horticulture

EVENT INFORMATION

TITLE OF EVENT: 2013 Texas A&M AgriLife Conference
EVENT DATE(S) FROM: 01/07/13 TO: 01/09/13
DEPARTURE DATE: 01/07/2013 RETURN DATE: 01/09/2013
LOCATION OF EVENT: CITY: College Station STATE: Texas

PURPOSE OF TRAVEL

- Place an "X" by the applicable purpose of the trip.
To obtain statutorily required continuing professional education.
To obtain continuing education related to an employee's work or maintenance of a license or certification.
To testify before legislative bodies, regulatory agencies and commissions, and other forums that may make decisions affecting the County and its affiliated organizations and operations.
To participate in professional organizations related to the employee or official's job assignment.
To conduct essential research & information-gathering for improvement of County operations or compliance with law.
To monitor the development of state or federal legislation or implementation of legislation that might affect the County
To participate in forums, coalitions, & discussions relating to the policy, legislative & regulatory interests of the County
To pursue the County's interests in litigation or criminal justice.
To promote the economic development interests of the County.
To carry out other purposes determined by Commissioners' Court to be in the interest of the County (Commissioners' Court approval is attached).

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE NEED TO TRAVEL OUT-OF-STATE

Explain the benefits that this trip it will bring to Hidalgo County. Attach an itinerary, agenda, or schedule for the conference and/ or event. If applicable, justify the need for multiple persons traveling to the same event.

Table with columns: SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED TRAVEL EXPENSES, ESTIMATED EXPENSES, (DBM USE ONLY) FUNDS AVAILABLE BALANCE, MODE OF TRAVEL. Rows include Registration Fee (\$50.00), Airfare, Taxi, Bus, Rental Car, Gasoline, Mileage, Telephone, Parking, Lodging, Meals, Other Expenses, and a subtotal of \$229.60.

14. IF HIDALGO COUNTY IS NOT FUNDING ANY OR PART OF THIS TRIP, INDICATE BELOW THE EXPENSE TYPE & SOURCE OF PAYMENT:
Barbara will be traveling together with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension District 12 Administrator, Dr. Ruben Saldana. He will be traveling in a state vehicle.
NOTE: If trip duration is extended to take advantage of lower airfare, a comparison of the savings to the additional estimated cost must be provided with supporting airfare rate documentation.

ELECTED OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT HEAD CERTIFICATION (Place an "X" by each of the certifications)

- I certify that:
X Trip expenses are necessary and will be incurred for official county business.
X Reasonable efforts to minimize the use of county funds have been explored.
X Sufficient funds are available within in my department's budget to pay for the related travel expenses without the need of a budget amendment.

If this trip is for out-of-state training, the training is not available in some other form that does not require out-of-state travel.
APPROVED BY ELECTED OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT HEAD: Barbara Storz DATE: 12/6/12
DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON: Nora Linda Cruz PHONE NO.: 383-1026

FOR DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT (DBM) USE ONLY:

TRAVEL IS APPROVED for the individuals listed below:
TRAVEL IS NOT APPROVED for the individuals listed below:

REVIEWED BY (PRINT NAME): Veronica Ortiz DATE: 12/12/12 REVIEWER'S SIGNATURE: [Signature] PHONE NO.: 292-7025
DBM'S DEPARTMENT HEAD APPROVAL (PRINT NAME): DATE: SIGNATURE OF DBM DEPARTMENT HEAD: [Signature]

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APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS' COURT JN:

2013 Budget

12/6/12

Registration

Reg. # 00227351

PO#

CC-584

Hotel+meals

Reg. # 00227353

PO#

CC-583

Comm. Codes

Reg. - 96364

Meals - 96347

Hotel - 97130

cc 12/28/12

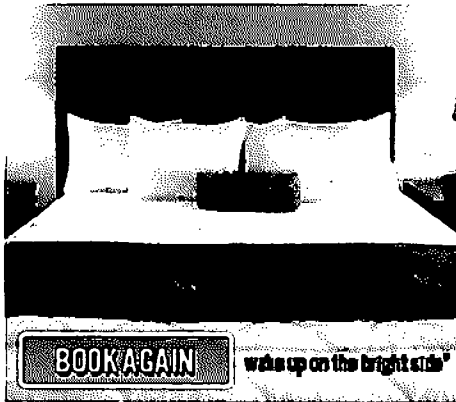
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607 Texas Avenue
COLLEGE STATION, TX 77840
1-979-696-7777

Your Name: BARBARA STORZ
Check-In Date: 01/07/2013
Check-In Time: 15:00
Check-Out Date: 01/09/2013
Check-Out Time: 12:00
Number of Rooms: 1

Room Type: One King Bed w/Microwave & Fridge
Estimated Total w/Tax: 142.60 USD
(Taxes are estimated, subject to change prior to arrival, and do not include additional fees required by the selected hotel)
Guarantee Method: Your reservation has been guaranteed through LQ.com with a credit card or direct bill number.

IF YOU HAVE TO CANCEL
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MAP & DIRECTIONS



Driving directions:
On Business Hwy. 6 (Texas Ave.), 1 block south of University Dr.

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**THE ROLE OF THE LAND-GRANT MISSION
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Conference Registration Fee

\$50 – must register online no later than 5 p.m., December 17

Includes:

- registration expenses & printed publications
- Monday's Welcome Reception
- Tuesday's Networking Luncheon
- conference breaks
- refreshments
- conference collateral featuring an embossed portfolio based on your faculty/staff appointment

\$15 late fee if registering after December 17. Early conference registration will cease on December 17. After this date, registrants must register on-site beginning Monday, January 7, at 11:00 a.m.

Payment Options

- Check or Money Order - payable to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service*
- Credit Card – Visa, Mastercard or Discover*
- Receive An Invoice – must provide an LDoc number

*** Your payment must be received no later than the first day of the conference, January 7.**

2013 Texas A&M AgriLife Conference

“The Role of the Land-Grant Mission in Meeting Society’s Grand Challenges”

January 7 - 9, 2013

College Station, Texas

Monday, January 7

11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. **On-site Conference Registration** – Rudder Portrait Area, Rudder Tower

Noon – 5:00 p.m. **Meet your Librarian!** [Coordinator: Nancy Duran]
1st floor, Rudder Tower *[near Exhibit Hall]*
Learn about open access journals, patent resource guides, digital depository and other library resources.

Noon - 5:00 p.m. **AgriLife Bookstore and Copy Services** - 1st floor, Rudder Tower *[near Exhibit Hall]*
Take a few minutes to stop by and meet the folks of the AgriLife Bookstore and Copy Services teams and learn a little bit more about the services and support they offer AgriLife employees.

1:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Conference Refreshments** – Rudder 407

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Council of Resident Directors** [Coordinator: Nancy Penn]
Rudder 401

1:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Plant Breeding and Genetics Meeting** [coordinators: Wayne Smith/David Byrne]
Heep 440
Meeting is intended to bring together plant breeding, molecular geneticists, plant breeding graduate students, and others interested in crop improvement. Meeting will consist of TBA presentations from faculty, administration, and/or students with time for discussion of issues facing the disciplines.

1:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Agriculture Animal Care and Use Committee** [Coordinator: John Walker]
Rudder 709

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Extension Water Initiative Meeting** [Coordinator: Rosie Schoenfeld]
Rudder 510

Monday, January 7 [continued]

- 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. **Center for Food Safety Meeting** [coordinator: Gary Acuff]
Rudder 410
An open meeting of the members of the Center for Food Safety and faculty /research professionals interested in membership. Discussions will focus on current state of the CFS, future activities, and the State emergency management plan.
- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. **Negotiating and Managing Large Sponsored Research Programs** [Coordinator: Brenda Stone]
Rudder 302
The Corporate Relations office has coordinated over \$40 million in large sponsored research programs. This workshop will discuss the approach to negotiating and managing large corporate and government projects.
- 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Texas Pasture and Forage Work Group** [Coordinator: Larry Redmon]
Rudder 404
- 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Small Grain Workers Workshop – Spring 2013** [Coordinator: Daniel Hathcoat]
Rudder 410
- 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. **Reproductive Physiology Workshop** [Coordinator: Tom Welsh]
Rudder 707
The Reproductive Physiology Workshop will provide updates from faculty and graduate students in research, teaching and extension.
- 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. **Texas A&M AgriLife Leadership Meeting** [Coordinator: Cady Auckerman]
Koldus 110/111
- 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. **Welcome Reception and Viewing of “Genome: The Secret of How Life Works” Exhibit** - Rotunda – Bush Presidential Library
“Genome: The Secret of How Life Works” exhibit is sponsored by Texas A&M AgriLife Research. Designed for all ages, the exhibit explores the nature and impact of our genes through visually-rich environments, interactives, artifacts and multi-media presentations. The exhibit examines the history of discovery from Gregor Mendel’s rules of inheritance in the 19th century to the famous Watson and Crick DNA double helix. The implications of gene therapy for the future of medical science and health care are vast and unlimited. In conjunction with the “Genome” exhibit, rotating ancillary exhibits will display the achievements of the newly established Whole Systems Genomics Initiative at Texas A&M University. These exhibits will highlight past achievements such as the Copy Cat cloning project, and advancements in agriculture worthy of a Nobel Peace Prize.

Tuesday, January 8

- 7:00 a.m. **Coffee** – Rudder Exhibit Hall
- 7:30 – 5:00 p.m. **Conference Registration** – 1st Floor, Rudder Tower – Rudder Portrait Area
- 7:30 – 11:00 a.m. **AgriLife Bookstore and Copy Services** – 1st floor, Rudder Tower [*near Exhibit Hall*]
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- 7:30 – 12 noon **Ag Workers Mutual Insurance Information Booth** – Rudder Exhibit Hall
- 7:30 – 11:00 a.m. **Meet your Librarian!** [Coordinator: Nancy Duran]
1st floor, Rudder Tower [*near Exhibit Hall*]
Learn about open access journals, patent resource guides, digital depository and other library resources
- Morning **Keynote General Session - Texas A&M AgriLife** - Rudder Theatre
- Noon **Networking Luncheon** - Bethancourt Ballroom, MSC 2300
- 1:30 – 6:00 p.m. **Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service General Session**
Hagler Auditorium, Annenberg Presidential Conference Center
- 1:30 p.m. **Welcome** – *Kyle Smith, Executive Associate Director*
State of the Agency Address – *Doug Steele, Director*
Addressing Clientele Needs Through the Land Grant System
 - 4-H & Youth Development – *Chris Boleman, 4-H & Youth Program Development Director*
 - Health and Wellness – *Susan Ballabina, Regional Program Director, East Region*
 - Agriculture and Natural Resources – *Monty Dozier, Regional Program Director, South Region***Importance of Extension from a County Official’s Perspective** – *Judge Don Allred, Oldham County*
Break – Lobby, Annenberg Presidential Conference Center
Presentation of Superior Service Awards
Reception – Lobby, Annenberg Presidential Conference Center
- Afternoon **Texas A&M AgriLife Research General Session** - Gates Ballroom, MSC 2400
- 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. **Texas A&M AgriLife Research Association** [Coordinator: Monte Rouquette]
MSC 2401

Wednesday, January 9

- 7:30 – 12 noon** **On-site Conference Registration – Rudder Portrait Area, Rudder Tower**
- 8:00 a.m.** **Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory General Session – TIPS Auditorium**
- 8:30 a.m.** **Welcome**
 Dr. Mark Hussey, Vice Chancellor and Dean, Agriculture and Life Sciences, Texas A&M AgriLife (invited)
- 8:40 a.m.** **State of the Agency**
 Dr. Tammy Beckham, Director, TVMDL
- 9:15 a.m.** **TVMDL’s Role in Cutting Edge Diagnostics and Protecting Animal Health**
 Dr. Mangkey Bounpheng, Molecular Genetics Section Head, TVMDL
- 9:55 a.m.** **Break**
- 10:10 a.m.** **AgConnect and its Role in an Animal Disease Outbreak**
 Dr. Jim Wall, Director and Dr. Keith Biggers, Technical Lead, Texas Center for Applied Technology, Texas Engineering Experiment Station
- 10:50 a.m.** **Future Role of Veterinary Diagnostic Labs in Protecting Animal Health**
 Dr. Bruce Akey, Executive Director, Animal Health Diagnostic Center, College of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University
- 12:00 noon** **Adjourn**
- 8:00 – 5:00 p.m.** **Conference Refreshments – Rudder 407**
- 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.** **Extension Regional Program Retreat Planning Meeting [Coordinator: Rosie Schoenfeld]**
 Rudder 302
- 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.** **Understanding the Expectations for Promotion and/or Tenure [Coordinator: David Reed]**
 Rudder 410
- 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.** **Soil and Crop Sciences Departmental Meeting [Coordinator: Judy Young]**
 Heep 101
- 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.** **Horticulture Faculty Meeting [Coordinator: Dorothy See]**
 Horticulture/Forest Science Building 102
 Collaboration of Department of Horticulture Science State-wide Faculty [Teaching, Research and Extension]

Wednesday, January 9 [continued]

- 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. **Agricultural Economics Faculty Meeting** [Coordinator: Norma Pantoja]
AGLS 301
- 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. **Biological and Agricultural Engineering Departmental Meeting** [Coordinator:
Stephen Searcy] – Scoates 305
- 9:00 – 12 noon **Animal Science Department Faculty Meeting** [Coordinator: Grace Glenn]
Kleberg Faculty Lounge
- 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. **Distribution and Release Process for AgriLife Plant Germplasm** [coordinator:
William Rooney]
Rudder 404
*Meeting to update and inform AgriLife plant breeders and geneticists on the process and
policies related to plant germplasm releases, distribution and licensing.*
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. **Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences Faculty Meeting** [Coordinator: Dawn Miles]
Nagle 213
- 10:00 – 1:00 p.m. **4-H Initiative Meeting** [Coordinator: Marilyn Frenzel]
Rudder 510
- 10:00 – 12 noon **Associate Department Heads/Program Leaders Meeting** [Coordinator: Rosie
Schoenfeld]
Rudder 401
- 10:30 – 12 noon **Ecosystem Science and Management Departmental Faculty Meeting** [Coordinator:
Chris Wilson]
Horticulture/Forest Science Building 104
- 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Extension Administrative Update Meeting for County Programs** [Coordinator:
Marilyn Frenzel]
Rudder 302
- 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Extension Administrative Update Meeting for Regional Program Directors**
[Coordinator: Rosie Schoenfeld]
Rudder 401

Wednesday, January 9 [continued]

- 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. **College of Agriculture and Life Sciences General Session – MSC 2400**
- 1:30 p.m. **Welcome – Dr. Mark A. Hussey, Dean**
- 2:00 p.m. **Grand Challenges Break-Out Discussions**
- Enriching our Youth* – MSC 2500**
 Facilitator: Danielle Harris, Assistant Dean
- Improving our Health* – MSC 2501**
 Facilitator: Kim Dooley, Associate Dean
- Protecting our Environment* – MSC 2502**
 Facilitator: David Reed, Associate Dean
- Feeding our World* – MSC 2503**
 Facilitator: Chris Skaggs, Associate Dean
- Growing our Economy* – MSC 2504**
 Facilitator: Alan Sams, Executive Associate Dean
- 3:00 p.m. **Coffee / Refreshments – MSC 2400**
- 3:20 p.m. **Reconvene: Report out on Discussions – MSC 2400**

Thursday, January 10

- 8:00 – 12 noon **Conference Refreshments – Rudder 407**
- 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. **Recruiting a Diversified Workforce [County Programs] [Coordinator: Marilyn Frenzel]**
 Rudder 410
- 10:00 – 12 noon **New Model to Redefine Extension’s Role in Rural Texas – Roscoe STEM Project**
 [Coordinator: Marilyn Frenzel]
 Rudder 410

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Parking

Parking for conference attendees will be available in either the University Center Garage (adjacent to Koldus) or West Campus Garage (near the Rec Center). Both of these garages are open to the public on a first come, first serve basis.

Fees & more information: <http://transport.tamu.edu/parking/visitor.aspx>

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"The land-grant university system is being built on behalf of the people, who have invested in these public universities their hopes, their support, and their confidence." ~ Abraham Lincoln, July 2, 1862

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"The Role of the Land-Grant Mission in Meeting Society's Grand Challenges" January 7 - 9, 2013

Make plans to join fellow teaching, research, extension and service colleagues as we focus on **"The Role of the Land-Grant Mission in Meeting Society's Grand Challenges"** during the 2013 Texas A&M AgriLife Conference from January 7 – 9 in College Station.

Online registration and program information is available at <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/events/details.cfm?id=1183>. The conference program will continue to receive updates, so please continue to check the conference website often.

Online, early conference registration will be available through **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 19, 2012**. After this date, registrants will incur a \$15 late fee and will be required to register onsite beginning at **11:00 a.m. on Monday, January 7, 2013**.

If you should have any questions regarding conference registration, please contact Valerie Weber at 979.845.2604.

Don't delay -- Register now at

<https://agriferegister.tamu.edu>

Mark A. Hussey

Vice Chancellor and Dean for Agriculture and Life Sciences

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