



United States Department of Agriculture

Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services  
Risk Management Agency

INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

August 17, 2000

**TO:** All Reinsured Companies  
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices  
All Other Interested Parties

**FROM:** Kenneth D. Ackerman //Heyward Baker for//  
Administrator

**SUBJECT:** RMA Industry Meeting - September 2000

The Risk Management Agency's third quarterly business meeting with the senior managers of all approved insurance providers is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 7, 2000, and will conclude on Friday at 12:00 p.m. on September 8, 2000. The status of implementing the Agriculture Risk Protection Act of 2000 as well as other issues of interest will be discussed.

A block of rooms have been reserved through September 7, 2000, under the block name, **USDA**. The rate is \$99.00 for non-government attendees. Please call the hotel to reserve your room. The hotel provides a complimentary breakfast and a "Manager's Reception with light dinner" from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m..

The meeting will be held on the ground floor of the USDA Building, 6501 Beacon Drive, Room G28B, Kansas City, Missouri. There is a cafeteria in the building that serves breakfast and lunch. Directions to the USDA Building and the meeting agenda are attached for your reference.

**Please confirm your attendance by August 31, 2000, providing your name as requested below. It is necessary that all non-government attendees wear an ID badge in your name once you enter the building. The badges will be provided upon sign in at the guard desk.**

Hotel Information: Homewood Suites - Overland Park  
10556 Marty Avenue  
Overland Park, Kansas 66212  
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Please E-mail Velerie Eddleman to verify your attendance at [vaeddleman@kcc.usda.gov](mailto:vaeddleman@kcc.usda.gov). Velerie can also be reached at (916) 926-7449.

Attachments

## **Directions**

Directions from the Homewood Suites, Overland Park, Kansas to the USDA Building located at 6501 Beacon Drive in Kansas City, Missouri:

As you leave the hotel parking lot, turn left and proceed to 105th Street. Turn right and proceed east to Metcalf. Turn right and proceed south to I-435. You will need to be in the inside lane. Immediately after the bridge, you will turn left at the stoplight to get on I-435 going east. Follow I-435 east and stay on I-435 as it curves north on the Missouri side. This will be approximately 12 miles.

Exit at 63rd Street and turn left. Proceed to Winchester Drive. Turn left onto Winchester and go south up the hill. Turn right onto Beacon Drive at the top of the hill. Go to the second entrance which is the Visitor's Entrance. Turn right into the Visitor's Parking Lot. Enter the building using the South Door where the guard's station is located.

The meeting will be held on the ground floor in Room G28B. There is a cafeteria in the building that serves breakfast and lunch.

**RMA/Industry Meeting  
USDA Building, Room G28B  
6501 Beacon Drive  
Kansas City, Missouri**

**Thursday, September 7**

1:00	Registration	
1:30	Opening Remarks	John Zirschky
	Legislation Implementation	Ken Ackerman
	Break	
	Risk Compliance Update	Garland Westmoreland
	Research and Development Update	Tim Witt
	Insurance Services Update	Robert Prchal
	Closing Comments	Ken Ackerman

Dinner is on your own.

**Friday, September 8**

8:30	Industry Agenda
12:00	Adjourn