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Subject: IPM Conferences in USVI and Puerto Rico

Jim:

The November 2015 Integrated Pest Management conference in St. Thomas was a success. The Governor of the VI, VI DPNR Commissioner, the Agriculture Commissioner and other key community leaders asked us to repeat the conference in St. Croix in spring 2016. They also asked that we add a worker protection component to the conference; most of USVI agriculture is in St. Croix.

In addition, Puerto Rico leaders, have asked that we organize the same conference in Puerto Rico. The plan is to try to have the same speakers return; they all did an amazing job. The St. Thomas's conference evaluation forms scored high with all aspects of the conference; the one thing most people asked was to make it an hour or two longer to have more opportunity for the attendees to ask questions. The audience was extremely engaged.

As far as cost, it was mostly EPA staff with some outside speakers. The amount Region 2 spent was close to $3,000.00 for the outside speakers. We don't have money for these three upcoming conferences.

For the conferences in the spring, our plan is that we have them consecutively, to avoid additional travel cost to the Caribbean. Since, there is more per diem and an additional flight from St. Croix to Puerto Rico, our estimated cost is $2,500 per speaker.

The invited speakers would be:

Dr. Jody Gangloff-Kaufmann, Ph.D.
Coordinator, Community IPM
New York State IPM Program
Cornell University

Dr. Philip J. Landrigan, MD, MSc, FAAP
Dean for Global Health
Arnhold Institute for Global Health
Professor of Preventive Medicine and Pediatrics
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

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Special Projects Coordinator/ Pest Control Specialist
The City Of New Orleans Mosquito, Rodent, and Termite Control Board

Region 2 is requesting $7,500 to cover the travel costs of these three speakers. Please let me know if your office can provide that level of funding. Thank you very much for considering this request.

Judith