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MEMORANDUM FOR the ARNG Education and Incentives Personnel of all States, Puerto Rico, The Virgin Islands, Guam and the District of Columbia.

SUBJECT: FY09 Annual Conference for Army National Guard (ARNG) Education and Incentives Personnel

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the Annual ARNG Education & Incentives Conference to be held in conjunction with the World Wide Symposium for the 50 States and 4 Territories held in Atlanta, GA July 25-31, 2009. The conference is designed for all those who are associated with the education and incentives functions in the 54 states and territories. This is an annual conference, which provides us with an opportunity to initially have our ARNG specific annual conference, and also allow for participation in the DOD World Wide Symposium that is presented every three years. This an event that we highly encourage staff to attend, as there will be several thousands in attendance including Senior DOD, Army, and other Military Services leadership, as well as numerous colleges and business vendors. The DOD Symposium will provide opportunity to attend break out sessions on numerous education, incentive, and employment programs.
2. The following is a list of state education & incentive staff that should attend this conference to get updates on programs, policies, and systems:
 - Education Services Officers (ESO)
 - Incentives Managers
 - Federal Tuition Assistance Managers
 - State Tuition Assistance Managers
 - Test Control Officers
 - State Education Counselors
 - Others as deemed appropriate by the state ESO
3. Registration for the conference and symposium starts 1 October 2008. ARNG participants please note that the ARNG conference starts 25 July 2009 (two hundred rooms are available). Please register on line at <http://www.ww09atlanta.com/>. The Marriott Atlanta Marquis is located at 265 Peachtree Center Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30303 which is located in the heart of downtown Atlanta, near a variety of shops and restaurants. To reserve a room, call 1(800) 228-9290 or (404) 621-000 beginning on 1 October 2008 and ask for the DoD WW09 ARNG Group Room Block. Reservation deadline: July 3, 2009. Public transportation to and from the Airport is available through Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA).
4. At this time we are in the process of confirming the specific schedule and briefings for the ARNG conference. Tentative conference topics include: GED Plus, ARNG Employment initiatives, Patriot Academy, Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP), Health Profession Loan Repayment (HLRP), GI Bill Programs, Bonuse programs, Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA), DANTES Testing, Army Personnel Test (APT), ROTC scholarships, budgeting/fiscal law, and personnel/automation systems.
5. Federal Technician and Army Guard Reserve (AGR) travel funds should be used.

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6. Additional information will be provided shortly.

7. The point of contact for this memorandum is Laura Greenfield at 703-607-9757 or laura.greenfield@us.army.mil.

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