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TO: STATE REFUGEE COORDINATORS
WILSON-FISH AGENCIES
VOLUNTARY AGENCIES
ORR GRANTEES
INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: Eskinder Negash
Director
Office of Refugee Resettlement

SUBJECT: Attendance at the 2011 Office of Refugee Resettlement Consultation

The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) will host the 2011 National Consultation this year on August 1 – 2, 2011, at the Omni Shoreham in Washington, D.C. The annual Consultation provides a forum in which the nation-wide network of refugee program stakeholders gathers, to engage in discussion and share ideas on issues of key concern to partners at every level of the program. ORR strongly encourages all partners—State Refugee Coordinators and Refugee Health Coordinators, voluntary agencies and mutual assistance associations, and refugees themselves—to attend and actively participate in these discussions.

Immediately following the consultation, ORR will host a working session for State Refugee Coordinators, Refugee Health Coordinators and individuals working in the Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM) programs and Microenterprise or Individual Development Account (IDA) programs. These meetings will be held on Wednesday, August 3, 2011 and Thursday, August 4, 2011, also at the Omni Shoreham in Washington, D. C. Please plan to participate in these sessions if your work is related to these program areas.

We thank you for the critical role you play in the Refugee Resettlement Program, and look forward to your participation in expanding the national dialogue on the refugee program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eskinder Negash".

Eskinder Negash
Director
Office of Refugee Resettlement