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NRCS & Georgia-Pacific to Host Minority Tree Planting Vendor Workshop on Nov. 7

HATTIESBURG – The Natural Resources Conservation Service and Georgia-Pacific will conduct a Minority Tree Planting Vendor Workshop designed to train potential vendors seeking the needed/necessary skills to be an effective tree planter starting this 2011/2012 tree planting season.

With the emphasis placed on reforestation and restoration of the longleaf ecosystem, the demand for well-trained vendors is becoming critical each planting season. This seasonal work could very well serve as a much-needed economic boost for rural communities and potential young workers seeking seasonal and part-time work.

“This minority workshop, which is open to anyone seeking the skill set, is designed to target and add minorities to each county tree planting vendors list throughout Mississippi,” NRCS Area Conservationist Wesley Kerr said. “Reforestation and growing trees are viable options in a profitable industry, and it is beneficial for the environment, too. We hope groups and individuals seeking such opportunities will take advantage of this free workshop. Seating will be limited and reserved on a first-come basis.”

The workshop will be held Nov. 7 at the Leaf River Cellulose mill in New Augusta. Pre-registration is required by Nov. 2 by calling (601) 296-1173, ext. 110. There is no cost for this training.

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