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Dear Mr. Brown:

The Northwest Extension District cordially invites you to the Biennial Extension Stakeholders Forum, which will be held on Thursday, February 14, 2008 at the Leon County Extension Office at 10:00 a.m. The purposes of the forum are to: 1) provide a networking opportunity for county and state administration and county partners, 2) showcase Extension educational programs in the district, and 3) provide an opportunity to say thanks to our stakeholders. Please find enclosed an agenda.

The increasing role of knowledge in the work place and lives of individuals is more critical now than ever before. Join Dr. Jimmy Cheek, University of Florida Senior Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources, Dr. Larry Arrington, Dean and Director University of Florida IFAS Extension, and Mr. Chris Holley, Executive Director Florida Association of Counties in learning more about Extension as a valuable resource for providing knowledge to citizens in your county. You will also learn the latest in IFAS research, how counties work together to deliver innovative programs, and aligning your county Extension program with your county goals. You will have an opportunity to view county Extension exhibits and network with fellow commissioners, county managers, county clerks, and Extension advisory committee members.

Refreshments and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP no later than January 18, 2008 by contacting Henry G. Grant at 875-7255. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Henry G. Grant
County Extension Director

- 10:00 a.m. *Registration, Refreshments and Conversation*
- 10:20 a.m. *Welcome and Overview*
Mr. Mike Donahoe - Santa Rosa County Extension Director
Mr. Ed Jowers - Jackson County Extension Director
Dr. Betty Miller - Leon County Extension Director
Dr. Pete Vergot, Northwest Extension District Director
- 10:40 a.m. *Partnering with Our Stakeholders*
Dr. Larry Arrington, Dean and Director
University of Florida IFAS Extension

Mr. Chris Holley, Executive Director
Florida Association of Counties
- 11:00 a.m. *IFAS Hot Topics*
Dr. Jimmy Cheek
Senior Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources
University of Florida IFAS

Dr. Laila A. Racevskis
Specialist, Food and Resource Economics Department
University of Florida IFAS
- 11:20 a.m. *Extension Focus: Aligning Goals*
Dr. Millie Ferrer, Associate Dean and Director
University of Florida IFAS Extension

Mr. Chris Holley, Executive Director
Florida Association of Counties
- 11:30 a.m. *Getting the Most from Your Extension Office*
Moderators – Drs. Arrington, Ferrer, Vergot
- 12:15 p.m. *Lunch*
- 1:00 p.m. *Adjourn*

Site Facilitators

Ed Jowers, CED Jackson County - Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Washington Counties
Dr. Betty Miller, CED Leon County - Jefferson, Gadsden, Franklin, Wakulla, Leon Counties
Mike Donahoe, CED Santa Rosa County - Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton Counties

Stakeholders Planning Committee

Dr. Marjorie Moore - Chair, Mr. Mike Donahoe, Mr. Scott Jackson,
Mr. Ed Jowers, Dr. Betty Miller, Mr. Bruce Ward