EXAMPLES OF ONE-STOP COLLABORATIONS BETWEEN 402 MSFW GRANTEES AND STATE RURAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS

A. In an effort to provide high-quality services to MSFWs in the One-Stop environment, some State One-Stop leads have developed ongoing relationships with representatives of the MSFW community.

In Kern County, California, the Section 402 offices established an electronic linkage to the One-Stop system and now serve as “satellite” One-Stop centers. The new partners established a core common intake system but the 402 retained its categorical status and outreach ability. The additional hardware was funded through Wagner-Peyser implementation funds.

In Wachula County, Florida, the Section 402 grantee established a migrant multi-service center four years ago and now maintains an office in the much expanded One-Stop with their well established partners from the Employment Service.

In Colorado, working from a two-year-old agreement with the State Employment Service, the Section 402 grantee actually created a series of rural One-Stops or “BEST career centers” tailored to meet MSFW needs including ESL, Internet job search and basic resume writing and using multi-source funding. Further, the remaining Section 402 grantees in very rural areas were connected to the One-Stop system by computer.

In Washington, the State Employment Security Department established an Agricultural Services Team to study the issue of ensuring that MSFWs and agricultural employers are included in the emerging One-Stop system and to make recommendations. The Team includes representatives from the section 402 program, the State and Regional Monitor Advocate offices and a cross section of One-Stop service providers.

In different cites around the country, Section 402 grantees are finding innovative ways to link up with the emerging workforce development systems and to make them accessible to MSFWs. One grantee is simply running a job center. Another has worked to create a JobNet in Spanish. Still another has facilitated the hiring of bilingual staff in the One-Stop.

B. State One-Stop leads have also established contact with the respective State Rural Development Council(SRDC). State Rural Development Councils have been established to develop strategic responses to the needs of rural areas of the states and can assist the One-Stop System serving MSFWs as well as other rural populations.

One SRDC became involved in the Workforce Development System process early on and distributed a rural resources directory to all of the regional councils.

Another brought together the original partners in a particular rural SEA. The Council continues to disseminate information to rural areas and to inform its own partners about the One-Stop system.

One SRDC conducted a program of educational outreach into the remote rural areas of the state to promote the new One-Stop system and cultivate partnerships in those areas.
Another SRDC added an Internet component to the One-Stop system in its state which provides additional information to businesses seeking to move jobs into rural areas.