



On behalf of the Users and Screeners – Federal Excess Personal Property, Inc., I am pleased and honored to invite you to attend the 28th Annual Users and Screeners Association Federal Excess Personal Property Workshop. This year's conference event will be hosted by North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC, May 14th – 16th, 2019.

Based on discussions of our membership at last year's conference business meeting, we are again offering a two-and-a-half-day conference, BUT please note that it will start on Tuesday this year to allow for Monday and Tuesday morning to be possible travel times. The hope is that this will allow for more flexible travel and potentially reduce the cost of attendance, while offering very useful information, interaction and face time with federal program personnel and other program users.

Registration will be the afternoon of Tuesday, May 14th, with our USA-FEPP business meeting and a professional development/engagement session following. Afterwards, our NCSU hosts have lined up an evening meal and networking session at a local, highly rated restaurant and bar. PLEASE NOTE, in the registration process you will be asked if you are interested in a 'New User Orientation' session. We have often had this on the first afternoon of the conference, but after several years of low attendance, we removed it for more useful sessions. If there is significant interest/need for it we are willing to make time for an orientation session on Tuesday evening. Wednesday morning, May 15th, the agenda starts with our opening and welcome session, then we will hear the latest program information from our USDA FEPP Program leaders, followed by GSA. After the sessions wrap up, our NCSU hosts have arranged for a fun evening outing including a Carolina style pig pickin' pork BBQ meal and more networking time at one of their local facilities. Thursday morning, May 16th we have discussions on screening of DoD sites and our university program presentations. After the morning sessions, we will board busses for lunch and the afternoon facilities tour of the NCSU farms. The latest copy of the full draft agenda, along with registration/hotel/travel information is included on the USA-FEPP website: www.usa-fepp.org.

The most important aspects of our conference are the level of professional development opportunities and personnel interaction/networking times which we make available. Whether its program establishment/management, digitizing inventories, administrative requirements, or developing contacts, you'll find many opportunities to have your questions answered during this meeting. The fact that this organization continues to exist after 28+ years, with different personnel, in pursuit of the same mission, is a testament to the value of the information we share and the leadership this organization continues to display.

In closing, I'd like to thank the association for allowing me to serve as President for the past several years and for many years to be a part of an organization that not only shares vast knowledge and experience, but has allowed many lasting friendships to be created. I would also like to thank the organization's leaders and officers, past and present for the extra dedication of time and effort that it takes to plan and provide for this conference throughout the year. As members, you are truly our greatest asset and we could not accomplish what we do without your participation and the support of your institution. We look forward to seeing you in North Carolina!

Garland Veasey, President, USA-FEPP