



NTP Agency Forums – A Great Place to Start



Each year at the NTP many agencies hold pre-conference meetings on the two days preceding the actual start of the NTP. Often, the agency calls together its FWPMs and others involved in diversity and civil rights issues from around the country and overseas to attend an agency meeting before the NTP. Agency issues, policies, and directives are discussed, program plans are formulated, and agency-specific training is often a part of these forums. As many agencies have employees who serve in collateral-duty assignments as FWPMs, EO Counselors, etc. new employees holding these positions are appointed each year.

Holding these meetings in conjunction with the NTP offers agencies a significant savings in travel funds. FEW offers meeting rooms, administrative services, on-site services, and advertising for the forum, which also help agencies plan and get the word out about the meeting. Often, this is the only time when headquarters and field staff get together to share information, meet others in the program, and make critical decisions on where their programs are going in the next year.

If you think your agency would be a good candidate to hold an agency pre-conference forum, please contact Anna Rosario, NTP 2003 Agency Forum Team Leader at 202-616-4809 or via email at agencyforums@fewntp.org for more information.

