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Dear Colleague:

The 2010 National TB Conference being held in Atlanta, GA, June 21-24, 2010, is an important forum that brings state, local, territorial, and other TB control professionals together with colleagues from the National TB Controllers Association (NTCA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to discuss a wide array of medical, technical, and programmatic TB issues.

The Division of TB Elimination (DTBE) considers this conference to be the most important conference of the year and requires representatives from all 68 TB Cooperative Agreement recipient sites to attend. DTBE specifically awards funds through the cooperative agreement to allow recipients to travel to this meeting. The funds are for transportation, lodging, and per diem for one or more persons, depending on the particular award.

Many of you have internal restrictions that prohibit out-of-jurisdiction travel, even to conferences such as this. The specific cooperative agreement funding you receive for travel cannot be used for any other activity in your program. You may run the risk of having DTBE redirect the money out of your subsequent awards if you do not use it for this purpose. We strongly urge each of you to allow your TB program staff to take advantage of the current funds available to you for this meeting and send a representative. Having complete participation by all of our constituents enhances the debate and strengthens the consensus when action steps are needed.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the use of CDC travel funds for the National TB Conference, please contact your Program Consultant. You may also contact Sherry Brown via email at smh6@cdc.gov.

Sincerely,

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