



Building  
Regional  
Partnerships  
through  
State Rural  
Development  
Councils:  
*A Policy Forum*



**Partners for Rural America  
Policy Conference  
March 8-10, 2010**

State Plaza Hotel  
2117 E Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20037  
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- PRA Member (\$125)     Non-Member (\$150)
- Attending entire conference (March 8-19)     Only March 9 (\$30)     Only March 10 (\$50)

\* Please make checks payable to Wyoming Community Network  
**Payment and registration due no later than Feb. 22, 2010**  
Send Registration Form and check to:  
Wyoming Community Network  
P.O. Box 21177  
Cheyenne, WY 82003

If any dietary or special needs are required, please contact Britta Fuller at  
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## Hotel Information

### State Plaza Hotel

2117 E. Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20037  
Phone: 202-833-6980, 800-424-2859  
Fax: 202-587-1354

Rooms have been blocked off for the nights of March 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10.  
*Limited availability March 6 & 7.*

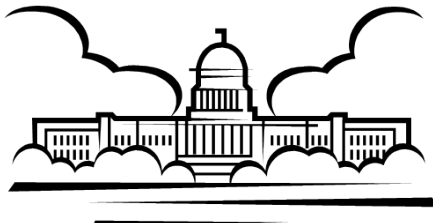
Room block is under:  
Partners for Rural America (#10238)

Rooms are \$179/night.

**Call to make your reservation  
no later than February 12, 2010.**

The hotel is located 3 blocks from the  
Foggy Bottom Metro Station.

For more information on the hotel go to  
[www.stateplaza.com](http://www.stateplaza.com)



## Conference Agenda

### Monday, March 8

5 p.m. **Welcome Reception, Diplomat Room**

7 p.m. **PRA Board Meeting, Diplomat Room**  
- SRDC Reauthorization  
- Nomination of PRA  
Board Members

### Tuesday, March 9

8-11 a.m. **History & Overview of NRDP/PRA,**  
*Diplomat Room*

*Continental Breakfast provided*

- Panel: Paul Costello, Mary Randolph, Steve McHenry  
*Will cover Cooperative Agreement, Farm Bill, Funding strategy*

**USDA-RD Partner Panel**

**Regional Summit Review**

**Review of Congressional Briefing Protocol**

2:30 p.m. **Congressional Briefing, 122 Cannon House Office Building**

*\*Dinner on your own\**

### Wednesday, March 10

7:30 a.m. **Breakfast Meeting, Diplomat Room**

- Opening Speaker  
- Awards: Ron Shaffer Award,  
PRA Rural Champion Award

**Break**

9:30 a.m. **Prospects, Possibilities for the Partnership  
Next Steps; Convenings; Rebuilding**

11 a.m. **Regional Breakouts, Diplomat Room**

Noon **Adjourn with Box Lunch**

## Cost of Attendance

PRA Members: \$125

Non-Members: \$150

March 9 only: \$30

March 10 only: \$50

**\*Limited number of scholarships  
available for PRA members.**

**Contact Mary Randolph  
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307-777-6430**

## Cannon House Office Building Location

Located on the corner of  
Independence, between New  
Jersey & 1<sup>st</sup> Street SE.

The room (122 CHOB) is  
located on the first floor.