

***THE RESULTS ARE IN!..... IT'S A WINNER –  
5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FSIS DIVERSITY CONFERENCE***

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As the FSIS 2003 Diversity Conference Coordinator, I thank each of you for making the conference a success and a WINNER! The Civil Rights Division (CRD) wanted all of FSIS to know who attended and some of the feelings and thoughts that were shared.

A total of 245 participants attended the conference. We received 115 conference evaluations. Of the 115 evaluations received, 90 (78%) of the participants were new attendees. Also noted from the conference evaluations was feedback from the following events/activities: opening ceremony, keynote speaker, workshops, discussion panel and the conference site. The evaluations showed 60 to 70 percent "excellent" ratings for the above-mentioned events and activities. You can view the conference evaluations ratings on the CRD website at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/om/CRD/divconf/index.htm>.

FSIS management considers diversity and its employees a priority!! As promised, senior management has responded to some of the parking lot items that were not addressed during the conference due to time. You can access the parking lot items and responses on the CRD website at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/om/CRD/divconf/index.htm>.

I, along with the entire CRD staff, personally received extremely positive comments regarding the conference. The conference was an overall success and we look forward to a banner event in 2004!