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SUBJECT: On-Farm Food Safety Train-the-Trainer workshop planned for January 2010 in Ottawa

Pending approval of funding from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC), the CHC is planning to hold a national On-Farm Food Safety (OFFS) Train-the-Trainer workshop in Ottawa this November.

The three-day course is tentatively scheduled for **January 20-22, 2010** in downtown Ottawa. Dates will be confirmed in late September.

Who should take this training course?

If received, project funding would enable CHC to offer the training without charging a registration fee to **25 potential trainers across Canada** (five from each region – Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies and BC). Participants would further their knowledge of the CHC OFFS requirements, and in turn use that knowledge to train growers and packers from across the country.

Registration, delivery of the three-day course by an expert trainer, course materials including a training demo kit valued over \$200 and daily refreshments are free for all participants.

What is the course about?

Participants are instructed on how to deliver an OFFS training session to producers and packers. They are also provided with a variety of training tools, including PowerPoint presentations, posters, pamphlets, handwashing demonstration items, etc. – all of which are designed to help the producer or packer work through the CHC OFFS Manuals.

The workshop is led by an industry consultant with experience in training.

The CHC has hosted two similar OFFS Train-the-Trainer sessions in recent years – Ottawa in 2007 and Longueuil, QC in 2008. Both sessions generated positive feedback from participants.

If you are interested in attending the 2010 Train-the-Trainer workshop, or know anyone who may be interested, please contact Katie MacKimmie at (613) 226-4880 Ext. 217 or kmackimmie@hortcouncil.ca.

Registration is on a first come, first served basis. If a region does not fill its allotted quota of five participants, interested participants from other regions will be considered.

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