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Mr. Henry Jennings, Director  
Maine Board of Pesticides Control  
28 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0028

Dear Mr. Jennings,

The Maine Migrant Health Program (MMHP) and Eastern Maine Development Corporation (EMDC) are pleased to inform the Board of a collaborative project plan to provide Worker Protection Standard (WPS) education to farmworkers during the 2011 agricultural season.

AmeriCorps funding has been made available to EMDC to support worker protection in 2011 (through the Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs). Nationwide this federal AmeriCorps program has helped train over a quarter of a million farmworkers and youth in pesticide safety.

2010 outcomes were achieved through bilingual outreach by MMHP to migrant camps and farms, as Spanish and Kreyol language proficiency has proven essential in serving the migrant worker population. In 2010, the MMHP/EMDC partnership had recruited 2 summer AmeriCorps members - one based in eastern Maine and one based primarily in Aroostook - who together served a total of 1,004 farmworkers. The following table breaks down, by service category, some notable outcomes completed by the two AmeriCorps members:

Pesticide Safety Trainings-Adults & Youth	326 total (296 adults, 30 youth)
Other trainings: environmental and health.	40
Other direct services (translation, transportation, food assistance, and other types of health/educational training	319
Partnerships with growers, farmworker service providers, and migrant health providers	57
Referrals to other health, education, and supportive services	393
Volunteers recruited	10



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In 2011, the Maine Migrant Health Program plans to resume pesticide safety outreach with EMDC, and at this time asks for the Board's consideration to again support this service important to growers and farmworkers in Maine by making a contribution. For 2011 the MMHP/EMDC partnership plans to again recruit 2 summer AmeriCorps members - one based in eastern Maine and one based primarily in Aroostook. In previous years, support from the Board has provided the cash match needed to operate the AmeriCorps program. The required 2011 AmeriCorps cost share is **\$2,474 (\$1,237 per 450-hour member)**. Our request is that the funding be made directly to EMDC.

Thank you for your past support and for consideration of this request. For more information regarding Eastern Maine Development Corporation or the AFOP AmeriCorps program, you may contact me by email ([chuh@emdc.org](mailto:chuh@emdc.org)) or phone (207-610-1521). We look forward to meeting with the Board at the April 1 meeting to further discuss this collaboration.

Best Regards,

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