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The COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE – UDC have been able to execute our hiring plans by bringing on board six new professional program staff, at least one for each program unit, to enable us to provide more educational opportunities to our District customers. Our recently hired staff has just completed their orientation training on Thursday, June 21, 2001, which is being followed up with team support and mentoring groups. This is an exciting time for us because this is the first time since our 1982-hiring freeze, that we have been able to bring new permanent staff on board.

On Wednesday, July 18, 2001 the COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE – UDC, in collaboration with our colleagues at the AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION- UDC, will hold our second annual “AES/CES Quality of Life Day” affair. This activity gives us an opportunity to invite our stakeholders and customers to come together with our staff, showcasing many of the educational services provided to and with our customers. Since we are uniquely located in the nations capital, our invited guests are our federal partners and Congressional representatives, as well as our District stakeholders, public and private and customers.

We currently have multi-state programming with the University of Maryland, Montgomery County Family and Consumer Sciences unit. We welcome and are seeking the expansion of multi-state efforts for FY 2002 with Maryland and any of our other northeast region states.

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