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STATUS REPORT ON NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF RIC

The national expansion of the Rural Information Center project in May met with an enthusiastic response from State Cooperative Extension Services. A total of 25 state cooperative extension directors, including six pilot states, have replied to RIC's invitation to join the project and to utilize RIC services.

RIC will be conducting three two day orientation sessions for the new coordinators. Some of the RIC coordinators are scheduled to participate in either the June 27-28, July 21-22, or the August 3-4 session.

RIC GRADUATE INTERN

Doug Anderson began his three month graduate internship with RIC in May. Doug is expecting to receive his Master of Library Science Degree in 1989



from Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Center for the Study of Rural Librarianship. He previously worked as a library volunteer at the Williamsfield Community Library in Ohio. Doug would like to obtain a position working in youth services in a rural public library.

RIC OUTREACH: PRESENTATIONS AND FACT SHEET DISTRIBUTION

*PRESENTATIONS

Patricia John, RIC Coordinator, delivered two presentations at the Information and Rural Economic Development Conference, Clarion, PA, May 4-6. The first speech addressed the activities of the Rural Information Center while the second focused on rural information needs. The conference was jointly sponsored by the Rural information Center, National Agricultural Library, and the Center for the Study of Rural

TWENTY FIVE STATES JOIN THE RIC PROJECT

Delaware and Nevada have not designated their RIC state coordinators. The current list of RIC coordinators include:

- Tony Nakazawa, Alaska
- Nancy Cole, Arizona
- Larry Dunn, Colorado
- Bo Beaulieu, Florida
- Rusty Brooks, Georgia (pilot)
- Jeri Marxman, Illinois (pilot)
- Eldon Fredericks, Indiana
- Dan Otto, Iowa (pilot)
- Nan Booth, Maryland
- John Sem, Minnesota
- Joe Schmidt, Mississippi
- Tom Henderson, Missouri (pilot)

- Bob Czerniak, New Mexico (pilot)
- Ron Anderson, North Dakota
- Mike Woods, Oklahoma
- Russ Youmans, Oregon
- George Smith, Tennessee
- Greg Taylor, Texas
- Dave Rodgers, Utah
- Betty Scannell and Barry Stryker, Vermont (pilot)
- Bland Franklin, Virginia
- Bob Dick, Wisconsin
- David Taylor, Wyoming

Librarianship, Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

***FACT SHEET DISTRIBUTION**

John Sem requested RIC fact sheets to distribute to all Minnesota Cooperative Extension staff. Mr. Sem is the newly designated RIC State Coordinator.

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF RIC USERS:

STATES, TERRITORIES, ETC. SUBMITTING HIGHEST REQUESTS		
	FY88 Total	May 1988
District	18%	14%
Illinois	7%	10%
New Mexico	4%	8%
Maryland	7%	5%
New York	4%	5%
Pennsylvania	4%	5%
California	2%	5%
Nebraska	2%	5%
All Others	52%	43%
Total No. of States, etc.	48	30

USERS: AFFILIATION BREAKDOWN		
	FY88 Total	May 1988
State and County Extension	44%	42%
University	9%	15%
USDA	12%	12%
Libraries	7%	10%
Community/Rural/Econ. Organizations	7%	6%
All Others	21%	15%

BREAKDOWN OF RURAL REVITALIZATION QUESTIONS		
	FY88 Average	May 1988
Economic Viability	57%	73%
Local Government Services	22%	17%
Quality of Life/Natural Resources	12%	5%
Leadership/Community Change	9%	5%