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## NRCS PARTICIPATES IN UTAH ETHNIC BUSINESS CONFERENCE

NRCS Utah was one of the sponsors and participants at the recent 3rd annual Multi-Ethnic Business Conference organized by the State Office of Ethnic Affairs and held at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center in West Valley City.



This year the conference focused on "green" business opportunities for minority business owners. NRCS State Conservationist Sylvia Gillen was a speaker on the Green Economy Panel and Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations in Area III, Barry Hamilton, was a speaker on the Green Plenary Panel. In the accompanying photo, Hamilton (right) is shown speaking with panelists from the Sierra Club and Westminster College's Center for Civic Engagement.

NRCS staffers Ron Francis and Marnie Wilson hosted an NRCS exhibit featuring diversity outreach work through the Utah Civil Rights Advisory Committee. During the luncheon, Albert C. Jones, founder of *The Diversity Times*, was recognized as Utah Ethnic Business Honoree.

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