



# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## **USDA official to speak at Albuquerque faith-based and community initiatives forum**

**WHAT:** USDA Under Secretary Eric M. Bost will speak about the agency's faith-based initiative at a gathering of approximately 100 representatives from faith- and community-based organizations in the Albuquerque area. The forum is hosted by USDA Food and Nutrition Service and the New Mexico Department of Human Services.

**WHO:** Eric M. Bost, Under Secretary, USDA Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services  
Pamela Hyde, J.D., Secretary, New Mexico Department of Human Services

*Mr. Bost will be available for interviews prior to the event.*

**WHEN:** Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2004  
8:30 a.m. - Media availability  
9 – 9:40 a.m. – Opening remarks and keynote address

**WHERE:** Sandia Church of the Nazarene  
2801 Louisiana Blvd., NE  
Albuquerque, NM

**WHY:** The goal of the forum is to educate partners – and potentially eligible recipients – about the benefits Food and Nutrition Services can offer. The topics of discussion will include the Summer Food Service Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, the Food Stamp Program, The Emergency Food Assistance Program and the special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children

The USDA and the New Mexico Departments of Health; Human Services; Education; Children, Youth and Families; and Aging and Long-Term Services, are taking a grassroots approach to educating the public about the many Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) available to them.

For more information about Food and Nutrition Services programs, go to: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/>.