

## **Partnership Series Quarterly Report**

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Hello Again! In our efforts to keep our friends and supporters informed on key Partnership Series events, we bring to you the second volume of our Quarterly Report. This volume is leaner and meaner—a fast read packed with significant accomplishments!

#### **Staff Changes**

Most significantly for the Partnership Series Team, San Bernardino National Forest Association (SBNFA, NTC's business partner) hired Mary Adelzadeh to serve as the volunteer course coordinator. Funding for this position comes from the Federal Interagency Team on Volunteerism (funding agencies so far include BLM, USFS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Natural Resources Conservation Service) with additional funding and support from BLM's Volunteer Program Adjunct Team. Mary brings a natural resources background, love of the outdoors and an already apparent dedication to the Partnership Series philosophy. Kris Assel replaces Kris Komar as our primary contact with SBNFA. Doug Adams no longer works primarily on the P-Series Team; the search for a replacement Instructional System Specialist is underway. We expect to complete the hire of a new assistant coordinator to work on the Alternative Funding and Art of Writing Grants courses by Feb. 1. Terri Weeding has focused her time primarily on Sales for the P-Series; a full time marketing coordinator is under consideration.

#### **Validation of Training**

In the month of June, we surveyed participants from six of the past Art of Writing Grant courses to determine if the training affected their ability to write successful grants. We were delighted to find that past participants have obtained more than **two million dollars** in grants after attending one of our classes. Furthermore, past participants noted that the partnering environment of the course was extremely useful and that the course offered a straightforward road map for finding funders and writing specific proposals.

#### **Volunteer Forum**

San Antonio, Texas was the setting for the Interagency Volunteer Forum (July 6-8) hosted by the Partnership Series. The Forum's objective was to bring volunteer staff people as well as volunteers from public land agencies and non-profits together to talk about the results of the P-Series Volunteer Needs Assessment as well as any other critical issues pertaining to Volunteers. The Forum was an important step in the training needs assessment process as well as for buy in to the process.

