General Information for the Day of the Conference

Arrival
The conference will be full. Please arrive early to ensure your seat and avoid long lines. The doors open at 7:30 a.m. There is no coat rack or closet available, so if weather permits, please do not bring a coat.

Entry into the Building
Extra efforts have been made to make entry into the building as smooth and quick as possible. However, bags will still need to go through the magnetometer and you will still need to pass through the metal detectors. Keep this in mind when deciding what to bring and when to arrive.

All attendees must have government badges and please enter the building through Wing 5. Do not enter through the Visitor’s Entrance (Wing 4).

Please do not enter through the main entrance (Wing 1) beside the Smithsonian Metro Stop (Independence Ave exit). This entrance is reserved for USDA employees only.

Lunch
Attendees are strongly encouraged to bring or purchase a lunch and eat in the USDA Cafeteria. If you do leave the building for lunch, please allow enough time to clear security.

Conference Materials
Session materials and speaker bios will be posted online as they become available. No hardcopies will be available at the conference. As the conference date approaches, check the conference webpage for the latest information and materials.

Special Needs
If you need accommodation for special needs, please contact Sony Brown at sony.brown@oig.usda.gov.