



# NAHERC Quarterly

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## NAHERC Member Returns from Deployment

### Dr. Michelle Schroeder Assisted with TB Testing in Oregon

Dr. Michelle Schroeder is a small animal practitioner in Oregon and a NAHERC member. When Dr. Don Herriott, the APHIS Area Veterinarian in Charge in Oregon, needed a NAHERC member, Dr. Schroeder volunteered. She accepted an in-state NAHERC deployment. Dr. Schroeder was the only NAHERC member among the 20 person team tasked to conduct Tuberculosis (TB) testing on about 24,000 dairy cows.



The team was allotted two weeks to complete this daunting task, but finished within a week. Dr. Schroeder credits the leadership of Dr. Don Hansen, Oregon State Veterinarian, Oregon Department of Agriculture, for the team's success.

Dr. Schroeder's role in the testing process was that of the "reader." She stood at the head of the cattle and scanned their tags as another member of the team injected the tuberculin into the caudal fold of the cow's tail. This role was good for Dr. Schroeder because she had "some trepidation about doing cattle work." Dr. Schroeder had little experience with cattle, but indicates the team made sure she was comfortable with what she was doing and taught her how to do the injections. She states the team also allowed her to palpate negative and suspect responders. According to Dr. Schroeder, this experience helped her brush up on her large animal skills. She now feels comfortable enough that if called again, she would be able to work either task required in TB testing not just "reader."



While this was Dr. Schroeder's first NAHERC deployment, she is no stranger to this concept. She has been a member of the Oregon Veterinary Emergency Response Team "pretty much since its inception." She is also part of several Animal Rescue groups in the countries of Namibia and Botswana. Dr. Herriott said, "I would gladly have Dr. Schroeder as part of an incident response team I was involved with putting together."

Dr. Schroeder is a graduate of a dual program between Oregon State University and Washington State University.

NAHERC staff would like to thank her for her participation in this deployment and the information she provided for this article!

**NATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE CORPS**

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# Online Training: Worth Your Time, at Your Convenience

What should I expect if I'm called to participate in an Animal Health Emergency?  
 What Personal Protective Equipment is appropriate for everyday veterinary practice?  
 What is the difference between Avian Influenza and Exotic Newcastle disease?  
 Where can I get some ICS training targeted at animal health responders?

NAHERC has an online training site that will help you answer these questions and others. You can get to the site by visiting the NAHERC website and clicking on the last link in the 'I Want To' column or directly via Iowa State:

<https://naherc.sws.iastate.edu/>.

The site is open to everyone interested in animal health emergencies. NAHERC members who complete a course, earn a certificate. USDA NAHERC staff automatically have a record of any training completed on this site. Additional courses will be available during the spring of 2011. So go on, get started learning!

## National Animal Health Emergency Response Corps Training Site



The site and the non-ICS courses were created by the Center for Food Security and Public Health at Iowa State University. Their experienced team of veterinarians, graphic designers and web developers have put together technically accurate, and easy to read material. You may also want to check out their extensive collection of technical fact sheets, brief general public fact sheets, PowerPoint's, and images on a variety of animal diseases (#1 link for "animal disease information" on Google). These are linked on the training site or available directly at: <http://www.cfsph.iastate.edu/DiseaseInfo>. They also have a handful of useful charts on zoonotic diseases, and high consequence livestock diseases (see the Reference Tables links on the training site) as well as lots of other material for animal health professionals. Valuable information, check it out!

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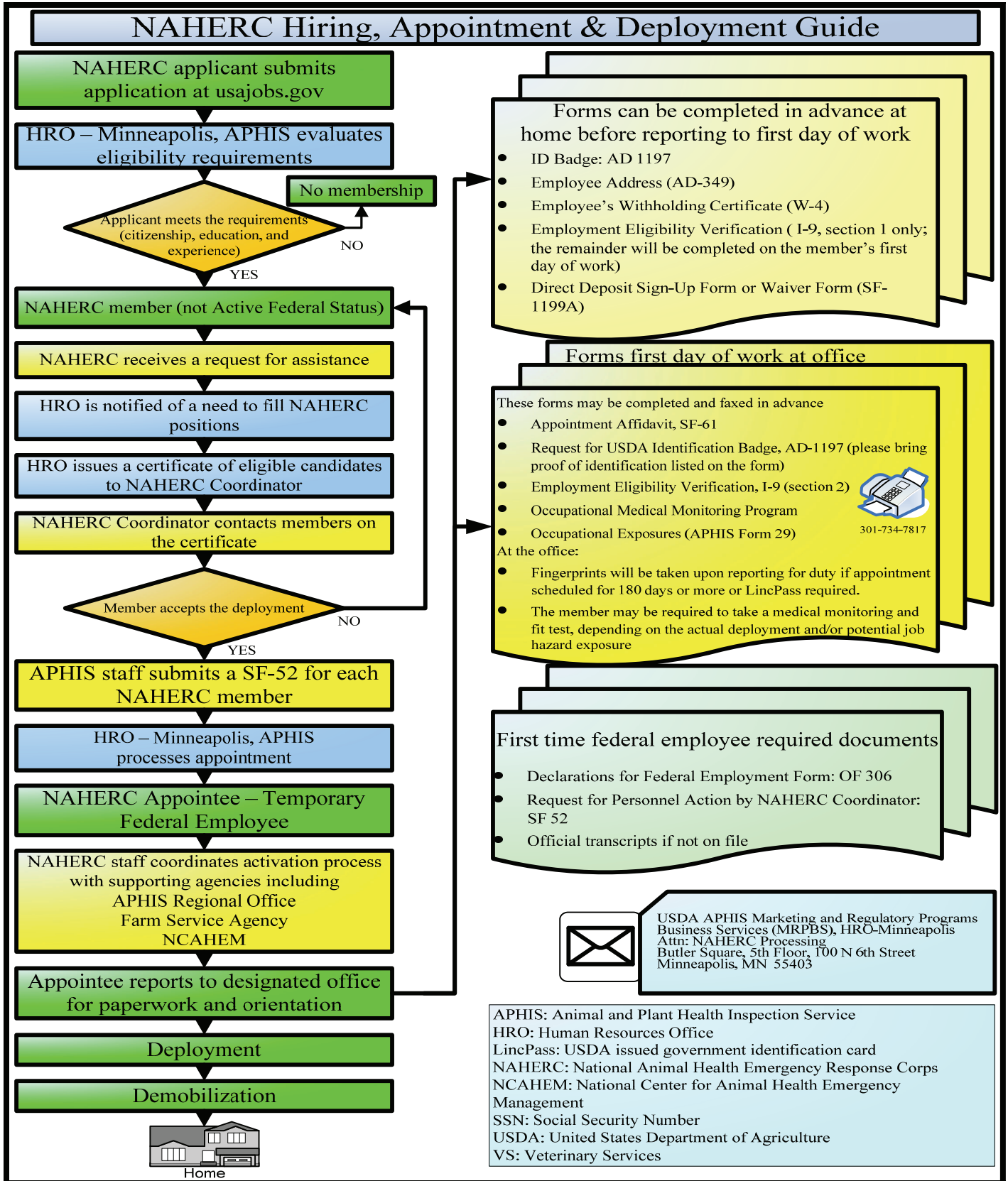
The NAHERC Staff would like to thank Dr. Flaming for his contribution to the NAHERC Quarterly and his ongoing work with providing our members online training. The courses offered by Iowa State are split into two categories. The first category, General Courses, includes Introduction to NAHERC, Personal Protective Equipment, and Avian Influenza & Exotic Newcastle Disease. The second category, ICS Courses, includes ICS 100: Incident Command System, ICS 200: ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents, and ICS 700: National Incident Management System (NIMS), Introduction.

## Comments or Questions?

Do you have any comments or questions about the newsletter or NAHERC in general? Is there something you want to see covered in the next issue? Please let us know! Send your comments, questions, or suggestions to [naherc@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:naherc@aphis.usda.gov) with "Newsletter" placed in the subject line.

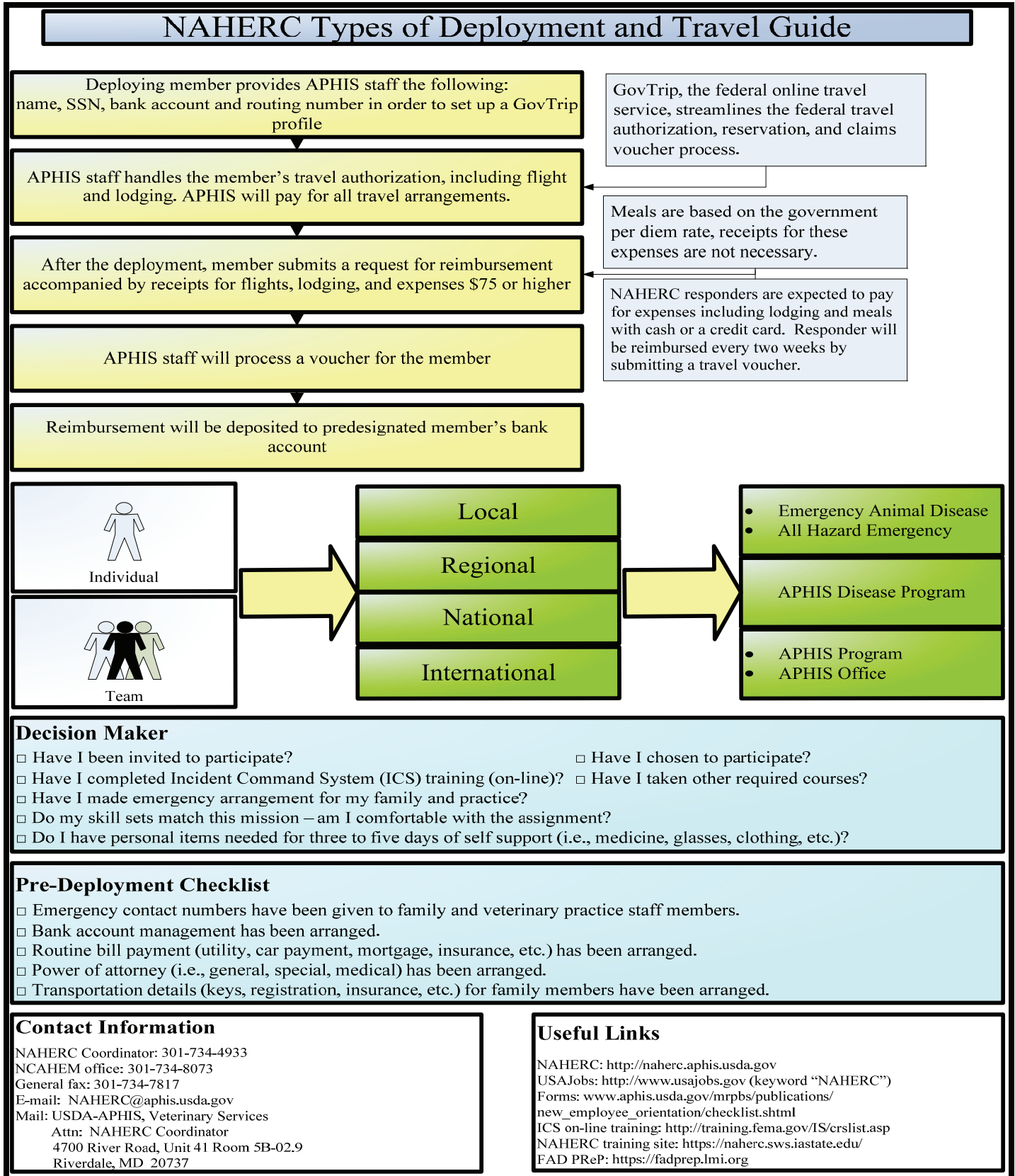
# NAHERC Deployment Guide

This is the NAHERC Deployment Guide. These charts outline what a NAHERC member can expect during the hiring process, activation and deployment.

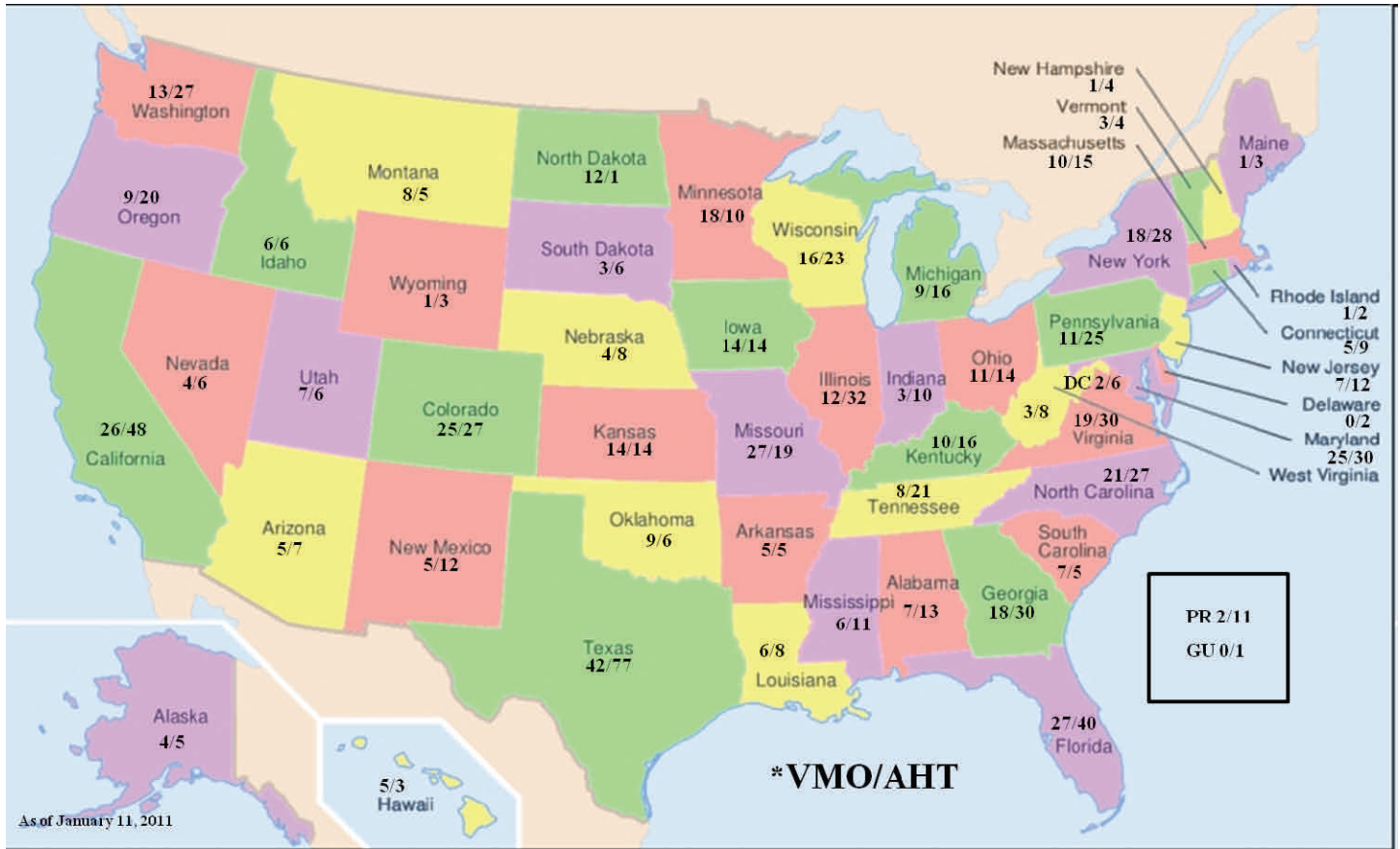


# NAHERC Deployment Guide

This section of the deployment guide covers deployment and travel arrangements. NAHERC members use the same process for travel as regular federal employees.



# NAHERC Strength as of December 2010



VMO	AHT	TOTAL	PA*
539	789	1328	323

\*Number of Members who have signed the Privacy Act Release Form

## NAHERC at the AAEP



The NAHERC Coordinator Thomas M. Cunningham and Analyst Daisy M. Witherspoon attended the American Association of Equine Practitioners Convention (AAEP) in Baltimore, MD. The event took place December 4th through the 8th.

During the convention Mr. Cunningham and Ms. Witherspoon had the pleasure of informing many veterinarians about the NAHERC program. This resulted in publicity and increased membership in NAHERC. A hot topic among the veterinarians at the convention was CEM and Taylorella equigenitalis and what role NAHERC could play if there was an outbreak.

According to the AAEP Meeting and Trade Show Coordinator, attendance was down from the previous show held in Las Vegas, however the 2010 show was the 8th largest in the AAEP's 56 year history with over 5,500 in attendance.

NAHERC staff would like to welcome new members and thank all members for volunteering and participating in the NAHERC.