2010 Rice Leadership Development Program Now Accepting Applications

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he Rice Foundation is accepting applications for the 2010 Leadership Development Program. Rice producers or industry-related professionals between the ages of 25 and 45 are eligible to apply for the Program. The application deadline is October 3.

The Rice Leadership Development Program provides a comprehensive understanding of the rice industry, with an emphasis on personal development and communication skills. During a two-year period, class members attend four one-week sessions designed to strengthen lead-

ership skills through studies of all aspects of the rice industry.

The class is comprised of five rice producers and two industry-related professionals chosen by a committee of agribusiness leaders. The committee evaluates the applications of all candidates, reviews letters of recommendation and conducts personal interviews with the finalists.

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