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DOE, HANFORD CONTRACTORS, SUPPLY SYSTEM, AND BOISE CASCADE TO RECOGNIZE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The U.S. Department of Energy, its Hanford Contractors, and the Washington Public Power Supply System are planning a commemoration breakfast in recognition of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It will be held at 7:45 a.m. at the Hanford House in Richland on Friday, January 12, 1996.

The theme for this year's program is "Passing the Torch, Igniting the Vision of a New Generation." The program is open to the public and tickets are \$9.00 apiece. Tickets may be purchased at Food Pavilion in Pasco and at all Albertson's stores in the Tri-Cities.

John D. Wagoner, Manager of RL, said, "This year marks the twelfth observance of the national holiday in honor of Dr. King. We are pleased to recognize him for his leadership in raising the nation's consciousness of racial equality and promoting equal opportunity for all Americans."

The keynote speaker for the program is Dr. Joseph E. Lowery. Dr. Lowery is the President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and Chairman of the National Black Leadership Forum. In these prestigious positions, he works to foster racial harmony and unity in the United States and South Africa.

Dr. Lowery joined Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and others to establish the SCLC. He served as a Vice-President from 1957-1967, and was subsequently elected President of the SCLC. He has led numerous marches to protest discrimination and encourage passage of the Voting Rights Act. Dr. Lowery was a pioneer in criticizing U.S. businesses that did business in South Africa during its days of apartheid.

Dr. Lowery has meet with several of South Africa's political and business leaders to offer advice on how to effectively desegregate the nation. He has also conducted human relations workshops for former members of the Ku Klux Klan. In 1990, Lowery conducted a seminar on African-Americans and the image of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with then Director William Sessions and 50 of his top officials. Dr. Lowery's efforts helped to improve that agency's personnel policies.

Lynn Marzette, RL's Black Employment Program Manager, said, "We are looking forward to having one of the best programs ever, and we welcome community participation."

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