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DATE

SESSION

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

7:30 Registration

9:00 Opening Plenary Session

(Combined with Federal Student Aid Conference)

10:00 Break

10:30

A - Department of Education

Title VI of HEA and Fulbright-Hays Grants /National Security Language Initiative

This session will focus on the international education and foreign language programs authorized under Title VI of the Higher Education Act and the Fulbright-Hays Act. The speaker will highlight the international programs that could assist TCUs in developing and enhancing their international education and foreign language programs. The session will include a briefing on the President's National Security Language Initiative.

Department of Commerce-National Institutes of Standards and Technology Overview and Opportunities

Overview of NIST's major programs, the impact of the ACI, and opportunities for increased involvement of the TCUs.

B – USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service

Tapping into the USDA Technical Service Provider Initiative Opportunities

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Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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The session will provide an overview of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAAct), as it relates to establishing outreach partnership programs with Institutions of Higher Education. Representatives will discuss NRC's Minority Serving Institutions Program (MSIP); the Grants Program geared towards Institutions of Higher Education; a host of other NRC recruitment and outreach programs and initiatives; and NRC-wide contracting opportunities. The session will provide information regarding the types of services and financial assistance provided to TCUs and affiliate organizations.

C – Department of Education

Carl Perkins Reauthorization

The session will provide an overview on the major changes in the newly reauthorized Perkins IV legislation that may be relevant to Native American education initiatives. Additionally, the objectives of the session will help to facilitate an understanding of the career and technical education goals that are relevant to the grants administered under Sections 115, 116, and 117 of Perkins IV.

D – Department of Homeland Security

Grants, Cooperative Agreements and Other Types of Assistance

DHS will provide the types of assistance awards available to non-Federal entities and the process in which to obtain them.

12:00 Lunch

1:30

E – Department of Defense – Army Research

Centers of Excellence

This session will discuss opportunities for the colleges to become involved in research opportunities with faculty and staff and offer discussion on Battlefield Centers of Excellence.

National Endowment of the Humanities

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G – Department of Education Update on Title III Programs

Discussion on the application process and key changes to the application process.

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H – National Science Foundation

STEM Education Grant Opportunities

This session will describe the STEM Educational Programs in the National Science Foundation's Education and Human Resources Directorate, including the new ACI program.

Department of Energy

Working with Dept. of Energy Workforce Development Programs: Becoming Competitive

Discussion of current science education and workforce development programs and opportunities from recent and pending legislation.

3:00 Break

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**Listening Session on Academic Competitiveness Grants and
National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (SMART) Grants**

The session is intended to give the tribal college community the opportunity to respond to the Department of Education's implementation of the ACG and National SMART Grant programs. These programs, authorized by Congress in the Higher Education Reconciliation Act of 2005, had to be implemented under extraordinarily tight deadlines. This has imposed unanticipated burdens on institutions. This session will give participants an opportunity to express their issues and concerns in implementing these new programs.

12:30 Closing Remarks

Submission of Evaluation Forms