



**WHITE HOUSE INITIATIVE ON
TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

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Greetings and welcome!

It is my sincere pleasure to welcome you to the American Competitiveness Initiative Technical Service Workshop, *Strengthening Math and Science Education*. For over a decade, the White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities (WHITCU) has worked to insure that the nation's Tribal Colleges and Universities are fully recognized and have unfettered access to federal programs benefiting higher education. We understand and recognize the fact that Tribal Colleges and Universities are both integral and essential to their communities. It is in this spirit of education and collaboration that WHITCU is pleased to offer this event.

All Americans deserve the opportunity for an excellent education. In keeping with the Tribal Colleges and Universities tradition of offering high quality education to thousands of students, as well as providing much needed job training and other means of economic development in Indian Country, we welcome your participation. We hope the exchange of ideas and opportunities serves to strengthen the capacity of each institution.

We seek discussion on new federal resources available through the American Competitiveness Initiative. Several presenters will discuss ongoing program opportunities that you might wish to consider applying for as your institution strengthens its capabilities. This workshop can support your specific goals and efforts to seek new funding opportunities, clarify concerns, and offer the presenters time to hear from you—their constituents—on the ways to help their programs meet your students' needs. Strong, positive interaction can ultimately assist in long-term development and strengthen institutional viability at each of your colleges.

Please let us know what we can do to help fulfill your goals for attending this conference.

Sincerely,

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