

NHEC Minority Youth Environmental Training Institute

Executive Summary

The purpose for this proposal is for National Hispanic Environmental Council (NHEC) to conduct its 8th Annual Minority Youth Environmental Training Institute in September 2009 in northern New Mexico. The program is an intensive, science based, residential and highly educational program for 8 days. Using classroom and outdoor settings, the institute is helping to create environmental leaders of tomorrow by introducing, educating, and inspiring youth, especially Latinos and other minorities, to a range of environmental, natural resource and energy topics.

NHEC seeks to educate, empower, and engage our community on environmental and sustainable development issues; encourage Latinos to actively work to preserve and protect our environment; provide a national advocacy and policy voice for Latinos before federal, state, and non-profit environmental decision makers; and actively assist Latinos to pursue the many career, educational, and policy opportunities in the environmental, natural resources, and energy field.

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