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NRC TO CO-SPONSOR CONFERENCE FOR MINORITY SERVING INSTITUTIONS SEPT. 21-24 IN DALLAS, TEXAS

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has teamed with other federal agencies to co-sponsor the *2009 Minority Serving Institutions Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Conference* Sept. 21-24 in Dallas, Texas. The conference will provide information about various federal assistance programs to help minority serving institutions expand their participation in the federal sector.

As part of the conference, the NRC will conduct agency-specific workshops on September 24. These special sessions will provide information on how to apply for the NRC's competitive and non-competitive grants, compliance with civil rights statutes and NRC regulations, as well as an in-depth look at the agency's minority serving institutions program. In addition, during the NRC workshop, the Department of Energy (DOE) will present information on their university programs, which include the availability of integrated university program funds. These funds are coordinated and awarded through the NRC, DOE and the National Nuclear Security Administration to support multi-year research projects that are critical to maintaining nuclear engineering and science.

NRC staff as well as executive leaders from the White House Initiatives for Hispanic Serving Institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and Tribal Colleges and Universities will be giving special workshop presentations throughout the conference.

The *Minority Serving Institutions Technical Assistance Workshop* will be held at the InterContinental Hotel-Dallas, 15201 Dallas Parkway, Addison, Texas. Detailed workshop information and registration forms are available on the Minority Serving Institutions-Community of Partners Web site at www.msi-copc.org. There is no cost to attend, but participants are asked to register in advance by contacting John Rosenthal by email at jrosenthal@msn.com or by phone at (202) 508-3894 or (703) 624-2257.

Hotel registration can be made by phone (972) 386-6000, Fax: (972) 991-6937 or through the hotel Web site at www.InterContinental.com. Please reference the minority serving institutions conference.

To learn more about the NRC-specific workshops please contact Carol Walls by email at Carol.Walls@nrc.gov by phone at (301) 415-4086. For more information on NRC programs visit the agency Web site at www.nrc.gov.

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