



White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities

US Dept of Energy Small Business Conference

**Ronald E. Blakely
Associate Director
202-453-5622 (Office)
Ron.Blakely@ED.Gov**



WHI-HBCU Leadership



- **Executive Order - 13532 (February 26, 2010 Promoting Excellence, Innovation, and Sustainability at HBCUs**
- **President's Board of Advisors/HBCU**
- **Executive Director/WHI-HBCU**
- **Presidents/Chancellors**
- **Federal Agency Representatives and Liaisons**
- **HBCU Sponsored Program Officers**
- **Contracting & Grants Officers**



WHI-HBCU

Organization Structure

- **WHI Staffing: 8 Positions**
 - **2 Political Appointees**
 - **6 Civilian Employees**
- **32 Federal Departments and Agencies**
- **Designated HBCU and SB Representatives**
- **Annual HBCU Conference in September (September 19-20, 2011) and Technical Assistance Conference March-April 2012 (TBD)**



WHI-HBCU

Program Operations

- **HBCU Executive Order 13532**
 - **Agency Reports (electronic)**
 - **Agency plans (2 years)**
- **Senior Agency Representatives**
 - **Identify opportunities**
 - **Coordinate plans across activities**
 - **Develop HBCU Public-Private Partnerships**



WHI-HBCU

Federal Agency Funding

- **HBCU Reports**

- **FY06 and FY07 online; FY08 and FY09 in clearance, released date August 2011**
- **FY 10 data recently submitted to WHI-HBCU**

- **HBCU Funders**

HHS
NASA

Energy
Commerce

NSF
Agriculture

DHS
HUD

DOD
Labor



WHI-HBCU

Program Initiatives

- **FY2011 budget reductions**
- **HBCU website major revisions –more interactive**
- **Increased use of data in decision making**
- **Social media comes to HBCU world**
- **HBCU academic strengths and challenges**
- **Foundations and Alumni giving**



Public and Private Sector Initiatives

- **Science and Technology Programs**
- **STEM Programs**
- **1890 Land Grant institutions**
- **Collaborations with foundations and educational associations.**
- **New focus on Homeland Security and Health and Human and Human Services**