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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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(U) White House Initiative on HBCU (U) (MCMR-AAU).

The USAMRMC Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP) Associate Director and Deputy Director attended and participated in the subject event which was held in Washington D.C. 7-9 September 2008.

The White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities is an annual event sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education. USAMRMC has participated in this event every year since 2003, along with representatives from Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs. Essentially, participation and representation by USAMRMC enables the command to provide additional outreach to HBCUs and other members of academia seeking collaborative efforts and contract/grant opportunities. There are 105 HBCUs of which approximately 56 have been identified as having a significant or moderate medical research and allied health science programs.

Although an increased number of these HBCUs have been awarded grants and contracts through USAMRMC through the last 7 years, additional emphasis is needed to educate command representatives regarding the untapped talent and capabilities within these superior schools of higher education.

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