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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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(U) State of Maryland Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) (U) (MCMR-AAU)

The Associate Director, Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (ADSADBU) orchestrated the inaugural State of Maryland Historically Black Colleges and Universities/Minority Institutions (HBCU/MI) Meeting which was held 24 September 2003 at Headquarters, US Army Medical Research and Materiel Command. State of Maryland HBCU/MI Presidents, several of their Deans and University Officials attended this one-day event. The USAMRMC Commanding General provided the captive audience opening remarks and during the afternoon, discussed the importance of HBCU/MI being familiar USAMRMC mission and encouraged them to actively participating in competing for appropriate contracts, grants and cooperative agreements.

After receiving an informative USAMRMC overview by USAMRMC's Public Affairs Officer, each of the State of Maryland HBCU/MI Presidents or their representatives provided a capability orientation regarding their respective schools. The afternoon agenda allowed for the following presentations: Associate Director, Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization; Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs; Telemedicine and Advanced Technology Research Center; Research and Development and Detrick Center for Training and Education Excellence. All briefings were favorably received by the attendees and reinforced the significance of strengthening collaborations between State of Maryland HBCU/MI and USAMRMC.

This particular meeting underscores the on-going USAMRMC outreach efforts designed to increase HBCU/MI participation in the procurement process while exploring other partnership opportunities such as internships, mentoring and other ventures that will capitalize on the rich talents from within HBCU/MI and USAMRMC.

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