



AMERICAN INDIAN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING SOCIETY  
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COUNCIL

AISES-GRC Washington, D.C.

September 21, 2006 Meeting Summary: Partnering with other Federal Agencies

(Washington, D.C.) -- The Government Relations Council (GRC) of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society, established in 1984, is comprised of government employees throughout the United States. The GRC works to establish working relationships between AISES and government agencies. In order to increase the representation of American Indian and Alaska Native students in the science and engineering and related fields, GRC's purpose is to identify government resources, develop strategies, and promote government careers.

GRC sponsored a meeting on September 21, 2006 in Washington, D.C. at the Paul D. Coverdell Peace Corps Headquarters and hosted by the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC). GRC envisioned this meeting as a great way to revitalize the GRC within the Federal family, especially those in agencies not presently involved with American Indian/Alaska Native communities. The President's Management Agenda states that "agencies will build, sustain, and effectively deploy the skilled, knowledgeable, diverse, and high performing workforce needed to meet the current and emerging needs of government and its citizens."

The meeting was an extraordinary success with 51 attendees from many Federal families listed below. It is anticipated that as a direct result of this meeting there will be more participation in AISES and other national American Indian/Alaska Native initiatives by closer partnering with other Federal agencies and to increase American Indian/Alaska Native student scholarships, internships, career fairs, and other student support activities and to maximize Federal resources.

American Association for the Advancement of Science  
Bureau of Indian Education  
    Division of Planning Central Office  
CIA Directorate of Science & Technology  
Department of Agriculture  
    Agricultural Research  
    APHIS, PPQ, PHP  
    Food & Safety Inspection Service  
    Forest Service  
    CSREES  
    Rural Development  
    National Resource Conservation Service  
    Office of the Assistant Secretary of Civil Rights  
    FSIS  
Department of Commerce  
    NOAA  
Department of Energy  
    Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy  
Department of Health & Human Service  
    Office of Minority Health  
Department of Homeland Security  
    Federal Law Enforcement Training Center  
Department of Interior  
    Bureau of Reclamation, Native American Affairs Office

Geological Survey  
Department of Labor  
Department of State  
Office of Civil Rights  
Department of Treasury  
OCC  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Strategic Recruitment & Outreach  
Treasury  
Federal Aviation Administration  
Federal Reserve Board  
Analysis & Communication  
Intergovernmental Affairs  
Indian Health Service  
HQE  
DPER/OPHS  
National Science Foundation  
NASA Goddard Space Flight Center  
Cryospheric Science Branch  
GSFC Office of Higher Education  
National Science Foundation  
NOAA, National Weather Service  
Office of Equal Opportunity & Diversity Management  
Peace Corps Headquarters  
Office of Diversity Recruitment  
Veterans Affairs  
White House Initiatives Tribal College & Universities

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