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THE QEM NETWORK OFFERS MINORITY SERVING INSTITUTIONS NASA PROPOSAL PREP SESSIONS

(WASHINGTON, DC) The QEM Network, in partnership with Bowie State University, just wrapped up a two-day National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Proposal Development Workshop for Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) designed to assist them with developing a competitive edge in securing funding for projects that focus on the disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). The NASA MUREP Sustainability and Innovation Collaborative (MUSIC) sessions took place at Bowie State University on June 17th and 18th in the Wiseman Ballroom of the Bowie State Student Center.

“The sessions were really about capacity-building, opening doors so these institutions can access the wealth of research opportunities available through agencies like NASA and others that engage in research and scientific exploration,” said Ivory A. Toldson, QEM’s president and CEO. “By interacting with STEM educators at these Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs), we are able to focus on broadening their participation in NASA’s STEM Initiatives” he added. This QEM-Bowie NASA MUSIC Proposal Development Workshop was designed to strengthen the ability of MSIs to compete for federal resources to perform STEM related research.
The Workshop was designed to elevate the quality of STEM research, and enhance institutional partnerships among MSIs, allowing them to better build collaborations with stakeholders that may result in the MSIs acquiring greater leverage to contribute to national STEM education and research efforts. QEM, under NASA’s MUSIC Award, supported faculty from MSIs across the United States in the sessions at Bowie State University. Those who were selected to participate were contacted by QEM staff, who made travel and lodging arrangements for them, and covered the associated meal and ground transportation expenses in accordance with QEM policies and NASA guidelines.

Through the NASA MUREP Sustainability and Innovation Collaborative (MUSIC), the QEM Network continues to advance its mission of enhancing the STEM capacity of MSIs, through resource and opportunity sharing with peers, and industry or agency partners.

The following is a list of colleges and universities that have staff members participating in the sessions: Fayetteville State University, Virginia State University, Florida A&M University, Tuskegee University, University of Texas El Paso, Alabama A&M University, Bethune-Cookman University, Tougaloo College, Elizabeth City State University, Dillard University, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Hampton University, Virginia State University, Benedict College, California State University Fullerton, Morehouse College, Morgan State University, Winston-Salem State University, North Carolina A&T State University, Lincoln University, Bethune-Cookman University, Central State University, Morgan State University, Howard University; University of the District of Columbia, California State University Fresno, Johnson C. Smith University, The University of Texas at El Paso, Johnson C. Smith University, South Texas College, Grambling State University, University of North Texas at Dallas, Mississippi Valley State University, and Winston Salem State University. For further details email qemnetwork@qem.org or call (202) 659-1818.

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