

## **FY 2000 National Partnerships and Outreach Initiatives**

The funds listed below are for approved partnerships and outreach activities that address issues in the USDA Civil Rights Action Team Report, the Forest Service's Toward a Multicultural Organization Report and the Civil Rights Assessment Reports and Plans. The partnerships focus on outreach efforts with colleges, universities, federal agencies, diverse organizations and other educational consortiums.

### **Region 8: \$115,000**

The funds support the partnerships and outreach activities with: 1) capacity building at Tuskegee University through the Forest Resources Program (\$25,000), the FY 1999 Professional Agricultural Workers Conference (\$20,000-pre/post conference workshop efforts, publications and awards), and the FY 1999 Farmers Conference (\$5,000 for publications, awards, workshops); 2) Southern University, Baton Rouge through the Urban Forestry Program (\$65,000 for program operations, publications & awards).

### **SRS: \$650,000**

The funds are for the following purposes: 1) To support the Alabama A&M University Center of Excellence components --\$300,000 (research: \$250,000 and institutional resources support: \$50,000); 2) To support Florida A&M University research initiative (\$250,000); and 3) To support research scientist assigned to Tuskegee University (\$100,000).

### **NC: \$225,000**

The funds support a research scientist at Lincoln University.

### **FPL: \$75,000**

The funds support an educational/research partnership with Clark Atlanta University and the Institute for Paper Science and Technology.

### **WO/Wildlife & Fish: \$110,000**

These funds support the Lincoln University Center of Excellence in partnership with APHIS/FSA/NRCS. (Note: Funding (\$150,000) also included in the W.O. external category for Lincoln University Liaison, Della Streaty-Wilhoit at the Center of Excellence).

### **WO/CR - American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC): \$100,000**

AIHEC, is made up of 32 Tribally-owned colleges, most of which are situated on reservations throughout the western United States. The Forest Service has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Consortium to provide capacity building funds to 15 of the colleges to enhance the natural resource programs. In return, the colleges prepare students to work for the FS as seasonal and permanent employees, thus helping the Agency meet multicultural organization goals. The Forest Service supports the capacity building grants program established for the Tribal Community Colleges.

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### **WO/CR - Central California Consortium (CCC): \$200,000**

This longterm outreach and recruitment initiative incorporates the entire educational system from K-12, community colleges, universities, and the community. This effort provides awareness and hands-on opportunities to urban/rural Hispanic youth in natural resources, environmental issues, and care of the land. The initiative provides for education on the Forest Service's Natural Resource Agenda and the management/use of forest lands and programs. This proposal directly supports the Secretary's USDA HACU/HSI Liaison Initiative.

### **WO/CR - Hispanic American Colleges and Universities (HACU): \$300,000**

This initiative focuses on partnerships and outreach activities for Hispanic Americans. The HACU National Internship Program recruits high achieving (GPA 3.0 plus) hispanic students from Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI) and Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) for internships with the Forest Service. Develop research capabilities at Hispanic Serving Institutions through the Hispanic Association that represents the Institutions. Supports partnerships with HSI's/HACU Institutions in Regions 2, 8 and 9 to focus attention on the development of programs that conduct outreach and communicate the Forest Service's Natural Resource Agenda to Hispanics.

### **WO/CR - Partnerships and Outreach: \$435,000**

Conduct outreach at annual conferences sponsored by partners/organizations that serve minority communities in cooperation with colleges, universities, and other federal agencies. Partnerships include the following: Black Colleges and Universities Comprehensive Program (BCUCP); National Society for Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences (MANRRS); the College Fund; National Higher Education Minority Student Retention Conference; MINFORS Symposium; National Hispanic Environmental Council, National HACU International Conference on Natural Resources and Cultural Heritage; National Hispanic Professional Organization; National Hispanic Radio; Association of Higher Education and Disabilities, National Association of State Universities; Bureau of Land Management; and Natural Resource Conservation Service.

### **WO/CR - Southern Urban Forestry (new): \$120,000**

**Total National Partnership and Outreach Initiatives: \$2,330,000**