



Army Materiel Command Sets Up Special Web Site

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ALEXANDRIA, Va., — The U.S. Army Materiel Command has developed a Web site to provide Historically Black Colleges and Universities/Minority Institutions' customers information about business and educational opportunities in AMC and the U.S. Army. The site will also provide AMC technology and information managers with HBCU/MI capabilities.

Specifically, the home page links to other Army and Department of Defense business opportunities, fellowships, grants, other agreements and special programs designed to increase HBCU/MI participation in AMC procurements. AMC, whose mission is to equip and sustain the total force of Active, Guard and Reserve soldiers, actively supports programs to assist HBCU/MI.

Laws have been enacted by Congress to provide support for HBCU/MI, including Tribal Colleges and Hispanic Institutions. These laws are prescribed in the U.S. Code for government departments. Additionally, White House Executive Order #12928, Sept. 16, 1994, requires that federal personnel commit to the letter and spirit of all laws promoting participation of HBCU/MI in federal procurement.

To develop, buy, and maintain materiel for the Army, AMC works closely with industry as well as colleges and universities to ensure that state-of-the-art technology is integrated for the defense of the nation.

"The HBCU/MI program is very important and contributes to the AMC mission," John Byers, Chief, AMC Technology Application and Laboratory Management Division, said. "The purpose of our Web site is to provide a forum for Army technology and acquisition managers to interact with representatives from Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Institutions," he said. "The site also gives these institutions information about the kinds of U.S. Army business opportunities, fellowships, and grants that are available to them."

The U.S. Army Materiel Command has a longstanding history partnering with HBCU/MI. The Small and Disadvantaged Business Offices throughout AMC Major Subordinate Commands can provide information about contracting procedures and educational opportunities.

For more information, visit the AMC HBCU/MI Web site at http://www2.brtrc.com/amc/hbcu_mi/.

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