

Date: December 17, 2003
To: Federal Executive Board Members
From: Special Emphasis Chair—Roy Pierce
Re: Black Employment Program Council Annual Training And Awards Seminar

The Greater St. Louis Black Employment Program Council invites you and your staff to attend the Sixteenth Annual Training and Awards Seminar. The seminar is Friday, February 20, 2004, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 11228 Lone Eagle Drive, Bridgeton, Missouri.

May 2004 marks the 50th anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court decision, “Brown v. Board of Education”. The program will capture the theme of the critical role education plays in government careers. Ms. LaTonya Miller, Public Affairs, Brown v. Board of Education Park Site, will be the keynote speaker. In addition to Ms. Miller’s remarks, the program will feature a workshop with speakers from area universities. The panelists will focus on the wealth of educational opportunities available to the local federal community.

The program will also highlight the ongoing discussion of Human Capital issues. Judy Bartnick, US Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Agency, and Debra Ivy, Department of Air Force, will provide insights on how the federal workforce is impacted by competitive sourcing. Valerie Patton, Executive Director, of Diversity Business Initiatives, will outline programs in the private sector to increase diversity of the St. Louis area workforce.

The registration fee is \$30 per participant, lunch included. Registrations will be accepted in the order received, up to the capacity of the facility, until the deadline, **Wednesday, February 11, 2004**. Agencies may submit a purchase order, a Standard form 182/DD Form 1556, or a VISA/MasterCard number. Participants may submit either a check or money order. (Checks returned for insufficient funds will be charged the amount of the check and the financial institution’s applicable fees.) A copy of the registration form must accompany all payments to the Council’s address as stated on the registration form.

If you require additional assistance, please contact Ms. Renee’ Richardson, 2004 Program Seminar Chairperson, at 314-260-0047, or Ms. Christine Wilder, Council President, at 314-335-8610. You may also visit the website: <http://www.stlouis.feb.gov>.

Enclosures

GREATER ST. LOUIS FEDERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD
BLACK EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM COUNCIL
SIXTEENTH ANNUAL TRAINING AND AWARDS SEMINAR

Friday - February 20, 2004
Crowne Plaza Hotel

AGENDA

50TH ANNIVERSARY "BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION"

7:00 – 8:00		REGISTRATION
8:00 – 8:30		WELCOME ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS REMARKS –CHAIR FEDERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESENTATION OF COLORS NATIONAL ANTHEM LIFT EV'RY VOICE AND SING
8:30 – 10:00		WORKSHOPS I & II
10:00 – 10:15	BREAK	
10:15 – 11:45		WORKSHOPS I & II
11:45 – 12:00	BREAK	
12:00 - 1:00		BUFFET LUNCH
1:00 – 2:00		COMMUNITY OUTREACH SPEAKER GUEST SOLOIST KEYNOTE SPEAKER
2:00 – 3:30		AWARDS PRESENTATION CLOSING REMARKS

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP I

Educational Opportunities Available to Government Employees

SPEAKERS: Representatives from Harris Stowe State College, Webster University, and the Graduate School, USDA

DESCRIPTION: This workshop will provide you with knowledge and information about the various educational opportunities available to government employees, provide handouts, and entertain questions from the audience.

WORKSHOP II

Federal Workforce Issues: Competitive Sourcing and A-76 Plans

SPEAKERS: Judy Bartnick - Resource Manager, US Department of Agriculture Rural Development Agency, Centralized Service Center, and Debra Ivy – Chief of Personnel, Scott AFB

DESCRIPTION: Competitive Sourcing is one of the five major issues in the President's Management Agenda. A number of federal agencies represented on the Greater St. Louis Federal Executive Board are currently restructuring either through the competitive sourcing process or the long term Department of Defense A-76 process. Both activities result in a major transformations of the federal workforce.

