

Date: December 5, 2001

TO: Federal Executive Board Members

From: Federal Executive Board Chair—Captain Kevin Schumacher

RE: St. Louis Metropolitan Black Employment Program Council Annual Training And Awards Seminar

The St. Louis Metropolitan Black Employment Program Council invites you, and employees of your agency to attend the Fourteenth Annual Black Employment Program Council Training and Awards Seminar. The seminar is Friday, February 8, 2002, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 11228 Lone Eagle Drive, Bridgeton, Missouri.

The Council has produced a meaningful and comprehensive program in commemoration of Black History Month. This year's theme is "Accept the Challenge, Exceed the Standard through Professional Development".

Chief Sherman George, Fire Commissioner-St. Louis City Fire Department is the keynote speaker and will address emergency response issues in the wake of September 11. The program includes workshops on "How to Prepare Your Child for College" and "Africanisms in Americans". An open forum, "EEO-Civil Rights Question and Answer Forum", concludes the seminar.

The registration fee is \$25 per participant. Registrations will be accepted in the order received, up to the capacity of the facility, until the deadline, Friday, February 1, 2002. Agencies may submit a purchase order, a Standard Form 182/DD1556 or a VISA/MasterCard number. Participants may submit either a check or money order. A copy of the registration form must accompany all payments to the Council's address on the registration form.

If you require additional information or have questions, please contact Renee' Richardson, 2002 Seminar Chairperson at 314-263-8832, or Christine Wilder, Black Employment Program Council President, at 314-539-7566. You may also visit our web site at <http://www.stlouis.feb.gov/bepc.html>.

The Council Awards package will be mailed under separate cover within the next few days.

Enclosures (2)

**ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN BLACK EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM COUNCIL
FOURTEENTH ANNUAL TRAINING AND AWARDS SEMINAR**

**Friday - February 08, 2002
Crowne Plaza Hotel**

AGENDA

“Accept the Challenge, Exceed the Standard through Professional Development”

7:00 - 8:00

REGISTRATION

8:00 - 8:30

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

***PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS
NATIONAL ANTHEM
MOMENT OF SILENCE***

In memory Of September 11 Victims and their Families

8:30 – 10:00

WORKSHOPS I & II

10:00 - 10:15

BREAK

10:15 -12:00

WORKSHOPS I & II

12:00 – 1:30

**BUFFET LUNCH
INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER
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INTRODUCTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS
AWARDS PRESENTATIONS**

1:30 – 3:00

OPEN FORUM

3:00

**BLACK NATIONAL ANTHEM
CLOSING REMARKS**

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP I

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR CHILD FOR COLLEGE
Patricia Vaughn of Southeast Missouri College Outreach Office

DESCRIPTION:

This workshop is designed for parents or family members with students between the grades of 6 – 12 to help them understand the college preparation process. The information to be presented is designed to help guide students and their families through the college preparation process, regardless of where they plan to attend college. The topics to be discussed will include, “Encouraging Your Child’s Talents”, How to Make the Most of the High School Years”, “How to Choose the Right College”, “Financing Your Child’s Education”, and “All About Test Scores”.

WORKSHOP II

AFRICANISMS IN AMERICANS
Angela daSilva – President, Black Tourism Network

DESCRIPTION:

This workshop is designed to help you understand the African culture and heritage. In African American culture, especially in the South, we continue to do things that have become ingrained in our everyday life, but we have forgotten why we do them. We still try to confuse evil spirits by giving nicknames and the color blue. Find out why we still practice certain African rituals, though the meaning has been lost on to us. Which begs to ask the question - which is more important, heredity or environment? Some of our everyday habits and traits are derived from the African culture. This workshop will define those habits and traits from the African definition to the American definition.

OPEN FORUM

EEO - CIVIL RIGHTS QUESTION AND ANSWER FORUM
Panel Members:
Dr. Constance Bails - Director, Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Gay F. Chase - Assistant Regional Counsel, General Services Administration
Kitty Grubb - Civil Rights/Federal Sector Attorney

DESCRIPTION:

This forum allows you, the participant, to bring forth those unanswered EEO and/or civil right questions. Written questions will be taken during the morning session. Questions will also be taken from the floor. The written questions will be addressed at the beginning of the forum. Time will be allowed for discussion if needed.
