

The National Institutes of Health
Path to Excellence and Innovation Initiative

HBCU CORNER

The mission of the PEI Initiative is to empower HBCUs with the knowledge, resources, and skills they need to effectively and consistently compete for and win contracts from the National Institutes of Health and thereby diversify revenue streams and create more research opportunities for those academic institutions.



Safe-Pass Intelligent Disinfectant Station

Safe-Pass IDS, an SBA-certified minority business and manufacturer located in Maryland, offers PPE and a safe and effective COVID-19 contact tracing disinfectant technology and solution. SafePass Intelligent Disinfectant Station (IDS), is a breakthrough purifying sanitation system that works as the first line of defense against harmful pathogens. The company has been featured on Fox 5 and ABC7 news and was recently acknowledged as having one of the safest products on the market towards getting our schools, private sector, and government employees back to a safe working environment.

Safe-Pass IDS recently partnered with The University of Virgin Islands (UVI), a Research and Development HBCU and an NIH Path to Excellence and Innovation HBCU Initiative participant, to demonstrate their product.

For more information about this opportunity please contact support@SafePassIDS.com.

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Pictured above is Diane Frasier, Head of Contracting Activity and Director of the Office of Acquisition and Logistics Management, who introduced Dr. Michael E. Wooten, Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget. He discussed the potential impact of White House Office of Management and Budget Memorandum M-20-28.

NIH 2020 White House Initiative HBCU Conference Participation Highlights

- Coordinated the Contracting Competitiveness Workshops in partnership with the Federal Contracting Cluster.
- Sponsored and coordinated the 2020 Federal HBCU Industry Day (This was the second year NIH hosted and sponsored this event.)
 - Keynote Speaker: Dr. Michael Wooten, Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget.
 - Highlighted PEI Participant: The University of the Virgin Islands for its innovative strides in combating against the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Established a landing page for the Sept. 24th and Sept. 25th activities. This website contained HBCU capability statements for public reference: <https://2020hbcucontractingclustertrack.com/>
 - Published a digital HBCU Federal Contracting Reference Guide. The guide is accessible via the aforementioned URL.

Event Analytics:

NIH Virtual Exhibit Booth -
148 Viewers

Workshops:

Marketing to the Government -
125 Viewers

High Performance Computing Consortium -
118 Viewers

Leveraging HBCU Consortia -
151 Viewers

Federal Industry Day Opening Session -
127 Viewers

Matchmaking Sessions:

399 Scheduled

HBCUs: 27 represented
(69% increase from 2019)

Federal Agencies: 43 represented
(41% increase from 2019)

9 NIH COACs represented
HHS OSD/BU represented

HBCU SPOTLIGHT

The Path to Excellence and Innovation Initiative would like to congratulate one of our pilot schools, the Morehouse School of Medicine, for being selected as the awardee for a new \$40 million initiative to fight COVID-19 in racial and ethnic minority, rural and socially vulnerable communities. The Morehouse School of Medicine will enter into a cooperative agreement with the Office of Minority Health (OMH) to lead the initiative to coordinate a strategic network of national, state, territorial, tribal and local organizations to deliver COVID-19-related information to communities hardest hit by the pandemic.

Please take a moment to review the following article below were the Department of Health and Human Services highlights the announced partnership.

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/06/23/hhs-announces-partnership-morehouse-school-medicine-fight-covid-19-racial-ethnic-minority.html>

Additionally, Morehouse School of Medicine was awarded a contract for a base and two option years at \$100,000 each year. Through this contract, Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) and the Association for Academic Minority Physicians (AAMP) have committed to work with the Cobb Institute to make the Cobb Institute Initiative a success. MSM and the Association for Academic Minority Physicians bring assets that will complement the Cobb Institute. An important goal of the Cobb Institute is to establish a sustainable and meaningful group of leaders in the field of minority health and health disparities by enhancing the number and quality of minority investigators and provide career pathways for those that may not have the opportunity to grow and contribute to the community. This collaboration between COSWD/NIH and NMA – Cobb Institute, as well as MSM and AAMP collaboration, will help support this mission to enhance the diversity of the scientific and biomedical workforce and build a bridge between the institutions.