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**EMPLOYERS REDISCOVERING HBCUS
SURVEY SHOWS EMPLOYERS SUPPORT INCREASING
Major Employers, Military Organizations, and Agencies Stay the Course**

(Baltimore, MD) April 2011 — The 2011 Top Supporters of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) survey reveals that the number of top supporters has increased. Currently in its ninth year, the survey is conducted by *US Black Engineer & Information Technology (USBE & IT)* magazine and is completed by the engineering school deans of the ABET-accredited engineering programs and the corporate-academic alliance members of Advancing Minorities' Interest in Engineering (AMIE).

Part of the reason may be President Obama's focus on supporting HBCUs and the need for more technical talent. President Obama said the government will increase its funding for the nation's HBCUs by \$100 million in the fiscal year 2011 budget. He also pointed to the nearly \$400 million in federal Pell Grants, many of which go to students attending Black institutions.

The survival of HBCUs is vital, the president said, to the goal of making America the world leader in college graduates by 2020. "We're not only doing this because these schools are a gateway to a better future for African Americans; we're doing it because their success is vital to a better future for all Americans," he said.

America's future in the global marketplace depends heavily on the development of students from minority-serving institutions, which are dedicated to producing top scientists, technologists, engineers, and mathematicians. Competition in the new global marketplace demands that we develop top talent in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) careers. We applaud the efforts of the 2011 top supporters for their commitment to minority institutions.

In completing the annual survey, the institutions considered the following factors: support for infrastructure modernization and enhancement, research, participation on advisory councils, faculty development opportunities, scholarships, student projects, stipends, co-ops, and career opportunities.

In response to the survey results, Tyrone D. Taborn, CEO and publisher of *USBE & IT* states, "The bright side of the job market is that technical talent continues to be critical to employers. HBCUs clearly are a source for highly-skilled technical employees. President Obama is helping employers rediscover these great institutions. These schools continue to graduate nearly 33% of all Black engineers."



USBE & IT magazine will salute the top corporate organizations and government agencies in the Deans Edition of the magazine in May 2011 and they will also be recognized on Saturday, June 11, 2011 during the CCG Alumni Reunion and Planning Meeting at the Orlando World Center Marriott in Orlando, FL, June 9 – June 11, 2011. To view the entire list, visit www.diversitygps.com

The 2011 Top Supporters of the HBCUs in alphabetical order:

CORPORATIONS

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| 1. 3M | 23. Halliburton | 43. Nucor Steel |
| 2. Abbott Laboratories | 24. Harley Davidson | 44. Parsons Brinckerhoff |
| 3. Accenture | 25. Hewlett Packard | 45. Proctor & Gamble |
| 4. Allstate | 26. IBM | 46. Purdue University |
| 5. Altria Group, Inc. | 27. Intel | 47. Raytheon Company |
| 6. BAE Systems | 28. John Deere Company | 48. Rockwell Automation |
| 7. BP America | 29. Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory | 49. Rolls Royce |
| 8. The Boeing Company | 30. Johnson & Johnson | 50. Shell Chemical |
| 9. Caterpillar | 31. Johnson Controls | 51. Siemens |
| 10. Chevron | 32. L-3 Communications | 52. State Farm |
| 11. Chrysler Group LLC | 33. Lockheed Martin Corporation | 53. Texas Instruments |
| 12. Constellation | 34. Malcolm Pirnie | 54. Toyota Motor Engineering and Manufacturing North America |
| 13. Corning Incorporated | 35. Marathon Oil | 55. UPS |
| 14. Cummins, Inc. | 36. Meridian Management Group | 56. United Technologies Corporation |
| 15. Dominion Power | 37. The Metropolitan District Commission | 57. Verizon |
| 16. Duke Energy Foundation | 38. Microsoft | 58. Volkswagen |
| 17. Entergy | 39. The MITRE Corporation | 59. Walmart |
| 18. Exxon Mobil | 40. Moog Inc. | 60. Xerox Corporation |
| 19. Ford Motor Company | 41. Norfolk Southern | 61. Zeltech |
| 20. General Electric | 42. Northrop Grumman | |
| 21. General Motors | | |
| 22. Gilbane Building Company | | |

GOVERNMENT/NON-PROFIT

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| 1. Air Force Office of Scientific Research | 16. National Academy of Engineering | 33. U.S. Department of Commerce |
| 2. Air Force Research Laboratory | 17. National Institute of Health | 34. U.S. Department of Defense |
| 3. Army Material Command | 18. National Nuclear Security Administration | 35. U.S. Department of Education |
| 4. Army Research Office | 19. National Science Foundation | 36. U.S. Department of Energy |
| 5. Army Test and Evaluation Command | 20. National Security Agency | 37. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services |
| 6. Central Intelligence Agency | 21. NAVAIR | 38. U.S. Department of Homeland Security |
| 7. CERDEC | 22. NAVSEA | 39. U.S. Department of State |
| 8. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency | 23. Nuclear Regulatory Commission | 40. U.S. Department of Transportation |
| 9. GEM | 24. Office of Naval Research | 41. U.S. Marines |
| 10. Louisiana Board of Regents | 25. Pacific Northwest National Laboratory | 42. U.S. Naval Academy |
| 11. Louisiana Department of Transportation | 26. Riversville Foundation | 43. U.S. Navy |
| 12. Louisiana Quality Education Support Fund | 27. State of North Carolina | 44. United States Environmental Protection Agency |
| 13. Missile Defense Agency | 28. U.S. Air Force | |
| 14. NACME | 29. U.S. Army | |
| 15. NASA | 30. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers | |
| | 31. U.S. Coast Guard | |
| | 32. U.S. Department of Agriculture | |