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MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors Of Human Resources And Equal Employment Opportunity

FROM: Richard A. Whitford, Acting Associate Director for Employment Service

Subject: Blacks in Government's 24th Annual National Training Conference

Blacks in Government (BIG) will hold its 24th Annual Training Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, on August 26-30, 2002. This year's theme is ***"Accept the Challenge, Exceed the Standard Through Professional Development."***

BIG is an employee support and advocacy organization whose primary mission is to promote and enhance educational and training opportunities for African Americans in government. With chapters throughout the United States and abroad representing more than 2.5 million public employees, BIG continues to be the largest organization dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of African American civil servants.

This year's sessions will feature noted lecturers, elected officials, national leaders, and policy makers. Some of the topics covered include information technology, communication skills, career development, personal performance and productivity, management and leadership skills, and EEO/human resource management.

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management supports BIG's efforts and considers the conference as an effective way to meet the training needs of the Federal workforce. For additional information, please contact Jim Wilson, Office Manager, at (202) 667-3280, or visit BIG's web site at: www.bignet.org.