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MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors Of Human Resources And Equal Employment Opportunity

FROM: Kay Coles James, Director

Subject: Organization of Chinese Americans National Convention

The Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) will hold its 25th National Convention and 30th Anniversary Celebration in Honolulu, Hawaii during the week of August 7-10, 2003. The conference theme for this year is: "Community Harmony in the Spirit of Aloha."

Founded in 1973, OCA is a nonprofit, nonpartisan civil rights advocacy organization seeking to improve the economic, political, and cultural status of Chinese Americans and other Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs). Representing members from nearly 90 chapters and affiliates, OCA advocates for individual civil rights, promotes civic participation and educates the greater society about AAPIs. OCA is especially active in working with other community groups to monitor Federal issues affecting AAPIs.

The 2003 OCA Convention will offer an excellent opportunity for Federal agency representatives to learn more about the AAPI community and collaborate on Federal policies and programs impacting AAPIs. The Convention will also enable AAPI professionals and college and post graduate students seeking job opportunities to meet Federal agency representatives and share their resumes.

President George W. Bush is proud to lead a nation with 2.3 million Americans of Chinese ancestry. He has said: "If you travel across America you will find people of many different ethnic backgrounds and many different faiths. We're a varied nation. We're home to 2.3 million Americans of Chinese ancestry, who can be found working in the offices of our corporations, or in the Cabinet of the President of the United States, or skating for the America Olympic team." We need to tap into this tremendous talent for public service.

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management supports OCA's efforts and encourages agency participation at this national convention. For additional information, please contact OCA Executive Director Christine Chen at (202) 223-5500.