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**28th Annual Blacks In Government National Training Conference
“Building Unity Through Excellence, Growth and Challenge”**

Blacks In Government (BIG) will host its 28th Annual National Training Conference (NTC) in New York City, New York, from August 21 – 25, 2006. The conference is hosted by Region II at the Hilton New York, New York Marriott Marquis and the Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers. Although this training conference is geared to Federal, State, and local government personnel, nongovernmental personnel can also benefit from this world-class training.

Blacks In Government’s National Training Conference has become synonymous with quality and value since 1978. Year after year, our gifted presenters coupled with relevant workshops have produced many thousands of highly satisfied attendees and participants. Here are some of the reasons to attend this world-class training:

- Individual Training...select from over 100 workshops. Outstanding training experience.
- Workshops Organized by Category...skill-based training focusing on management leadership skills, career development, effective communication, information technology, EEO/Personnel, personal effectiveness.
- Spectacular Speakers...learn from professional presenters and federal agency experts who empower the participants with knowledge and their experiences to be successful in the workplace, and life.
- Federal Agency Forums...hear up-to-date information from various agency representatives. Invited Agency Forums’ participants include: DoD, GSA, DHHS, DoL, State Department
- Symposiums and Special Enhancement Programs (SEPs)...attend special topic sessions. Planned SEPs such as: “Katrina: Continuing Crisis-BIG Solution”; and “Tomorrow Begins Today: African American Women as We Age” with featured guest Dr. Dorothy Height, will provide discussions, solutions and valuable information to conference attendees.
- Youth Oratorical and Information Superhighway Contests...support tomorrows leaders.
- Career Fair ...achieve career enhancement and advancement through employment opportunities.
- Exhibit Hall...opportunity to visit more than 200 exhibits by government agencies, private companies, and service suppliers.
- Networking Extravaganza...attendees will be among more than 4000 public and private sector employees continuing the networking of people committed to improving theirs and our government performance and results.

Founded in 1975, BIG functions as an employee support group, an advocacy group and with a primary mission to promote, provide, and enhance education and training opportunities for blacks in government. With chapters throughout the United States, Europe and the Pacific representing more than 2.5 million Federal, State and local civil servants, BIG continues to be the largest organization dedicated to the preservation and professional development of the black civil servant. The annual BIG National Training Conference is one of the professional development conferences that agency employees have historically attended.

BIG is a non-profit 501(c)3 non-partisan organization comprised of Federal, State, and local employees committed to achieving excellence in government through equal employment opportunity. We consider this conference to be a viable training tool and career development resource. For additional conference information, about BIG’s goals and purposes, and current updates on the 28th Annual National Training Conference visit our website at www.bignet.org or contact the BIG National Headquarters at 202-667-3280.

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