

**Quality Education for Minorities (QEM) Network  
Outreach Meeting to Provide Feedback to the  
National Science Foundation's Science Resources Statistics (SRS) Division on  
the Impact of the Suppression of Small Data Cells in the  
Survey of Earned Doctorates (SED) Reports**

Texas Southern University  
Environmental Toxicology Conference Room, Main Science Building  
3100 Cleburne Street • Houston, Texas

**Monday, October 27, 2008**

**AGENDA**

**AM**

- 8:30     *Registration and Continental Breakfast*
- 9:00     *Introductions and Review of Meeting's Purpose*  
Shirley McBay, President, Quality Education for Minorities (QEM) Network
- 9:15     *NSF Overview of SRS and Discussion of Background Information on Issues  
Regarding the Presentation of Data from the Survey of Earned Doctorates (SED)*  
Lynda Carlson, Division Director, and Mary Frase, Deputy Division Director  
Division of Science Resources Statistics (SRS)  
Directorate for Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences (SBE)  
National Science Foundation (NSF)
- 10:45    *Break*
- 11:00    Individual Institutions Discuss the Following Topics:  
-*Data Needs of the Institution Regarding SED*  
-*How SED Data are Used by the Institution*  
-*Comments on the Impact of the Suppression of Small Data Cells*  
-*Recommendations Regarding the Format of Future SED Data Tables*  
Facilitator: Costello Brown, Former Division Director  
Directorate for Education and Human Resources, NSF  
Former Dean of Graduate Studies and Research  
California State University-Los Angeles, and QEM Consultant

**PM**

- 12:30    *Working Lunch - Continuation of Institutional Discussions*  
Facilitator: Costello Brown, QEM Consultant
- 1:30     Group Discussion of Pros and Cons of  
Recommendations Offered and Next Steps  
Facilitator: Shirley McBay, QEM Network
- 2:00     *Adjournment*