

**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 Reports
Embassy Suites Hotel New Orleans Convention Center • 315 Julia Street
Thursday, October 23, 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
SRS Survey of Earned Doctorates (SED)
Stephen Cohen, Chief Statistician
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: J. Arthur Jones, Senior Associate, QEM Network

2:00

Adjournment