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HBCUs Partner to Offer Expertise to Federal Agencies

Scientists and engineers affiliated with AMIE (Advancing Minorities' Interest in Engineering) will be collaborating with the Research, Innovation, Science, and Engineering Foundation at Alabama A&M University (AAMU-RISE) to submit proposals and compete for research and development opportunities with the federal government for defense, aerospace, cyber security, and other critical areas.

The new consortium is expected to increase the participation of black engineers in government technology projects, give leading agency contractors more options for diversity in their partnerships, and generate new revenue streams for Historically Black College and Universities.

The endeavor is led by the AAMU-RISE Foundation, which has extensive experience in developing innovative technology to help government agencies meet their needs. For example, the AAMU-RISE Foundation currently is partnering with a prominent defense contractor to demonstrate the technical feasibility of autonomous systems that reduce daily tasks of military pilots. The AAMU-RISE Foundation has just completed Phase I of a small

business technology project involving additive manufacturing, or 3D printing, for NASA. The AAMU-RISE Foundation team also has been contracted to apply their expertise on the life-cycle of missiles and testing a turbopump bearing system for the Marshall Space Flight Center.

"We have been successful in executing contracts to provide meaningful products and services to the government. These projects increase learning experiences for engineering students and create new revenue streams for the university," said Dr. Chance M. Glenn. Glenn is executive director of the AAMU-RISE Foundation and dean of the College of Engineering, Technology, and Physical Sciences at AAMU.

"This partnership is unlike other consortia attempts," said Veronica Nelson, executive director at AMIE. "It is driven by opportunity and mutual benefit. The AMIE/AAMU-RISE Foundation partnership will allow us to collaborate and develop a method to utilize subject matter experts from various universities, as well as the facilities and equipment of a nationwide network of HBCUs."

All of the 15 universities

affiliated with AMIE have ABET-accredited engineering programs.

"Although these schools have faculty scientists who are experts across technology disciplines, contracting with the government represents a new opportunity for some of them. What makes this collaboration unique is that we will actually be training and preparing our partners to work with the government as a contractor," Glenn said.

According to Glenn, government contracting is a paradigm shift for most HBCUs, which have been more accustomed to applying for grants than competing for contracts. As grant dollars dwindle, Glenn and Nelson believe it is critical for university administrators to recognize the potential of contracting and pursue those opportunities.

"Consider NASA, for example," said Latonia Jones, a contracting specialist who worked with Glenn to create the Knowledge Sharing Center, which is the web portal that will connect the consortium members, as well as prime contractors and agency program managers. "NASA has a contract budget of \$19.5 billion, and it has a goal of awarding 1

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Madison County Town Hall

Hosted By
**Rep. Anthony Daniels
and Rep. Laura Hall**



**Tuesday, July 25th 6:00-8:00pm
Oakwood University**

McKee Business and Technology Building Auditorium
7000 Adventist Blvd NW Huntsville, AL

Chamber Hosting Small Business Awards

The Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce will celebrate small businesses and individuals that have helped Huntsville grow on August 15 at the VBC North Hall.

Businesses and individuals will be honored in the following categories:

- Business/Professional Services Business of the Year
- Culinary Business of the Year
- Emerging Business of the Year
- Government Contracting
- Business/Professional Service of the Year
- Technology Business of the Year
- Medical Practice of the Year
- Nonprofit of the Year
- Retailer of the Year
- Service Business of the Year
- Etc.



TECH-BASED CRIME FIGHTING: Huntsville police are moving 55 investigators into a newly renovated building on Holmes Avenue to centralize crime fighting programs, integrate data-driven solutions, and provide enhanced coordination with outside law enforcement agencies. For more, visit <https://cityblog.huntsvilleal.gov/>

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Washington in a Minute



Here are your top issues in Washington, D.C., this week:

1. The House and Senate are in session this week. A plan to debate and approve the GOP healthcare bill in the Senate this week had to be postponed abruptly when Senator John McCain (R-AZ) announced on Saturday that he would be out this week to recover from emergency surgery over the weekend to remove a blood clot. GOP Sens. Rand Paul of Kentucky and Susan Collins of Maine opposed the bill already and Sen. McCain's absence next week would likely have made it impossible to get the 50 votes needed to proceed (with Vice President Pence breaking all ties). The Congressional Budget Office was set to release Monday (but now postponed like the vote) another estimate of cost and coverage of a revised GOP healthcare bill, including Sen. Ted Cruz's amendment to allow insurers to offer low-cost, minimal coverage plans. The House will vote, among other items, on legislation to streamline the construction and operation of international

border-crossing facilities used for the import and export of oil, natural gas, and electricity with Mexico and Canada (a \$140 billion per year industry). It will also vote on a bill to streamline and expedite the permitting for interstate natural gas pipelines and a bill to delay the implementation of the new 2015 ozone standard until 2025 when EPA will have to designate state areas as attainment, nonattainment, or unclassifiable areas with respect to the new standard.

2. President Trump will highlight the "Made in America" theme this week. On Monday, he hosted a "Made in America product showcase" featuring crafts and other items created in each of the 50 states. On Wednesday, the President issued a Made in America declaration and delivered remarks on the importance of domestic manufacturing. On Saturday, he will travel to Norfolk, Va., to attend the commissioning of the USS Gerald R. Ford, the first in the Navy's new class of nuclear-powered aircraft carriers. Per The Washington Post, next week at the White House will be "American He-

roes" Week, followed by "American Dream" Week on the week of July 31.

3. Last week, the House Appropriations Committee completed work on all of the 12 annual appropriations bills for FY2018

at the subcommittee level. To date, 7 bills have also been approved at the full committee level, readying them for consideration on the House floor. This week, the full House Appropriations Committee will vote on the FY2018 Transportation/HUD; Homeland Security; Interior; State and Foreign Operations; and the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations bills. Last Thursday, the Senate Appropriations Committee kicked off its work on the 12 bills with a markup of the FY2018 Military Construction/Veterans

Affairs appropriations bill. This week, the Committee will vote on the Agriculture appropriations bill and the Energy & Water appropriations bill.

4. On Tuesday, the Senate Finance Committee hosted a hearing on the prospects for a comprehensive tax code reform bill this year and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee held a hearing on the nomination of Newt Gingrich's wife, Callista, to be Ambassador to the Vatican. On Thursday, the Senate Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife Subcommittee held a hearing on innovative financing to address the nation's "crumbling water infrastructure."

5. The House Veterans Committee held a hearing on the bipartisan legislation, H.R. 3218 (115), on Monday, July 17. The bill was unveiled last week and would expand the educational benefits for veterans under the Post 9/11 GI Bill. The legislation would, for new enlistees, get rid of the 15-year time limit on when recipients must use their GI Bill benefits. It would also restore some, but not

all, GI Bill educational benefits to veterans when their school suddenly closes — an issue that's cropped up in recent years following the collapse of for-profit college giants ITT Tech and Corinthian Colleges.

6. According to Rupert Murdoch's The Sun on Sunday newspaper, a leaked transcript of a recent conversation between President Trump's and British Prime Minister Theresa May has President Trump telling the Prime Minister that he would postpone his state visit to Great Britain, originally planned for this year, until she could guarantee a warmer reception by the British press. "I haven't had great coverage out there lately, Theresa," Trump told May according to the transcript. "Well, you know what the British press are like," May replied.

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Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

Genesis 8:22 says, as long as the earth endures, seed time and harvest time will never cease. You know, I can remember taking my family to the beach when my daughters were young. It was about a six-hour drive. So, about every two hours, they would ask the question, "Are we there yet?" And many times we ask God the same thing as it pertains to our spiritual growth. Or, as it pertains to our financial growth. When can I see the

fruits of my labor? "Are we there yet?" "When can I see a difference in my relationship with my spouse?" "When will I see a difference in my children?" "Are we there yet?" "When will I see a change at my job?" "Are we there yet?" In times like these, we have to remember that when we enter a relationship with God,

we will have to learn to be patient. I would always have to tell my daughters, just enjoy the ride, we'll get there. You see, sometimes the more that we focus on the outcome, the less we enjoy the journey. You see, "time" is just as important as the seed ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.



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From the Editor



Teague-Johnson Established Exiting Scholarship at AAMU!

On July 13th, Clarene Teague-Johnson turned 70 years old and hosted a "Paying It Forward" birthday party. For many years, we have been tagging each other on July 13th because we share that birthday.

We have tried to see who can tag the earliest, and she always seems to beat me to the punch. It's like buying cards early and then when the birthday, celebration or holiday comes, you can't find the cards. I find myself in that position most of the time, thinking days ahead that I am going to text or message Clarene first; but, by the time I get-around-to-it, she has already tagged me.

Over 100 of her Family and Friends gathered at the Palladium Events Center on Sparkman Drive to wish her a happy birthday on Saturday. Birthday gifts were not allowed, but attendees were encouraged to contribute to a scholarship established by her in the Alabama A&M University Foundation. The scholarship will be used to supported students who have completed their academic requirements but who have balances on their accounts that need to be cleared before they can exit the university.

LaToby Event Planner planned the 'star studded' event, and Ms. Joyce Chelle Hampton and Hampton Farms provided video services. For those of us who did not get the opportunity to attend, donations can be sent to the AAMU Foundation, earmarked for the Clarene Teague-Johnson Paying it Forward Scholarship. She is the current president of the Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of the AAMU Alumni Association, Inc.

Happy birthday, Lady Clarene. I am honored to share July 13th with you. God made at least two special rubies on that day. AAMU is blessed to have an alumna in you, students are fortunate to have benefactors like you, and all who know you are fortunate to watch you serve and give. Blessings for a wonderful year and Godspeed for many birthdays to come.

Until next week ...



Dorothy

Valley Calendar of Events

July 20

Southern Families African American Genealogy Meeting
Alabama A&M University
Wellness Center/2nd Floor
Room 202 - 6-7:30 p.m.

July 21-30

W.C. Handy Music Festival
Florence, Ala.

July 22

Economic Empowerment Through Unity
Columbia High School
300 Explorer Boulevard
Huntsville, Ala.
3-5 p.m.

July 30

143rd Anniversary
Church Street CPCA
Downtown Huntsville
9:30 a.m.

August 3-5

Margaret Cho
Stand Up Live Comedy Club
Huntsville, Ala.

August 4

Xi Omicron - Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
"Vegas Night" (Semi-Formal)
\$30/\$40 at the door
Von Braun Center-North Hall
7 p.m.-1 a.m.

August 5

Alabama Women In Jazz Festival
Headliner: Freda Payne

Insanity Complex

1-10 p.m.

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August 11

Diversity Leadership Colloquium Networking Social
Burritt on the Mountain
6 p.m.

"Taste of Kappa"

Sponsor: Huntsville Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
Tickets: \$30/person
Contact: Michael Miller,
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Huntsville Museum of Art
7-10 p.m.

Thru August 13

Dinosaur Uproar Alive
Huntsville Botanical Garden
Presented by:
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August 31-September 3

Comedian Don "DC" Curry
Stand Up Live Comedy Club

September 14

"2017 Speakers Series for the Village of Promise"
Speaker: Ruby Payne, Ph.D.
Von Braun Center-North Hall
11:30 a.m.

October 10-15

Motown - The Musical
VBC Concert Hall
Huntsville, Ala.



GOLF AND STEM: 80-year-old retired professional golfer Tommy Williams (r) answers a series of questions posed by Arthur Henderson during the former's visit to Huntsville in connection with a golf tournament sponsored by the local chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers. Williams was later joined by T.K. Bridges, and the two discussed the link between golf and the STEM disciplines with an Alabama A&M University audience. (Photo by J. Saintjones)

Jam Moved to July 29 at Agribition Center

Due to inclement weather conditions, the July Jam and Backpack Drive sponsored by Alabama A&M University's Agribition Center has been moved to Saturday, July 29. The Jam and Drive will

be held at the Alabama A&M University Agribition Center on Saturday, July 29. The Backpack giveaways will run between 2-5 p.m. for elementary

and middle school students, while the public is invited to enjoy live outdoor music on Agribition Center's quad area from 6-10:30 p.m.



July 21 - FLOYD MCDANIEL - Singer/guitarist, born in Athens, Alabama. Known for blues-drenched jazz and jazz-drenched blues.

- BlackinTime.info

Valley Deaths

Funeral service for **Mr. Lloyd D. Moore** was held Tuesday, July 18, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service for **Mr. Nathaniel F. "Sonny" Hurt** (b. 1947) was held Monday, July 17, at Phillips CME Church with the Rev. Keith E. Ellison officiating.

Funeral service for **Master Jonathan Woolen** (b. 2015) was held Monday, July 17, at New Jerusalem M.B. Church with Pastor Ricky Sykes officiating.

Funeral service for LTC (Ret.) Paul Major Curry, Jr., (b. 1944) was held Saturday, July 15, at Syler Tabernacle with Rev. Herbert Cartwright officiating.

- Nelms Memorial Funeral Home

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- C.L.R. James

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DLC Graduate Opens New Enterprise: IGotHuntsville.com

Tennessee Valley Diversity Leadership Graduate Cornelius Woodall recently launched his new business during a ceremony at the Chamber of Commerce.

On Wednesday, July 12, 2017, local company IGotHuntsville held its ribbon-cutting ceremony for its recently launched website IGotHuntsville.com.

“For those of you who are asking, what is IGotHuntsville? Or, why IGotHuntsville?” explains Woodall, “I can answer

that in one word: difference-maker!”

Woodall is CEO and president of IGotHuntsville.com. He adds: “We’re aiming to make a difference for the North Alabama shopper, local businesses, and community.”

The Huntsville Madison County Chamber of Commerce facilitated the 1 p.m. ribbon-cutting.

Chamber members, Chamber Ambassadors, and Chamber Emissaries assisted in congratulating the staff of IGotHuntsville.

Special guests were Pastor Troy Garner and Mrs. Kim Garner of The Fellowship of Faith Church; and Dr. Dorothy W. Huston, editor-in-chief of *The Valley Weekly* and executive director of the Diversity Leadership Colloquium, for which Woodall is a recent graduate.

The goal of IGotHuntsville.com is to offer a single website for users, at no cost, to search for and find quality local businesses. Users will also have the op-

portunity to take immediate advantage, via their portable device, of exclusive deals and promotions when at local businesses that are on the site.

IGotHuntsville.com aims to be an asset to local businesses by offering them competitively priced, effective advertising solutions. Plans are underway to build relationships with businesses, to evolve with them, and to offer them out-of-the-box alternatives.

“Lastly, we seek to make

a difference in the North Alabama community,” said Woodall. “We have a continually growing list of fun and impactful community projects that we are excited about planning and executing,” said Woodall.

IGotHuntsville.com is a Huntsville based on-line local business directory providing information, ratings, and exclusive coupons/promotions for North Alabama businesses.

There is also an accompanying newsletter that is

available for users to sign up for on the website. The newsletter will provide specialized information about business promotions, spotlight businesses, information on upcoming events, and prize giveaways.

Again, this is at no cost to users. The web address is www.IGotHuntsville.com. It can also be found through social media on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn with the search word, “IGotHuntsville.”

Your Teen and Money Management

Does the little spare change your teen earns tend to burn a hole in her pocket?

(BPT) - For most teens, high school is an exciting time, one that offers the opportunity to set their own path and make some of their own decisions. However, with this added independence comes additional responsibility, especially regarding money.

Today teens are spending \$260 billion a year in the U.S., yet only 17 states require completion of at least one financial literacy course for high school graduation.

"So many teens don't realize how important saving is," says Angel Carter, an Atlanta teen who was selected by Boys & Girls Clubs of America to serve as national ambassador for its financial education program called Money Matters: Make it Count, created in collaboration with Charles Schwab Foundation. "They don't understand the importance of saving for their future needs

and tracking or prioritizing their purchases."

Taking part in this program had a profound impact on Carter, along with more than 725,000 other Club teens who have completed Money Matters. And to share what she learned, Carter offers a few tips to help others manage their money.

* There's no such thing as "too young" or "too much." Because of the way compound interest works, the earlier you begin to save, the less of a burden it is. For example, regularly saving 10 percent of your income is a good savings goal if you're in your 20s or younger; however, if you wait until your 30s to start saving, that number increases to 20 percent in order to reach the same long-term goal ... Talk to your parents or another adult you trust about setting up a savings account, and how much you should regularly set aside.

* Recognize needs vs. wants. Being smart about money doesn't mean you can't enjoy

life, or do fun things with your hard-earned cash; but it does mean you need to plan for them. An easy rule of thumb is to figure out how much you need to set aside in order to meet your expenses, including savings, every month. Anything left over is for having fun.

* Know where your money goes. It may not be particularly fun, but tracking where and how you spend money is just one of those healthy habits that's good for you, like eating spinach and exercising. You can record this information with a notebook or an app, but just remember to log your purchases, including all those "small" ones.

* Credit is like social media. You know how parents and teachers are always telling you to watch what you post on social media channels, because someday you're going to have to apply for a job? Good credit is to your future purchasing what a clean social media history is

to job applications: it takes time and commitment to build, and only moments to lose.

* Keep it real. In today's economy, managing money responsibly is a tall order, but it is possible, especially if you take control!

These tips are just a few Carter learned through the Money Matters program at her local Boys & Girls Club. A new component of the program, the digital game \$ky, is now available to all teens. The game challenges teens to navigate financial decisions in a fresh, fun way that will keep them thinking prudently about their finances in the months and years ahead.

VBC Site of Alabama Black Expo

The Alabama Black Expo will be held August 12, from 12 noon to 8 p.m. at the Von Braun Center North Hall.

Shows are scheduled at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., while the Miss Alabama Black Expo Competition begins at 5 p.m.

The 2017 theme is "Celebrating & Supporting The Empowerment, The Inspiration & The Movement!"

The Expo focuses on starting or growing business, trends in social media sharing, building a success-

ful team, exploring new markets and much more.

The objectives of the Alabama Black Expo are to position owners and their businesses for success, standing out from the competition, strive towards business alternatives for expanding customer base as well as peer networking opportunities.

For more information, e-mail alabamablackexpo@gmail.com or call 256-929-5073 or 256-929-5812.

A Good Read

by Jerome Saintjones



Meg Wolitzer "Tea at the House"

The 14-year-old daughter of a psychiatrist who heads a mental hospital around the Depression era prepares for entry into his profession. We learn that her mother is unable to have any more children, so the father, realizing that there are no chances for a son, decides to pass his legacy on to the daughter.

The family lives on the premises of the hospital in upstate New York. There are constant screams that make their way to the residence, but the father has convinced her that no one is being abused. She feels safe enough to go on walks through the woods.

He begins the practice of allowing his prized patients an opportunity to come to the house for tea. The

invitation is extended to a young Harvard student who has suffered a breakdown but who the father believes is on the way to recovery. We don't know whether the young man is being given special favors.

On one visit, the young man finds her in the woods alone and fondles her. She is quiet about the experience. After his release, Mr. Harvard is accepted into the Navy, privilege having afforded him full recovery.



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Slossfest Features Over 40 Acts for Two-Day Event

Sloss Furnace hosted the third annual Slossfest Music Festival from July 15-16 in Birmingham. Despite the constant rain and storm advisories, thousands of fans gathered from across the South to see the 40-plus acts slated to perform for the weekend.

The two-day spectacle featured performances

from an eccentric batch of local and national performers. The first night kicked off with performances by soulful crooner Charles Bradley, hip hop duo Run the Jewels, Alternative rock ensemble NEEDTO-BREATHE and headlining act, jam band Widespread Panic.

Day Two featured performances from lyricist

Vince Staples, rapper Wacka Flocka Flame and Judah the Lion. Locals act included Vulture Whale and Dj Supreme and Shaheed.

Grammy award-winning band Alabama Shakes, who released the critically acclaimed album Sound and Color, closed out the festival.

by Reginald D. Allen

Businesswoman, TVW Editor Heads Utilities Boards

Dr. Dorothy W. Huston has been elected Chair of the Huntsville Utilities' Natural Gas and Waterworks Boards. During their July 11th meeting, fellow board members, Dr. James S. Wall, Jr., and Mr. Jim Batson elected Dr. Huston to Chair the three member boards.

Dr. Huston previously served as Vice-Chair of the boards and was appointed to serve by the Huntsville City Council in 2014 following the passing of Mr. William M. Johnson.

A local defense contractor, Dr. Huston is a retired

educational administrator and active community leader. She is the founder of TMT Group, Inc., a provider of information technology, management, and training solutions. She is only the second woman to serve on these boards, following Mrs. L.O. Erwin, who served as Board Secretary and was President of the Textile Hardwood Manufacturing Company in Huntsville.

The mother of three adult children, Huston is married to retired educator, William Huston, Sr. Dr. Huston is a life-member of

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

During her tenure as a member of the Natural Gas and Waterworks Boards, Huntsville Utilities' has completed the construction of its 3rd Surface Water Treatment Plant ahead of schedule and under the established \$90M budget.

Huntsville Utilities is a municipally-owned, not-for-profit utility serving over 184,000 electric, 95,000 water, and 53,000 natural gas customers in Madison County, Ala.

*by Gary T. Whitley, Jr.
Huntsville Utilities*

City Council Meetings



Huntsville City Council Meetings City Council regular meetings are held in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. City Council work sessions also held in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. For more information, call (256) 427-5011.

Jazz Jam at VC Scheduled

Jazz Jam Session at the Valley Conservatory "Developing Better People Through the Medium of Music"

The next jam session is Sunday, July 23, 2017.

You are never too old or too young to jam. The Jazz Jam sessions at the Valley Conservatory are for everyone.

Whether you are a sea-

soned player or a student taking beginning piano lessons, the jam session is the place to be to exchange musical ideas, have fun, eat good food and just jam.

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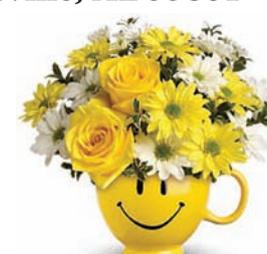
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percent of that to HBCUs and other minority serving institutions. That means there is roughly \$195 million available to HBCU engineering programs. Yet, in the past, according to NASA officials the agency has been unable to award even 10 percent of that amount. And that is just NASA.

Other agencies also are looking for contract-ready

HBCU partners." Jones, Glenn and Nelson said pursuing such contracting opportunities is critical, particularly because many HBCUs are looking for ways to create sustainable revenue streams and the government wants to increase contract diversity. Membership in the Knowledge Sharing Center is open to all HBCUs, federal agencies and government

contractors. **ABOUT AAMU-RISE:** The AAMU-RISE Foundation is the contracting entity for Alabama A&M University. The foundation is capable of serving as either a prime or subcontractor to manufacture products or provide innovative services that the U.S. government must have. The AAMU-RISE Foundation is proficient in

executing government R&D contracts. Areas of expertise include defense, aerospace, cyber security, sustainable energy sources, as well as food production and emerging biotechnologies. In addition to fulfilling the needs of federal agencies, the AAMU-RISE Foundation also is capable of collaborating with industry partners and is ready to team up with

other academic institutions.

ABOUT AMIE: AMIE (Advancing Minorities' Interest in Engineering) is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to expand corporate, government, and academic alliances to implement and support programs to attract, educate, graduate and place underrepresented minority students in engineering careers. The

outcome of an initiative by Abbott Laboratories in 1992, AMIE represents a coalition of industry and government agencies, and the ABET-accredited HBCU Schools of Engineering, who see a diversified workforce as a competitive advantage and an essential business strategy.

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