

4th Annual Florida Forum for Minority Institutions of Higher Education (MIHE): Partnering in Transportation

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2015 MIHE Forum Agenda

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Wednesday, February 04, 2015

8:30 AM	Registration & Continental Breakfast, Courtesy of Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University
9:00 AM	Keynote Addresses: Dr. Elmira Mangum , President, Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University (FAMU) Harold Bass , Director of Transportation Support, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) James Christian , Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Florida Division
9:15 AM	It's a Family Affair! Tracy Duval , Transportation Specialist, FHWA Florida Division
9:30 AM	Safety First: MIHEs' Role in Eliminating Destructive Decisions Mary Barber , Director of Operations & Danielle Branciforte , SADD Coordinator, Florida Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)
10:15 AM	Lighting Fast Title VI Refresher (we promise) Carey Shepherd , Civil Rights Program Coordinator, FHWA Florida Division Jacqueline Paramore , State Title VI Coordinator, FDOT
10:30 AM	Asphalt is Sexy (and the pay ain't bad either): Workforce Development in a \$10 Billion Transportation Work Program Jill Cappadoro , Vice President/Project Manager for FDOT Construction Careers Program, Quest Corporation of America, Inc.
11:15 AM	Say CHEESE—Group Pic and Quick Break
11:30 AM	FDOT's R&D/Internship/Recruitment Darryll Dockstader , Research Center Manager, FDOT
12:00 PM	Lunch & Learn: All About the Rattlers! Courtesy of Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University Dr. Doreen Kobelo , Assistant Professor, FAMU Division of Construction Engineering Technology Dr. John Sobanjo , Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering, FAMU-FSU College of Engineering

1:00 PM	Poverty and Transportation Decision-Making: The Case for IHEs in Public Involvement Strategies R. Jai Gillum , Director of Income Strategies, United Way of the Big Bend
2:30 PM	Quick Break
2:45 PM	The USDOT/FHWA Programs & Opportunities for MIHEs Dr. Moges Ayele , Senior Liaison for Higher Education, FHWA Office of Technical Services
3:30 PM	Students' Research Exhibits & Presentations
4:00 PM	Whew! You've earned a rest...

Thursday, February 05, 2015

9:00 AM	Welcome Back, Continental Breakfast Courtesy of Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University
9:15 AM	Panel Discussion: 'How MIHEs Can Support a Strong Transportation Future' Facilitator: Dr. Doreen Kobelo , Assistant Professor, FAMU Division of Construction Engineering Technology Panelist: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darryll Dockstader, Research Center Manager, FDOT • Dr. Moges Ayele, Senior Liaison for Higher Education, FHWA Office of Technical Services • Jill Cappadoro, Vice President/Project Manager for FDOT Construction Careers Program, QCA • R. Jai Gillum, Director of Income Strategies, United Way of the Big Bend • Mary Barber, Director of Operations, Florida SADD • Danielle Branciforte, Florida SADD Coordinator • Dr. John Sobanjo, Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering, FAMU-FSU College of Engineering
10:45 AM	Closing Remarks Mayor Andrew Gillum , City of Tallahassee
11:00 AM	Quick Break
11:15 AM	FAMU – FSU College of Engineering Tour 2525 Pottsdamer Street Tallahassee, FL 32310
12:00 PM	Safe travels, until next year...