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The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities partners with the U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management to offer internships

San Antonio, TX – The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) is pleased to announce a five-year contract award and partnership with the U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to offer internships nationwide, beginning this summer.

The partnership, under the HACU National Internship Program (HNIP), will provide internship opportunities for college students studying in the fields of geographical information systems, natural resource sciences, petroleum engineering, and communications.

The HACU National Internship Program is currently accepting applications from qualified students for summer projects available with the Bureau's Direct Hiring Authority Resource Assistant Internship Program (DHA-RAIP). BLM will host project-based internships for a minimum of 11-weeks. Interns will receive a bi-weekly stipend and round-trip travel. In addition, BLM's direct hire authority enables the agency to appoint an individual to a career conditional position after completion of their internship assignment and degree requirements.

The new partnership boasts over 20 new internship positions across the country in close proximity to many HACU-member institutions, including Las Cruces and Santa Fe, NM, and Sacramento, Calif. The internships provide an opportunity to bring a talented and diverse pool of interns to support the Bureau's mission and goals. HACU is reaching out to institutions near the internship locations to encourage their students to apply to the program.

About HNIP

The HACU National Internship Program has had more than 11,000 participants since its inception in 1992. The internships provide talented Hispanic and other minority students with opportunities to develop career and professional skills while receiving financial support to help motivate them towards graduation. The program provides college and graduate students the opportunity to intern with the federal government and corporations and receive a stipend. Information is available at www.hacu.net/hnip.

About HACU

The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) represents more than 450 colleges and universities committed to Hispanic higher education success in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Latin America and Spain. The association's headquarters are located in San Antonio, Texas, with offices in Washington, D.C., and Sacramento, California. HACU is the only national association representing existing and emerging Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs). Information is available at www.hacu.net.

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