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LINCOLN UNIVERSITY AND EPA TO SIGN PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Jefferson City, MO - Karl Brooks, EPA Region 7 Administrator and Dr. Carolyn Mahoney, President of Lincoln University, will sign a new three year partnership agreement on January 27. The ceremony will take place at 1:00 p.m. in Room 101 Page Library on the Lincoln University campus in Jefferson City, Mo.

The agreement will update an existing program of activities that will enhance Lincoln's research and educational capabilities, while simultaneously assisting EPA in achieving its community outreach mission. "This agreement is a renewal of the partnership we have had with the EPA" said Dr. Mahoney. "As a Historically Black University and an 1890 land grant institution, Lincoln University welcomes the opportunity to work with the EPA in preparing our students for future careers in environmental and scientific fields. The agreement builds on a relationship that began in 1999, as part of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The EPA has provided internship opportunities for LU students since the initiative was introduced."

The agreement with the EPA will increase Lincoln University's awareness of federal opportunities while helping to create an environmentally conscious campus through student-led initiatives. Of utmost importance, both organizations share a goal of sufficiently preparing African American students for future careers in environmental and scientific fields. The agreement also focuses on student employment and volunteer programs, research participation, lectures and seminars on environmental issues and community outreach.

Lincoln University is a historically black college located in the capital of Missouri, Jefferson City. Lincoln was founded in 1866 by the men of the 62nd and 65th United States Colored Infantries and their white officers, for the special benefit of freed African Americans. Lincoln University serves the needs of its diverse student body through a tradition of offering innovative programs that makes the college experience special.

Lincoln offers a rich resource to address the problem of under representation of African Americans in science, finance, mathematics, information technologies and environmental specialist fields, in addition to the participation of these minorities in national environmental programs.

To learn more about the partnership with Lincoln University:
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