



Association of State Energy Research  
and Technology Transfer Institutions  
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**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF  
BLACKS IN ENERGY**

# AABE's Mission

- To ensure the input of African-Americans and other minorities into the discussion and development of energy policies and regulations, the RD&D of energy technologies, and environmental issues



# AABE

- FY 2002 Strategic Plan
    - AABE's "CLEAR" Agenda
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- “C” :
  - Consumer Choice- Every consumer should have access to clean, affordable, reliable, appropriate energy services.

# AABE'S AGENDA

- Consumer-Choice Strategy
  - National Petroleum Council
  - EPA's National Advisory Council
  - "State of Energy in Black America"
  - Work with Executive Branch and Legislative Branch Staff
  - Work with the Congressional Black Caucus

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- “L”

- Low-Income families should receive reasonable levels of assistance in meeting their basic energy needs through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program and the Weatherization Assistance Program.

# AABE's Advocacy

## Advocacy Strategy

Strategic Alliances ( NLIEC, LIHEAP Coalition, AGA, EEI, NABGG, NACAA, ASE, BIG, etc.)

Public Presentations and Publications by Chapters

BEAM

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- “E”

- Environmental Justice implications should be thoroughly considered before undertaking any actions or concluding any decision that could negatively impact minority communities.

# AABE'S "EJ" Focus

- A. Work with EPA, DoE, and NGO's (NABE, Sierra Club, etc.)
- B. Address Climate Change Legislation
- C. Work with AfriCom
- D. IABE in FY 2009

# AABE

- **AABE Training Institute :**
  - Established by Cooperative Agreement in 2004
  - Building Capacity in Caribbean and African Public and Private Sectors.
  - Promoting public awareness of African-related energy issues.
  - Advance US-Africa Energy Partnerships
  - Assist US. companies develop business partnerships in Africa and the Caribbean.

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- “A”

- African-Americans and other minorities ought to be fully represented in decision-making positions in the public and the private sector organizations involved in energy.

# AABE's Professional Development Strategy

- Jobs -On-Line
- Build a Membership Database
- Training Opportunities at Conferences
- Career Fairs at Conferences
- Provide opportunities for networking and mentoring.

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- AABE Education Program:

Scholarships -Approximately \$250,000 per year to about 100 students

Mentorship Program

Company Internship Programs

Student Chapters

# AABE

- “R”

- Renewable energy and energy efficiency hold great benefits for the Nation domestically and internationally and provided significant opportunities for minority entrepreneurs.

# Renewable-Energy- Entrepreneurs

- Blue Diamond Ventures      Houston, Texas
- Hightower Petroleum      Chicago, Illinois
- HTS Enterprises      Atlanta,  
Georgia
- One-World Energy      Boston,  
Mass.

# Future Collaborations

- Jobs-On-Line
- Student Internships
- Technology Transfer Conferences
- Cooperation in Policy Analysis
- Collaborations with AABE Entrepreneurs
- Partnership Efforts with HBCU's
- Support of Student Chapters on Campus

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