

Great Plains CESU Meeting
“Engaging Minority and Small Institution Partners”
New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas, NM
March 20, 2008

Who Should Attend?

Small and minority institutions, including:

GP-CESU: Black Hills State University, Emporia State University, Langston University, New Mexico Highlands University

All federal partners in the GP-CESU: BLM, NPS, NRCS, USBR, ACoE, USDA-FS, USFWS, USGS

Host University

What are the Goals of the Meeting?

- Enhance the capacity of the small and minority institutional partners to provide research, education and technical assistance to their federal partner agencies.
- Fund at least two new projects/interns activities in each CESU.
- Federal agencies will learn about small and minority institutions' expertise *and* the institutions will learn about federal agency partner research, education and technical assistance needs and funding opportunities.
- Smaller and minority institutions would have the opportunity to learn from successful projects and internship programs.

How Will I Get to the Meeting?

Most flights to Albuquerque, NM generally cost ~\$250-\$350 (for the GP-CESU minority and small institution partners). The drive to Las Vegas, NM is an additional 120 miles. The NPS coordinator's office will cover airfare for a representative from each of those institutions that do not have travel funding available.

Lodging

A block of rooms for the nights of March 19-20th have been reserved at The Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas, NM (1-800-328-1882), please refer to the group name "CESU" when making your reservations. Call before the cut-off date of **Friday, February 29th** to ensure availability.

\$60/night; standard room, 1 queen bed (10 rooms)

\$70/night; standard room, 2 queen beds (5 rooms)

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Draft Agenda

8:15 - 8:30 A.M.	Introductions/Overview of Meeting	
8:30 – 9:30 A.M.	Partner Expertise	
	8:30 – 8:45	Black Hills State University (Brian Smith)
	8:45 - 9:00	Emporia State University (Bill Jensen)
	9:00 – 9:15	Langston University (Dennis Howard)
	9:15 – 9:30	New Mexico Highlands Univ. (Ken Smith)
9:30 – 9:45	Questions	
9:45 – 10:00	Break	
10:00 – 11:00	Examples of Collaboration	Ron Hiebert, CP-CESU
11:00 – 12:00	Agency Needs/Funding	
	11:00 – 11:15	Army Corps of Engineers
	11:15 – 11:30	Bureau of Land Management
	11:30 – 11:45	Bureau of Reclamation (Leatha Frost, Wilson Orvis)
11:45 – 12:00	Questions	
12:00 – 1:15	Lunch	
1:15 -	Agency Needs/Funding (cont'd)	
	1:15 – 1:30	Forest Service
	1:30 – 1:45	Geological Survey (Frank D’Erchia)
	1:45 – 2:00	National Park Service (Gary Willson)
	2:00 – 2:15	Natural Resource Conservation Service (Fred Reaves)
2:15 – 2:30	Questions	
2:30 – 2:50	NPS Southern Plains Inventory & Monitoring Program	Rob Bennetts, Coordinator; Tomye Folts-Zettner
2:50 – 3:00	GP-CESU Web Site	Christine Lockert, GP-CESU
3:00– 3:15	Break	
3:15 – 4:15	What next/future possibilities	
4:15 – 4:30	Wrap-up/Adjourn	

Friday, March 21

Optional field trip to Pecos National Historic Park as we drive back to Albuquerque.