

Christopher A. Smith, U.S. Department of Energy, Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy
Visit to the University of Houston
Wednesday, February 24, 2016
1:00PM

We look forward to welcoming Assistant Secretary Christopher Smith to the University of Houston (UH) to discuss, celebrate and explore our future partnerships that will promote entrepreneurship and innovation in communities of color facilitated by the UH I-Corps Site.

- The visit will highlight DOE's upcoming collaboration with UH and Texas Southern University (TSU) to engage minority students in a campus education program delivered through the UH I-Corps Site focusing on an innovation and entrepreneurship program that will help train future leaders. The project will focus on commercializing critical innovations in energy to prepare and mentor minority STEM and business students to pursue critical leadership positions in the energy industry and the Department of Energy or its national laboratories.

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1:00PM ARRIVAL AT UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON ENERGY RESEARCH PARK, 5000 Gulf Freeway, Houston, Texas 77023

1:05PM MEET AND GREET –Building 14
President Khator will welcome Assistant Secretary Smith and other guests and share her larger strategic vision for the institution.

- Christopher A. Smith, Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy
- Annie Whatley, Deputy Director, Office of Minority Education and Community Development, U.S. Department of Energy
- Juana Silverio, Esq., Special Advisor to the Director, Office of Economic Impact & Diversity, U.S. Department of Energy
- Senator Sylvia R. Garcia, Texas Senate, District 6
- Representative Garnet F. Coleman, Texas House of Representatives
- Renu Khator, Ph.D., President, UH
- Paula Myrick Short, Ph.D., Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, UH
- Ramanan Krishnamoorti, Ph.D., Interim Vice President for Research and Technology Transfer, UH
- Gregory H. Maddox, Ph.D., Interim Associate Provost/ Associate Vice-President for Research, TSU
- John H. Williams, Ph.D., Dean, Jesse H Jones School of Business, TSU
- Mark Clarke, Ph.D., Associate Provost, Faculty Development & Faculty Affairs, UH
- Erika Henderson, Ph.D., Assistant Provost, Faculty Recruitment, Retention, Equity, and Diversity, UH
- Jessica Kemp, Chief of Staff, Council Member Dwight Boykins, City of Houston

1:15PM TOUR THE TEXAS CENTER FOR CLEAN ENGINES, EMISSIONS AND FUELS LABORATORY – UH ENERGY RESEARCH PARK – Building 14

- Bill Epling, PhD, Professor, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering will give Assistant Secretary Smith a tour of the facility.

1:45PM TRAVEL TO UH INNOVATION CENTER – Building 4 – Room 230

1:55PM MEET BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS; UH AND TSU STUDENTS –
UH INNOVATION CENTER–Building 4 – Room 230

PROGRAM:

Welcome

- Introductions: Mark Clarke, Ph.D., Associate Provost
- Welcoming Remarks: Paula Myrick Short, Ph.D., Provost
- Greetings: Ramanan Krishnamoorti, PhD, VPR

Celebration and Discussion of Future Partnership: Assistant Secretary Smith

* After speaking the Assistant Secretary will engage business/community partners and students in a conversation.

- Frazier Wilson, Ed.D., Social Investment Manager, Shell Oil Company
- Mr. J. Michael Trevino, Trevino & Co., Advisor to American Petroleum Institute
- Ms. Paula Harris, Director of Community Affairs, Schlumberger
- Ms. Telisa Toliver, Vice President, Chevron Pipe Line Company
- Renard L. Thomas, Ph.D, Chair, Department of Health Sciences, TSU
- Mr. Christopher Odom, President, American Association of Blacks in Energy, Houston Chapter
- Ms. Terry H. Stringer, Past President, American Association of Blacks in Energy, Houston Chapter
- UH students
- TSU students

2:45PM DEPART