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Morehouse College President, Walter E. Massey to Open HBCU Library Alliance Leadership Institute II

Morehouse College President Walter E. Massey, a noted physicist and one of the nation's foremost authorities on science and technology, will open the HBCU Library Alliance's Leadership Program Institute II in Atlanta in April. The three-day institute will take place April 3-5 at the Morehouse Leadership Center.

Funded by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the HBCU Library Alliance Leadership Program was established to provide theoretical and practical instruction and useful resources to encourage the development of leadership skills within the HBCU library community. The Leadership Program consists of six components: the Pilot Institute, Institute I, Institute II, an exchange between HBCUs and non-HBCUs, fellowships to SOLINET workshops, and site visits and mentoring.

Dr. Massey has been President of Morehouse, the nation's largest private four-year liberal arts college for men, since 1995. He was director of the National Science Foundation under President George H. W. Bush; he was chairman and president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and has served on the National Science Board and the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology.

In announcing Dr. Massey as the Institute keynote speaker, Loretta Parham, CEO and Director of the Robert W. Woodruff Library of the Atlanta University Center and Chair of the Board of Directors of the HBCU Library Alliance, said, "We are privileged to have Dr. Massey address our leadership institute. His experience, reputation, and advocacy for libraries, as well as his words, will truly enrich the program.

The libraries of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) are integral to the success of the academic program and are unique and indispensable gatekeepers for history, culture, and the African-American experience. Created by the deans and directors of these libraries in 2002, the HBCU Library Alliance seeks to ensure excellence in HBCU libraries through the development, coordination, and promotion of programs and activities to enhance members' collections and services.

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