EMBRACING CHANGE: REVISITED
Strategic Approach to Compliance and Quality Enhancement

Annual Staff Conference
May 28 - 30, 2008
Houston Marriott Westchase
2900 Briarpark Drive
Houston, Texas
Cooperative Agricultural Research Center (CARC)
Annual Staff Conference
"Embracing Change: Revisited"
Houston Marriott Westchase,
2900 Briarpark, Houston, TX
May 28-30, 2008

Wednesday, May 28, 2008
1:00 - 3:00PM Hotel Check-In

3:00 - 5:00PM Theme Exploration and Vision - Richmond Ballroom
Moderator: Alfred L. Parks, Associate Dean/Research Director, CARC
Presenter: Freddie L. Richards, Interim Dean/Administrator, CAHS
Dinner (On Your Own)

Thursday, May 29, 2008
7:00 - 8:00AM Buffet Breakfast - Richmond Ballroom

The Richmond Ballroom
8:00 - 9:00AM Workshop I: Opening General Session: Quality Enhancement
Moderator: Alfred L. Parks, Associate Dean/Research Director, CARC
Presenter: Freddie L. Richards, Interim Dean/Administrator, CAHS
Speaker: E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith, Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, PVAMU

9:00 - 9:45AM Workshop II: Research and Development:
Moderator: Jackson M. Dzakuma, Research Leader/Scientist, CARC
Presenter: Willie F. Trotty, Vice President for Research & Development, PVAMU

9:45 - 10:15AM BREAK

10:15 - 11:00AM Workshop III: Human Resources: AT Will Laws
Moderator: Louis C. Nuti, Research Scientist, CARC
Presenter: Radhika Ayyar, Director of Employee Services, Human Resources, PVAMU

11:00 - 11:45AM Workshop IV: Business Affairs: Records Management
Moderator: Eric Risch, Research Scientist, CARC
Presenter: Tasmina A. Quddus, Senior Staff Accountant, Office of Business Affairs, PVAMU

11:45 - 1:15PM LUNCH F Salon Ballroom

1:15 - 2:00PM Workshop V: General Environmental Health & Safety Training
Moderator: Horace Hodge, USDA Liaison Officer, PVAMU
Presenter: Clarence Gray, Assistant Specialist, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

2:00 - 2:45PM Workshop VI: Equal Employment Opportunity
Moderator: Laura E. Carson, Research Scientist, CARC
Presenter: Renee Williams, Equal Opportunity Officer, PVAMU

2:45 - 3:15PM BREAK

3:15 - 4:00PM Workshop VII: Research and Development: Compliance
Moderator: Gary Newton, Research Scientist, CARC
Presenter: Elizabeth Noel, Associate Vice President for Research & Development, PVAMU
Continued:

4:00 - 4:45PM  Workshop VIII: Administrative & Fiscal Operations Revised
Moderator:  Terry J. Burke, Supervisory Accountant, CARC
Presenter:  Leonard L. Campbell, Associate Director, Operations, CAHS

4:45 - 5:00PM  Announcements/Wrap-up/Adjourn

6:30 - 9:00PM  APPRECIATION DINNER -  F Salon Ballroom

Friday, May 30, 2008

7:00 - 8:00AM  Continental Breakfast - Richmond Ballroom

BREAK-OUT SESSIONS:  8:00 -10:00AM

Richmond Ballroom  Break-out Session I: Leadership Team
Moderator:  Alfred L. Parks, Associate Dean/Research Director, CARC
Reporter:  Richard W. Griffin, Department Head/Research Scientist, CAHS

Westchase Ballroom 1  Break-out Session II: Research Scientists
Moderator:  Victor G. Stanley, Research Scientist, CARC
Reporter:  Adela Mora, Research Scientist, CARC

Westchase Ballroom 2  Break-out Session III: Specialists/Technician
Moderator:  Eustace A. Duffus, Research Specialist, CARC
Reporter:  Barbara M. Johnson, Research Veterinarian, CARC

Westchase Ballroom 3  Break-out Session IV: Farm Support Staff
Moderator:  Searcy Jordan, Research Technician, CARC
Reporter:  Chandra Adams-McClemmon, Veterinarian Assistant, CARC

Westchase Ballroom 4  Break-out Session V: Administrative Staff
Moderator:  Terry J. Burke, Supervisory Staff Accountant, CARC
Reporter:  Adela Jackson, Administrative Secretary, CARC

10:00 - 10:30AM  BREAK

10:30 - 11:30AM  Reports/Feedback

11:30AM - 12:00PM  Wrap-up Session and Adjourn