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# BWXT Y-12 and Alabama State University Mentor/Protégé Agreement

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# Alabama State University

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## History

- HBCU founded in 1867 as the Lincoln School of Marion by 9 former slaves, becoming Lincoln Normal School in 1873
- Moved to Montgomery in 1887
- After continuous evolution and growth, became Alabama State University in 1969

## ASU Today

- More than 5,000 students from 47 states, 7 countries
- 47 degree programs including:
  - 31 Bachelor
  - 11 Masters
  - 2 Education Specialists
  - 3 Doctoral



# Primary partners in the agreement

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## Alabama State University

- Dr. Joe Lee – President, ASU
- Dr. Percy Vaughn – Dean, College of Business Administration
- Dr. Kamal Hingorani – Dept. Head, Computer Information Systems (CIS)

## BWXT Y-12

- Brenda Hunter – Manager, Internal Audit
- Charlie Barton – Manager, Enterprise Solutions



# Mentoring focus areas

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## SAP Curriculum

- ASU is participant in SAP University Alliance, infusing SAP into its business curriculum
- First area of focus is CIS curriculum, but ASU is pushing SAP to all COBA programs

## Socio-economic outreach and contracting opportunities

- Extremely active outreach program to local Alabama small businesses
- Pursuing numerous contract opportunities for the school, e.g., document scanning for Alabama DoT.



# Activities to date

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## SAP Curriculum

- Several student and faculty workshops
- Discussions re: SAP curriculum evolution
- Two ASU students attending Americas' SAP Users' Group Annual Conference and SAP Sapphire Conference in April 2007, hosted by BWXT Y-12
  - Educational sessions
  - SAP new product introductions
  - Discussions with SAP professionals re: career opportunities



# Planned activities for mutual benefit

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## Socioeconomic Outreach and Contracting

- Mentoring in business plan development, proposal writing, optimization of political contacts
- Pursuing expansion of document scanning contract work with BWXT Y-12. Potential areas for much needed support include:
  - Criticality Safety
  - Human Resources
  - Others?

## Internships

- Auditing
- Information Technology



# Mentor/Protégé challenges

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- Distance and time
- Budget constraints
  - Internships
  - Contract work

