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Mr. Blakely currently serves as an Associate Director, White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Mr. Blakely joined the White House Initiative staff in 2007. His primary duties involve worked with Federal Agencies, HBCU Presidents and Sponsored Program Officials on procurement, contracting and program issues.

He served as the Department of the Army's HBCU/MI Program Manager in the Army Small Business Office for 10 years, where he developed highly successful HBCU/MI initiatives that consistently exceeded the Army contracting goal.

He has worked closely with federal agencies, HBCU advocacy groups and private sector organizations to implementing policies and programs that increase federal funding to Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions and Tribal Colleges and Universities.

Mr. Blakely previously served as an EEO Manager at the US Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Civil Rights with responsibilities for the Affirmative Employment and Special Emphasis Programs. He created EPA's Historically Black Colleges and Universities Program with the support of senior managers and significant input from HBCU presidents. The HBCU Program focused on Research and Development, Faculty Fellowships, Internships and Equipment Transfer Programs.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work at Tuskegee and Master's of Arts in Human Resources Management, Pepperdine Universities and a Certificate in Contracting and Procurement from the University of Virginia.

Mr. Blakely retired from the USAF Reserves in 2000 as a Lt. Col. He is an active member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and a 33° Prince Hall Mason. He currently resides in Prince George's County, Maryland with his wife and daughter.