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33rd Annual Conference and Training Institute

The National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice will hold its 33rd Annual Conference and Training Institute in Denver Colorado at the Adam's Mark Hotel, July 16 through 20, 2006. It is anticipated that over 600 individual from around the country, Canada and Trinidad and Tobago will gather for this event. It is being hosted by its affiliate Chapter, the Colorado Chapter of NABCJ.

This five day conference program will open featuring Fitzgerald Hines, Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security for Trinidad and Tobago. It is anticipated that Mr. Hines will share some of the problems and solutions for the Prison Service of Trinidad and Tobago. Roger E. Walker Jr., the first elected African-American sheriff in Illinois, who is now the Director of the Illinois Department of Corrections will also help kick off the Conference and Training Institute with remarks. Anthony Batts, Chief of Police, Long Beach police Department, Long Beach California is the Victoria Myers Luncheon Program that will be held on Tuesday, July 18 during this affair. Participants will be addressed by renowned author and speaker, Elaine Bartlett, who will be the keynoter for the Bennett Cooper Awards Banquet on July 19.

A host of other heads of state and federal criminal justice departments are anticipated to be in attendance e.g., Harley Lappin, Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons; Gwendoly Chunn, President of the American Correctional Association; Jim Gondles, Executive Director of the American Correctional Association; Harold Clarke, Director of the Washington State Department of Corrections; William A. Dudley, Esq., and Chief Deputy Secretary for the North Carolina Department of Corrections; Frank Sizer, Jr., Commissioner of the Maryland Department of Corrections; and a host of others.

Participants will also have the chance to join in honoring the very best in our profession, through our Achievement Awards, Distinguished Service Awards, and our Scholarship presentations. Foremost, the Conference and Training Institute will provide numerous concurrent sessions targeting interests from leadership to management of offenders. Participants will leave the Conference inspired with new ideas and contacts, and with practical actions that they can apply in their profession. The topics each year are designed to provide participants with ideas and best practices that can be put to work immediately to help them their career and organizational goals. The 2006 Conference is especially meaningful as the focus of this conference is "Re-entry and Restoration: A Time for Action." We want to cause action in this area by providing participants with opportunities to exchange ideas and further mutual understanding concerning the vulnerabilities, threats, and defeats facing offenders as they re-enter the community; as well as identifying and sharing best practice approaches to solutions and strategies to address these issues. This Conference and Training Institute not only benefits the participants, but the employers as well, by enabling all participants to expand on their knowledge and experience and then to bring the skills that they learn back to their workplace.

We appreciate our many Sponsors, especially the Keefe Group, who helped us to provide this outstanding learning and networking opportunity to so many.