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The U.S. Minerals Management Service to Visit University Career Fairs

The U.S. Department of the Interior's Minerals Management Service Gulf of Mexico Region's Recruiting Teams will staff booths at Fall Career Fairs at a number of universities around the country.

The teams will focus on expanding and intensifying public awareness of job opportunities within the Minerals Management Service. Emphasis will be placed on engineering and geoscience positions. Team members have identified professional organizations, colleges and universities, and special emphasis groups, and arranging contacts.

Colorado School of Mines, Golden	September 11
Montana Tech University, Butte	September 13
Pennsylvania State University, State College	September 13
Tulane University, New Orleans	September 17
Texas A&M University, College Station	September 17-19
Xavier University, New Orleans	September 18
Southern University, Baton Rouge	September 19
Dillard University, New Orleans	September 20
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge	September 20
Southern University, New Orleans	September 21
West Virginia University, Morgantown	September 21
University of Texas at Austin	September 25-26
University of Louisiana at Lafayette	September 28
University of New Orleans	September 28
University of Southern California, Los Angeles	October 18

A recruiting web page describing career opportunities with the MMS is under development and should be available shortly. The site will contain information on MMS program office functions, job disciplines, duties, and instructions for applying for Government jobs. The site will also describe internships and other student programs available.

The MMS recruiting effort will provide greater awareness by the public of job opportunities with the MMS, a greater number of applicants from which to select, a more diverse applicant pool, and improved competition through an increased number of qualified applicants.

MMS is the federal agency in the U.S. Department of the Interior that manages the nation's oil, natural gas and other mineral resources on the outer continental shelf in federal offshore waters. The agency also collects, accounts for and disburses mineral revenues from federal and Indian leases. These disbursements totaled nearly \$8 billion last year and more than \$110 billion since the agency was created in 1982. Annually, nearly \$1 billion from those revenues go into the Land and Water Conservation Fund for the acquisition and development of state and federal park and recreation lands.

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MMS's Website Address: <http://www.mms.gov>