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**PRESIDENT WRIGHT SIGNS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
WITH U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT**

*Entity establishes program with three Historically Black Universities (HBUs)
to offer internship opportunities for law enforcement students*



WASHINGTON, D.C. [SEPTEMBER 11, 2007]- Earlier today, Homeland Security Assistant Secretary for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Julie L. Myers was joined by the Presidents of three Historically Black Universities (HBUs) to create the framework for criminal justice internship opportunities within ICE for qualified students attending each institution. Dr. Karl S. Wright, President of Florida Memorial University; Dr. Earl S. Richardson, President of Morgan State University; and Dr. Ronald Mason Jr., President of Jackson State University; were present to sign Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) on behalf of their respective University to activate the learning program for students interested in pursuing careers in law enforcement.

“These notable partnerships between ICE and our nation’s historically black colleges and universities are a win-win for everyone,” stated Assistant Secretary Myers. “We are helping to prepare the next generation of criminal justice professionals by mentoring these young men and women and giving them an opportunity to apply the knowledge they gained in the classroom to our law enforcement activities around the world.”

As part of the agreement, administrators at each HBU will identify qualified criminal justice students to participate in the ICE internship program. The individual programs will provide students with first-hand experience in the law enforcement operations conducted by ICE and introduce them to the challenges and benefits of a federal law enforcement career.

“HBUs are so important to this country,” said Dr. Karl S. Wright. “There are 105 of us and we make up 3% of the nation’s colleges and universities, yet we graduate 24% of all the black graduates. We have the students and ICE has the internships. When our students have the opportunity to work with agencies like ICE, they become a part of the law enforcement family, and we all know that internships like these can often lead to future employment opportunities.”

In addition to today’s signing, on August 8, 2007, ICE signed an MOU with Huston-Tillotson University in Austin, Texas on August 8, 2007. In total, ICE intends to sign agreements with all 57 Historically Black Colleges and Universities offering programs in criminal justice.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.

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About Florida Memorial University:

Located in the City of Miami Gardens, Florida Memorial University is a private, historically Black institution offering 41 undergraduate degree programs and 4 graduate degree programs to a culturally diverse student body. Since its inception in 1879, the University has upheld a commitment to providing a solid foundation for thousands of young people and opening doors to educational opportunities that may have otherwise been closed to them. As South Florida’s only Historically Black University, it is widely recognized for being the birthplace of the Negro National Anthem, “Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing” and the home of student Barrington A. Irving, Jr., the first and youngest pilot of African descent to fly solo around the world. For more information, please contact the Office of Public Affairs at (305) 626-3624.