

**WASHINGTON** – Representatives from nearly 30 state and federal government agencies will present information on grant application and opportunities May 1 at the Grant and Funding Resource Conference sponsored by Congressman Spencer Bachus.

**Nearly 800 individuals, representing more than 50 of Alabama's 67 counties, are expected to attend the three-day conference.** On May 1, participants will be divided into breakout sessions, tailored to address specific functional areas.

Local and statewide elected officials, along with their administrative staff, are encouraged to attend.

Chambers of commerce and business owners; law enforcement, fire and rescue officials; faith-based and community organizations; educators and interested individuals are also urged to participate.

Congressman Bachus earlier this week announced that **HUD Secretary Alphonso Jackson** will give the keynote address during the May 1 luncheon.

On May 2-3, "The Art & Science of Grant Writing" curriculum will be offered by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development. The curriculum has been designed to educate organizations across the country on significant grant opportunities and provide participants with ideas and approaches to obtaining federal funds, information on how to successfully write grants, and strategies for developing coalitions.

**The following agencies will give presentations May 1:**

U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Office

U.S. Small Business Administration

U.S. Department of Commerce

U.S. Department of Education

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

U.S. General Services Administration (GSA)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Federal Highway Administration

Alabama Governor's Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives

Alabama Crime Prevention Clearinghouse and Training Institute

Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA)

Alabama Small Business Development Consortium

Alabama Office of Workforce Development

Alabama Forestry Commission

Alabama Historical Commission

Alabama International Trade Center

Alabama College System

Alabama Department of Transportation

Alabama Homeland Security

Alabama Department of Environmental Management

The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham

Alabama Power Foundation

United Way of Central Alabama

Gulf States Center for Public Safety Innovation

For more information and to register, please visit [www.bachusgrantconference.com](http://www.bachusgrantconference.com) or call Bachus' Birmingham office at (205) 969-2296.

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