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Nevada's consortium goes to the Smithsonian

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The Nevada Science Education Leadership Consortium has been chosen to participate in the K-8 Science Leadership Institute at the Smithsonian Institution, Academy of Science, July 20 - 25, 1997. The Consortium is a joint effort by Clark and Washoe County School Districts, the Nevada Department of Education and the University of Nevada School of Medicine.

In the acceptance letter from the Smithsonian, the consortium's application was praised as demonstrating "leadership and a clear commitment to reforming pre-college science education for the children in your community."

Members of the Consortium team include Eric Anderson, K-12 science education consultant, the Nevada State Department of Education; Dr. P. Kay Carl, assistant superintendent, Elementary Education Division and Linda Gregg, administrative specialist, elementary academic services, Clark County School District; Dr. Ken Maehara, associate professor and course coordinator, pathology and Ann Diggins, director of recruitment, School of Medicine; Jerry Holloway, senior director of curriculum and instructional support, Washoe County; and George

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Ochs, K-12 science program coordinator, Bullis Curriculum & Instruction Center; and David Blondfield, math and science teacher, Pine Middle School.

During the six-day program of workshops and discussions, teams will develop a shared vision about effective science learning and teaching, adopt a model for science education reform (including curriculum design, professional development, assessment, materials support, and administrative and community support); and develop a five-year strategic plan that will incorporate all local, state, regional and national resources available to implement that plan.

Teams from other academic health centers that have been chosen to participate are: University of Texas, Houston Health Science Center; Western University of Health Sciences; Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine; Baylor College of Medicine, Houston; James H. Quillen College of Medicine; University of Nebraska Medical Center, Duquesne University, School of Health Sciences; Allegheny University of Health Sciences; and University of Pennsylvania Medical Center.