

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND  
UNIVERSITIES (HBCU)/MINORITY INSTITUTIONS  
(MI) AUTOMATION RESOURCES (AR) PROGRAM**

The DOD HBCU/MI AR Program was established in furtherance of Presidential Executive Order 12677, Historically Black Colleges and Universities. President Bush signed the order in April 1989. President Clinton issued Presidential Executive Order 12876, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, in November 1993. Its purpose is to advance the development of human potential, to strengthen HBCU, and increase opportunities for HBCU to participate in, and benefit from, Federal Programs. On 2 May 1990, then Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney authorized the DOD to implement the HBCU AE Program. The program was expanded in 1993, to include Minority Institutions (MI), and is being conducted under the authority of Section 2667 of Title 10 United States Code, to allow the use of DOD-owned AR by HBCU/MI. Administration was assigned to the Defense Automation Resources Information Center (DARIC), Alexandria, VA.

The DOD HBCU/MI AR Program enables DOD to lease AR to HBCU/MI for up to five years. The types of equipment available for use within the program include mainframes, minicomputers, microcomputers, modems, disk drives, printers, and other peripheral devices.

The AR are DOD-owned and are transferred from DOD Activities throughout the country. AR may be designated for HBCU/MI use by a Defense organization, or identified as excess by the DARIC. There is no fee for HBCU/MI to participate in the program; however, institutions must pay transportation and packing expenses from DOD sites to the requesting schools. The HBCU/MI are also responsible for routine maintenance while leasing the AR. The leased AR may be used for student and faculty use, training, to augment the AR of the institution, or to support other academic-related programs.

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