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UNDER SECRETARY OF EDUCATION MARTHA KANTER TO ADDRESS 63RD ANNUAL CONVENTION OF AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY USA

U.S. Under Secretary of Education Martha Kanter will address the 63rd annual convention of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA on Saturday, July 2, at 4:00 p.m. in Harrisburg, Pa. Kanter will discuss the role of religious groups in encouraging civic engagement, academic achievement and lifelong learning. She will also emphasize the importance of tolerance and equal access to an excellent education as keys to meeting the President's 2020 goal for America to once again have the highest rate of college graduates in the world.

Titled "Celebrating the American and Islamic Concepts of Freedom," the convention will bring together some 5,000 participants from 70 Ahmadiyya Muslim Community chapters across the country as well as several prominent leaders and lawmakers. Founded in 1889, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is a revivalist, moderate movement within Islam.

WHO:

U.S. Under Secretary of Education Martha Kanter

WHAT:

Remarks at 63rd Annual Convention of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA

WHEN:

4:00 p.m. EDT, Saturday, July 2,2011

WHERE:

Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex& Expo Center  
2300 North Cameron Street  
Harrisburg, Pa.

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