**American Association for Affirmative Action Announces**

**40th National Conference and Annual Meeting**

***"Envisioning the Future"***

**June 3 - 6, 2014 - Nashville, TN**

***U.S. Department of Labor OFCCP Director Patricia A. Shiu \* U.S. Department of Labor Assistant Secretary Kathleen Martinez (ODEP) \* Assistant Secretary of Education Catherine Lhamon (OCR) \*  and other National, State and Local officials will participate***

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Washington, DC, April 16, 2014- The American Association for Affirmative Action (AAAA), an organization of equal opportunity, diversity and affirmative action professionals, announced its 40th National Conference and Annual Meeting themed "40 Years of Affirmative Action: *Envisioning the Future*."  The meeting is being held at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel & Convention Center, 2800 Opryland Drive, Nashville, TN on June 3 - 6, 2014.

Featured speakers include **Patricia A. Shiu**, Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, U.S. Department of Labor; **Kathleen Martinez**, Assistant Secretary, Office of Disability Employment Policy, U.S. Department of Labor; **Catherine Lhamon**, Assistant Secretary, Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education (via Skype) and other national and local speakers.

In addition to the plethora of informative workshops and plenary sessions, the Conference will also feature a number of pre-conference workshops, including an **8-hour training on Title IX, an update on the new OFCCP regulations,** and a one-day training opportunity for experienced practitioners to receive the **Senior Certified Affirmative Action Professional** credential.

The Conference will also celebrate the **50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964** and host a **Town Hall meeting on the association's 40th Anniversary** featuring previous AAAA presidents.

"We are excited about the training and educational sessions available," said Huda Melky, Conference Co-Chair.  "This conference is filled with opportunities to design a proactive plan to advance another 40 years of access, equity and inclusion," said Gregory Chambers, AAAA President.

The AAAA 40th National Conference and Annual Meeting is open to the press. For more information or to register for the Conference, go to [www.aaaaconference.org](http://www.aaaaconference.org/).

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