Building involvement in polar activities by minority communities required actively reaching out to them, and ensuring that research and activities have relevance to their specific interests.

- Existing community agencies and activities can be a vehicle for numerous and repeated exposures on their home ground. Locating these agencies and local needs will involve physically going to communities and exploring possibilities face-to-face.
- Identifying ways to encourage minorities in their involvement in polar science and emphasize its relevance to them and their communities, and to develop local connections.
- Connect through professional minority associations.
- Encouragement and recognition for involvement in science and research can have a major impact.
- It is important not to set the level so high at the beginning that people without a strong background are intimidated and therefore unwilling to participate.


Minority Professional Organizations (MPOs) have long been committed to mentoring and nurturing the professional development of underrepresented students. They provide a rich source of expertise and commitment.

Consider Partnership with these Minority Professional Organizations

- National Association of Black Geologists and Geophysicists (NABGG)
- Advancing Hispanic/Chicano and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS)
- The Association of Computer and Information Science/Engineering Departments at Minority Institutions (ADMI)
- National Society of Black Physicists (NSBP)
- National Association of Mathematicians (NAM)
- National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)
- National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers (NOBCChE)
- National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE)
- National Technical Association, Inc. (NTA)
- National Institute of Science (NIS)

SEEK MSI AND MPO PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES... NOT JUST RECRUITMENT OPPORTUNITIES!!