SUMMARY OF FOCUS THE NATION AT AUBURN
JAN 30, 2008
AU Hotel and Dixon Conference Center

RATIONALE: Truly non-partisan discussions about the challenges, opportunities, and solutions associated with climate change are now occurring at all political levels in the country from local to national. This is an opportunity for educators to take a leadership role, and catalyze a process which indeed will "Focus the Nation." For the last 150 years we have been engaged in an unprecedented natural experiment, drastically altering the basic nature of the planet's climate control system. Focus the Nation is engaging the country with the question: How far can we let that experiment go?

AUDIENCE:

Primary – campus population
Secondary – entire community

WHAT: Teams of faculty and students at over 1400 colleges, universities and K-12 schools in the United States, to engage in a nationwide, interdisciplinary discussion about "Global Warming Solutions for America."

Culminating January 30 or 31, 2008, in the form of national symposia held simultaneously at over 1300 campuses, places of worship, businesses, and other venues across the country.

GOAL: To focus the growing concern in the country about global warming, and to create a serious, sustained and truly national non-partisan discussion about clean energy solutions, linking students and citizens directly with our political leaders.

To catalyze the country, and indeed, "Focus the Nation" around a non-partisan, reasoned, campus-lead discussion of this critical 21st century issue.

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