

# X-SITES EXAMINER



### 2002 Quality Assurance and Experimental Sites National Conference

### "A Journey Toward Excellence: United by Common Goals"

Experimental Sites Partners, you don't want to miss this opportunity!!!!

For the first time, school partners in both the Quality Assurance Program and the Experimental Sites Initiative will host a joint conference. The conference is scheduled for March 4-5, 2002, in Baltimore, Maryland at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel. This is immediately preceding the SFA Spring Conference at this site.

Earlier we sent you information describing the conference tracks, a tentative agenda, a best practices display form for sharing, and an interest session proposal form. We really need to hear from you as to your suggestions for topics or presenters of topics. It is our desire to make this a worthwhile experience -- one that you will be talking about for some time.

Come meet, share and learn from your colleagues and departmental staff. This conference is a partnership wherein you can reinforce "one size does not fit all." So spend a couple of days with those of us, who like yourself, are committed to improving services. There will be an opportunity for persons to create proposals based on common interests.

We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

## **Baltimore Marriott Hotel**



The location of the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel will make the conference a memorable one. You can stroll along the walkways, see the sailboats in the harbor, and hear the call of soaring gulls. This hotel is only minutes from the excitement of Baltimore's "Inner Harbor."

### How to Register

We urge you to register for the conference and make your hotel reservations early. Access at the site below:

http://edeworkshop.ncspears on.com/gap

#### "Bits and Pieces"

2000-2001 Annual **Reports.** The reports for the 2000-2001 academic year are in. The automated templates for the first nine experiments were used for this report cycle. Our school partners offered a few suggestions for formatting improvements but were overwhelmingly pleased with the improved format. This enhanced format was used by 92 % of the participants!

X-Sites welcomes KPMG. The data in the 2000-2001 annual reports will be "crunched" by KPMG. In addition, they will prepare a report and communicate the outcomes at the QA/X-Sites Conference. You want to be there to hear it firsthand.

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