Dear UCEA Colleague,

We are honored to extend an invitation to you to join the University Council for Educational Administration (UCEA) as a member of the UCEA Delegation to Cuba, March 12-17, 2018. This delegation will be developed in cooperation with the Cuban Ministry of Education and offers a unique opportunity to meet directly with our Cuban counterparts as we learn about the challenges and advances of the Cuban education system.

As part of the delegation, you will have the opportunity to participate in professional meetings and meaningful site visits each day. Although delegation member interests will be taken into account in determining the final topics that will be covered, a recent survey of UCEA community members identified the following preliminary topics:

1. The Cuban Education System
2. Educational Leadership Practice and Preparation
3. Equity and Diversity
4. Cuban Culture, Community and Politics

The UCEA delegation will be travelling under OFAC regulation 31 CFR §515.564 General license for professional research. This license supports our access to the highest-level professionals in Cuba. Each member of the delegation must be in compliance with the General License issued by OFAC authorizing full-time professionals to travel to Cuba given that the purpose of the delegation directly relates to the traveler’s profession, professional background, or area of expertise, including area of graduate-level full-time study. To ensure compliance, each participant in the program will be required to provide a Curriculum Vitae and sign an affidavit attesting that his or her professional background relates to the purpose of the delegation.

For those interested in having a guest join you in Cuba during the professional delegation, Professionals Abroad will arrange a limited guest program offering accommodation, transfers, and dinners with the delegates. The guest program is available only for a delegate’s spouse or immediate family member.

This delegation will convene in Havana, Cuba on March 12, 2018, returning to the United States on March 17, 2018. Travel arrangements will be arranged through our cooperation with Professionals Abroad, a division of Academic Travel Abroad. Please refer to the program website for program details including cost, guest travel, and a sample itinerary. If you have any additional questions regarding the delegation, please contact our Program Representative at Professionals Abroad, at 877.298.9677.
For U.S. citizens, expenses associated with this program may be tax deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense. You should consult with a tax advisor to determine if tax deductibility is applicable to you.

Due to the extensive planning and communication involved in coordinating a program of this nature, please respond with your intentions regarding this invitation as soon as possible. Please RSVP to Professionals Abroad at 877.298.9677 or click here to be directed to your enrollment website. You can also visit www.professionalsabroad.org and search for your delegation using “University Council for Educational Administration.” A $500 deposit is required to reserve your place on the team. We look forward to hearing from you regarding your participation.

We believe that this delegation to Cuba will be both personally and professionally rewarding, and we are pleased to be involved. We strongly encourage you to consider participating in the University Council for Educational Administration Delegation to Cuba.

Sincerely,

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