

Region VII Technical Assistance

Preliminary Program At-A-Glance

Dates: Wednesday–Friday, February 18–20, 2026
Location: Montgomery, Alabama
Host: Alabama State University, 915 South Jackson Street, Montgomery, AL
Lodging: Embassy Suites by Hilton Montgomery Hotel & Conference Center, 300 Tallapoosa Street, Montgomery, AL 36104

Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, February 18

11:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.
Region VII Planning Committee Meeting

5:30 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.
Welcome Reception Meet & Greet

Thursday, February 19

- 8:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.**
- Registration & Networking Breakfast
 - Welcome & Opening Sessions
 - Workshop/Training/Presentations (4 Sessions)
 - Acknowledgment Luncheon
 - President's Roundtable Forum (*INVITE ONLY*)

7:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.
Sponsored Event

Friday, February 20

- 8:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.**
- Networking Breakfast
 - Panel Discussion
 - Activity Breakout Sessions (2 Sessions)
 - Closing Networking Express Lunch

2:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m.
Team Building/Educational Tours/Culmination Activities
(*Optional*)

Region 7 HBCU Institutions

About Region 7 Institutions

Alabama is home to the highest number of HBCUs in the nation—14 institutions representing academic excellence and cultural heritage.

Alabama A&M University – Normal, AL. More than 60 undergraduate, graduate, and certificate programs.

Alabama State University – Montgomery, AL. Ranked Top Public School (#32); focuses on education, STEM, and performing arts.

Bishop State Community College – Mobile, AL. Fast-track programs for workforce entry.

Gadsden State Community College – Gadsden, AL. Two-year institution with 19% lower tuition than comparable colleges.

J.F. Drake State Technical College – Huntsville, AL. Career and technical training for technology sector.

Lawson State Community College – Birmingham, AL. Skills-based training with campuses in Birmingham and Bessemer.

Miles College – Fairfield, AL. Private liberal arts with CME Church affiliation.

Oakwood University – Huntsville, AL. Seventh-day Adventist faith-based programs.

Shelton State Community College – Tuscaloosa, AL. Largest two-year college in Alabama; serves 4,500+ students.

Stillman College – Tuscaloosa, AL. Private Presbyterian institution with strong business, arts, and education programs.

Talladega College – Talladega, AL. Top Performers in Social Mobility (#11); 21 academic programs.

Trenholm State Community College – Montgomery, AL. Fast-track programs in health sciences, IT, culinary arts.

Tuskegee University – Tuskegee, AL. Ranked Best HBCUs (#4); established Alabama's first undergraduate nursing program.

Host Institution Snapshot

Alabama State University, founded in 1867 by the Marion Nine, is one of the oldest institutions established for African Americans. Located in Montgomery, ASU offers 60+ degree programs with a 20:1 student-faculty ratio. The campus features 50+ student organizations and 18 intercollegiate athletics programs.

About Montgomery

“The Capital of Dreams.” Montgomery is Alabama's capital and birthplace of the modern Civil Rights Movement, including the 1955–56 Bus Boycott and 1965 Selma-to-Montgomery marches. Today, the revitalized downtown blends historic sites with contemporary attractions and cultural institutions.