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ATLANTA, GA.....Edwin Bethea, research scientist at Georgia

Tech's Engineering Experiment Station, has been selected as a delegate
to the 1980 White House Conference on Small Business to be held in
Washington, D.C., early next year. He will be helping to prepare a
statement of issues and concerns of the small business community as well
as the minority business community. This statement will be presented
to Congress and to the president. Bethea is currently director of the
Office of Minority Business Enterprise's Technology Utilization and
Commercialization Center at the Experiment Station. The TUCC, which
was established in 1977, is part of the U.S. Department of Commerce's
national Technology Commercialization Centers. It is an experimental
program designed to research new or under-utilized technology which can
be matched with minority-owned firms or minority entrepreneurs who are
interested in expanding and penetrating into growth areas of the economy.