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### **HHS AWARDS \$26.6 MILLION IN NEW PROGRAM TO PROVIDE BIOTERRORISM TRAINING AND CURRICULUM**

HHS Secretary Tommy G. Thompson today announced \$26.6 million in new grants to strengthen bioterrorism training and education for the nation's health professions workforce. The grants are the first in HHS' Bioterrorism Training and Curriculum Development Program. Today's grantees are in 23 states.

"Our health care professionals need to be prepared for the special demands that a bioterrorism attack could make on them and on our health care system," Secretary Thompson said. "This new program is an important part of our broader efforts to prepare our public health system, develop effective medical countermeasures and stand ready to respond if bioterrorism should strike."

The program includes two components: continuing education for health professionals, funded at \$22,344,500, and curriculum development in health professions schools, funded at \$4,221,541. It is designed to provide bioterrorism-related continuing education and training opportunities for practicing health care providers and support new emergency preparedness curricula in health professions schools. The program will provide for training of at least 38,000 health professionals to better respond to an emergency.

The new program is part of a total federal investment of \$4.4 billion in fiscal year 2003 for bioterrorism preparedness. It is administered by HHS' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), which also funds other health professions programs.

"We view these grants as a vital extension of our mission to ensure that all Americans have access to high-quality health care," said Elizabeth M. Duke, Ph.D., HRSA administrator. "In the case of bioterrorism, it is even more urgent that our health professions workforce be prepared to treat all of our citizens, wherever they reside."

The Bioterrorism Training and Curriculum Development Program was created with the passage of the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002.

More information is available at <http://www.hrsa.gov/bioterrorism.htm>.

Lists of grant recipients follows:

**Bioterrorism Training and Curriculum Development****Program FY 2003 Continuing Education Grants**

<i>Organization</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Univ. of Arkansas for Medical Sciences	Little Rock	Ark.	\$1,494,401
University of California	San Francisco	Calif.	\$1,496,794
Denver Health & Hospital Authority	Denver	Colo.	\$987,323
Yale New Haven Health System	Bridgeport	Conn.	\$1,282,801
MCHC - Chicago Hospital Council	Chicago	Ill.	\$1,046,160
University of Kansas Medical Center	Kansas City	Kan.	\$1,218,549
Univ. of Louisville Research Foundation	Louisville	Ky.	\$1,363,969
Saint Vincent Foundation	Billings	Mont.	\$917,596
University of Medicine and Dentistry of N.J. - NJMS	Newark	N.J.	\$1,570,090
University of New Mexico	Albuquerque	N.M.	\$1,140,565
Columbia University in the City of New York	New York	N.Y.	\$399,597
University of North Dakota	Grand Forks	N.D.	\$820,761
Oklahoma Area Health Education Center	Tulsa	Okla.	\$785,733
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital	Philadelphia	Pa.	\$968,102
Medical University of South Carolina	Charleston	S.C.	\$1,235,721
U. of Tennessee Health Sciences Center	Memphis	Tenn.	\$1,363,747
Univ. of Texas Health Sciences Center	Houston	Texas	\$1,838,693
Virginia Commonwealth University	Richmond	Va.	\$1,535,597
West Virginia University	Morgantown	W.Va.	\$878,301
			<b>TOTAL:</b> <b>\$22,344,500</b>

**Bioterrorism Training and Curriculum Development****Program FY 2003 Curriculum Development Grants**

<i>Organization</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Univ. of Arkansas for Medical Sciences	Little Rock	Ark.	\$216,375
University of California	Los Angeles	Calif.	\$313,430
University of Hawaii	Honolulu	Hawaii	\$377,125
University of Illinois	Chicago	Ill.	\$392,027
University of Montana	Missoula	Mont.	\$201,454
Univ. of Nebraska Med. Ctr.	Omaha	Neb.	\$363,777

Columbia University	New York	N.Y.	\$348,360
Ohio State University Research Fdn.	Columbus	Ohio	\$429,474
Vanderbilt University Medical Center	Nashville	Tenn.	\$384,866
Univ. of Texas Health Sciences Center	San Antonio	Texas	\$459,222
Shenandoah University	Winchester	Va.	\$309,579
University of Washington	Seattle	Wash.	\$425,853
			<b>TOTAL: \$4,221,541</b>
			<b>GRAND TOTAL: \$26,566,041</b>

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