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**Gov. Nixon Announces \$871,000 Training for Tomorrow  
Grant for Jefferson College**

*Innovative Grant Program Will Train Workers for Jobs Needed Now; Funds Will Train  
Missourians for In-Demand Health Care Careers*

Missouri Governor Jay Nixon has announced the awarding of an \$871,000 Training for Tomorrow grant to Jefferson College in order to help prepare Missourians for careers in high-demand fields. Jefferson College will use the funds to train workers for a variety of health-related occupations.

Launched by Governor Nixon just two months ago, Training for Tomorrow is designed to educate Missourians for careers in growing industries. These grants will help community colleges create or expand training programs to serve additional students. Over the past two months, Missouri community colleges have worked quickly with local businesses to identify workforce needs and submit applications for funding to the Missouri Department of Economic Development.

“After sitting down with business and education leaders, it was clear that Missouri needed to ramp up training efforts to prepare our workers to compete in the 21<sup>st</sup> century,” Governor Nixon said during his visit to the community college’s main campus in Hillsboro. “As employers begin to hire again, they are going to need workers with training in fields such as health care, technology, green energy and computers. Training for Tomorrow will help get these programs up and running as quickly as possible -- to get Missourians enrolled, trained and back on the job.”

Through discussions with local health care providers, Jefferson College has identified a need to develop training programs for four additional health care occupations: physical therapy technicians; occupational therapy technicians; respiratory therapists; and radiological technicians. The grant will provide for curriculum development and start up of the new programs by 2011 or 2012. Prerequisite courses should be available in December of 2010.

Jefferson Regional Medical Center will serve as a key partner in developing the curricula for these new programs and will serve as a clinical site for student training. More than 20 local health care providers also have clinical agreements with the college, and several of these providers will serve on an advisory committee to review the curricula and ensure they meet the specific needs of the local labor market, as well as industry standards.

“Health providers in our area are facing a critical shortage of trained workers to provide care to their patients,” said Jefferson College President Dr. Raymond Cumiskey. “Training for Tomorrow will help us meet that critical need. By preparing more workers for careers in physical

therapy, occupational therapy, respiratory therapy and radiology, we will be improving the lives of people in our region, and helping move our economy forward. Training for Tomorrow will make a tremendous difference for our college and the students we serve.”

Member institutions of the Missouri Community College Association were eligible to apply for funding under Training for Tomorrow. Funding for the grants comes from the Second Supplemental Disaster Recovery Community Development Block Grant, a federal program to assist with economic recovery efforts.

The grants were competitive, and colleges were expected to provide significant detail in their applications, including:

- Outlining the specific actions they will take to expand the capacity of high-demand programs;
- Detailing the market demand for the programs, both by students and employers;
- Identifying partners from business and industry who can help design the programs;
- Aligning the expansion of these programs with local economic-recovery efforts;
- Showing that the expansion will create or add pathways to specific high-demand careers in the local market; and
- Drafting an implementation plan for the programs.



*Governor Jay Nixon announces Jefferson College's receipt of an \$871,000 Training for Tomorrow grant that will enable the institution to develop training programs in four high-demand health care occupations: physical therapy technicians; occupational therapy technicians; respiratory therapists; and radiological technicians.*