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LCC’s BCI SHARES IN $7.5M RECOVERY ACT FUNDS
Grant to be used for health information technology training

LAN Sing—LCC’s Business and Community Institute (BCI) will share in $7.5 million American Recovery Act Funds as part of a U.S. Federal Health and Human Services (HHS) initiative to advance the widespread adoption and meaningful use of health information technology. The grant will be shared with 17 Midwestern community colleges in 10 states led by the Cuyahoga Community College District in Cleveland, Ohio.

As lead institution in the grant, Cuyahoga Community College will potentially receive $2.5 million, while other colleges will receive sub-awards ranging from $290,000 to $2.5 million based on the number of students they will be training. BCI is expected to receive $647,862 over two years.

“Since the role of the Business and Community Institute (BCI) is to provide this vital form of training to our community, we’re extremely pleased to share with this esteemed group of colleagues,” said Bo Garcia, BCI Executive Director. “We’re confident that the results will help individuals in their efforts to improve the quality of their lives and standard of living while stimulating the Michigan economy.”

Federal HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius has enlisted the resources of some of the nation’s leading universities, community colleges, and major research centers to address current and future barriers to achieving meaningful use of health IT.

The national awards total $144 million. To date, some $84 million has been allocated to universities and community colleges to support training and development of more than 50,000 new health IT professionals. The Cuyahoga Community College Consortium hopes to train 5,400 individuals over a two year period beginning this fall.

Recipients are required to create non-degree training programs that can be completed in six months or less by individuals with appropriate prior education and/or experience. First year grant awards are estimated at $36 million. An additional $34 million is available for year two funding of these programs after successful completion of a mid-project evaluation.
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Lansing Community College is Michigan’s third largest community college with more than 32,000 students attending each year. The College has more than 240 degree and certificate programs. LCC offers courses in general education for those interested in transferring to a four-year institution, career and workforce development, developmental education and personal enrichment. To meet the professional development and training needs of regional employees, the college offers customized programs for credit, non-credit and continuing education. The University Center at LCC offers students the opportunity to earn bachelor’s and master’s degrees from six partner universities on the downtown LCC campus. For more information, visit www.lcc.edu.