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Media Advisory

Department of Homeland Security to Award George Washington University \$2 Million to Enhance Terrorism Training *Mencer to present Competitive Training Grant award*

Washington, D.C. – The Honorable C. Suzanne Mencer, Director of Department of Homeland Security Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness (SLGCP), will present George Washington University with a \$2 million competitive training grant.

The Competitive Training Grants Program provides funding for training initiatives to further the Department's mission of preparing the nation in the event of a terrorist incident. George Washington University completed a rigorous application process for this grant—over 217 applications were received and the Department selected 14 programs for funding, totaling \$33,645,997 to be awarded.

George Washington University will use the funds to develop and deliver training sessions for nursing professionals across the country in efforts to prepare them to respond to victims of a WMD event. This training will aim to increase awareness of WMD risks, vulnerabilities, and response requirements.

WHAT: Department of Homeland Security Competitive Training Grants Program award presentation

WHO: The Honorable C. Suzanne Mencer

WHEN: Thursday, October 21, 2004
9:30 a.m.

WHERE: George Mason University
specific room TBD
4400 University Drive
Fairfax, VA 22030

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