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Media Advisory

Department of Homeland Security to Award UC-Davis \$4.7 Million for Agroterrorism

Mencer to present Competitive Training Grant award

DAVIS- The Honorable C. Suzanne Mencer, Director of Department of Homeland Security Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness (SLGCP), will present the University of California, Davis with a \$4.7 million grant to enhance preparedness at the frontlines against agricultural weapons of mass destruction.

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. The University of California, Davis 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.

The university plans to use this funding to develop an actionable, results-oriented training program that will enhance preparedness against agricultural WMD. The project will train over 1 million frontline personnel in disciplines such as public health, veterinary medicine, and food service.

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

WHO: The Honorable C. Suzanne Mencer, Director of SLGCP, Department of Homeland Security

WHEN: Monday, August 23, 2004
9:30 AM

WHERE: Walter A. Buehler UC Davis Alumni & Visitors Center
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