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**MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION
PRESS RELEASE**

On behalf of the Health Services Cost Review Commission, the Maryland Higher Education Commission today announced the availability of grant funds for Phase 5 of the Nurse Support Program II Competitive Institutional Grants. Applications are being sought to address Maryland's shortage of nurses and qualified nursing faculty. Eligible applicants for Competitive Institutional Grants are consortia of Maryland higher education institutions with nursing degree programs and Maryland hospitals; individual Maryland higher education institutions with nursing degree programs; or partnerships of Maryland higher education institutions with nursing degree programs.

“One of Maryland's critical workforce issues is the continued shortage of nurses in our hospitals,” said Governor O'Malley. “And this program goes a long way to helping address the crisis by expanding the capacity of the nurse training programs.”

This Request for Applications (RFA) for Phase 5 of the Nurse Support Program II Competitive Institutional Grant Program is available at <http://www.mhec.state.md.us/Grants/NSPII/NSPIV/RFACompetitiveGrantsFY2011NSPII.doc>. Please feel free to forward this information to anyone you think may be interested in submitting a proposal.

A technical assistance meeting will be on Tuesday, November 10, 2009, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Following an overview of the program, a networking lunch and proposal workshop will be held. Prospective applicants are encouraged to bring their grant preparation team to meet informally with MHEC staff to discuss projects being developed and get feedback on those plans.

The meeting will be held at the Charles I. Ecker Business Training Center – Room 4 (Gateway Business and Technology Training Center) 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia, MD 21046 (410-313-6340). Driving directions are available at http://coned.howardcc.edu/business_and_workforce_development/meeting_facilities/gateway.html.

Those who plan to attend should register by e-mail with Mary O'Connor at moconnor@mhec.state.md.us by November 4, 2009.

Proposals are due on February 24, 2010, by 4 pm at the Maryland Higher Education Commission, 839 Bestgate Road, Annapolis, MD 21401. If you have questions regarding this RFA, please contact Mary O'Connor at 410-260-4585 or moconnor@mhec.state.md.us.