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This e-mail message is being sent on behalf of MacGregor M. Stephenson, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Academic Affairs and Research, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

To: Chief Academic Officers, Directors of Sponsored Projects, and Nursing Deans and Directors at Texas Institutions of Higher Education

We are pleased to provide the *Request for Applications* (attached) for a second competition under the Nursing Innovation Grant Program for the 2010/11 biennium. Electronic copies of these materials also will be available from the Coordinating Board's website at www.theccb.state.tx.us.

Eligible Grantees: Community colleges, public and independent four-year general academic institutions and health-related institutions that have an initial RN-licensure program with initial or full approval status from the Texas Board of Nursing on April 16, 2010 or a public or private institution of higher education that prepares qualified faculty members with a master's or doctoral degree for the program.

Focus of 2010 Competition: The replication of a previous "best practice" that directly led to enrollment increases, greater retention rates, and/or the availability of new nursing faculty/instructors in initial RN-licensure programs. The "best practice" will represent one of three previously funded NIGP projects or "Other," as further described in the *Request for Applications*.

Grant Period: From September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2012. Grant institutions that show success in project outcomes may be eligible to apply for one-year or two-year grant extensions.

Grant awards: Range: \$20,000 - \$300,000. Avg.: \$230,000

Competition Schedule

March 15, 2010	Eligible institutions shall submit pre-proposals.
April 16, 2010	Applications are due as an electronic submission. NEW
July 29, 2010	Board considers grant awards.
September 1, 2010	Grants begin.

For more information about the grants competition, contact Ms. Chris Fowler, Senior Program Director, Department of Academic Programs at 512/427-6217 or by email at chris.fowler@theccb.state.tx.us.