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STATE COMMISSION AWARDS \$14 MILLION IN GRANTS TO SCHOOLS TO IMPROVE TEACHING

February 6, 2004 — Sacramento — The California Postsecondary Education Commission has granted over \$14 million in grants to higher education institutions and local education agencies to improve subject matter competence and instructional skills of prospective and current California elementary and secondary school teachers. The projects, with grants ranging from about \$45,000 to \$663,000 annually, are for a three-year funding period.

Designed to increase the number of highly qualified teachers, especially in the subjects of mathematics and science, several of the projects include activities for school administrators and parents. Other programs integrate the use of technology to increase the number of teachers served -- especially those who work in rural areas.

The programs focus on districts and schools with a high percentage of students from low-income families, or that have many non-credentialed teachers. Funding for the projects is provided to the Commission under Title II of the omnibus federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. For nearly twenty years, the Commission has conducted grant competitions and supported initiatives to improve curriculum knowledge and instructional competence for California teachers. Over 200 competitive grants, totaling \$90 million, have been awarded in the areas of teacher preparation and professional development.

“The quality of the teacher is the single most important factor in determining student success. We are extremely pleased to be involved in the development and implementation of professional development activities that enable students to have more highly qualified teachers,” said Robert Moore, Executive Director of the Commission.” These grants, using federal dollars, are especially important during these tough fiscal times,” he said.

The California Postsecondary Education Commission advises the Governor and Legislature on higher education policy and fiscal issues. Its primary focus is to ensure that the state’s educational resources are used effectively to provide Californians with postsecondary education opportunities. More information about the Commission and its work in improving teacher quality can be found on its website at www.cpec.ca.gov, or by contacting Linda White, the program’s administrator at (916) 322-7984.

The following table shows funded projects, the higher education institution and local education agency receiving a grant, and the three-year dollar amount for each.

Improving Teacher Quality State Grants Program 2003-06

Higher Education Institution	Local Education Agency	Subject/ Grade Level	Amount
City College of San Francisco	San Francisco Unified School District	Science/Math 7-12	\$603,220
UC Davis	Markham Elementary School	K-6	173,160
UC Santa Cruz	East Side Union High School District	English/Math	888,977
San Diego State University	San Diego City Schools	Math 5-12	305,392
CSU Sacramento	Sacramento County Office of Education	Science K-12	277,000
Humboldt State University	Humboldt County Office of Education	Science/Math 7-12	850,799
CSU Fullerton	Anaheim Union High School District	Science K-12	1,220,775
UC Berkeley	San Leandro Unified School District	Math K-9	904,700
CSU Chico	Tehama County Office of Education	All K-12	998,946
Stanford University	San Diego County Office of Education	H/FL/E/S K-6	1,120,900
Pitzer College	Manual Arts High School	Geography/History 9-10	594,924
CSU San Bernardino	Coachella Valley Unified School District	Science 6-12	845,274
San Diego State University	Hoover High School	Science 5-12	720,210
UC Merced	Merced City School District	History/English 9-12	595,707
CSU, Pomona	Snowline Unified School District	Science/Math 6-12	900,000
Orange County			
CSU, Fullerton	Department of Education	Math K-12	1,889,657
Orange County			
UC Davis	Department of Education	Science/Math 7-12	1,143,618
TOTAL			\$14,033,259

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