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# Media Advisory

## **Department of Homeland Security to Award Kirkwood Community College \$3.2 Million for Agroterrorism Center** *Mayer to present Competitive Training Grant award*

**Cedar Rapids**-Matt A. Mayer, Chief of Staff of the Department of Homeland Security Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness (SLGCP), will present Kirkwood Community College with a \$3.2 million grant for activities at the agroterrorism center.

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. Kirkwood Community College 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.

Kirkwood Community College will develop an agroterrorism preparedness center to deliver scenario-based prevention, deterrence, response and recovery courses to 300,000 first responders.

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

**WHO:** Matt A. Mayer, Chief of Staff of SLGCP, Department of Homeland Security

**WHEN:** Monday, August 23, 2004  
2:30PM

**WHERE:** Community Training and Response Center  
Kirkwood Community College  
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