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COLLEGE RECEIVES \$2 MILLION GRANT

(Lamar, Colorado; July 29, 2008) Lamar Community College received official notification that its U.S. Department of Education Title III Strengthening Institutions Grant application has been approved. The five-year \$1,994,100 development grant will be used to design and implement new academic and vocational programs at LCC. As stated in the grant application, new programs would include a Science/Technology/Engineering/Mathematics (STEM) transfer option to capitalize on the proposed Pierre Auger Cosmic Ray Observatory in Southeast Colorado; Construction Trades/Historic Preservation; and a Canine Training & Management program modeled after LCC's signature Horse Training & Management design. The programs would be designed and phased in to College offerings during the five-year grant. "It's an exciting time to be at LCC," commented President John T. Marrin, "this grant illustrates the momentum we are seeing, as the seeds that our staff and faculty have planted are starting to sprout. Investing in new programs allows us to offer our communities and potential students more educational options. And new enrollments help the College to further solidify our financial future."

According to the grant timetable, STEM curriculum development and renovations to LCC's science labs will begin in the first year, with courses being offered beginning in the fall of 2009. Curriculum development and renovation of facilities for Construction Trades will begin in year two, with courses offered in the fall of 2010. And development of curriculum and creation of facilities for Canine Training & Management will begin in year three, with courses beginning in the fall of 2011.

First year grant funding is available on October 1 and funding will continue through the fall of 2013. LCC staff and faculty will begin preparations for the grant immediately.

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