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### STATE AWARDS OVER \$2.4 MILLION TO EXPAND NURSE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Sacramento – The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) today announced the awarding of \$2,443,617 million to programs that train registered nurses. This new funding was provided for the Song-Brown program in the 2005-06 Governor's Budget to increase the capacity of healthcare workforce training programs for registered nurses.

The purpose of the Song-Brown program is to increase the number of students and residents receiving quality education and training as family practitioners, physicians' assistants, nurse practitioners, and now, registered nurses. The \$2,443,617 in awards will help the California Registered Nursing Education Programs expand their capacity and provide increased access to nursing care particularly in underserved areas of California.

The following nursing education programs received awards:

- California State University, Bakersfield - \$306,382.50
- Mendocino Community College - \$275,000.00
- California State University, Long Beach - \$125,000.00
- University of San Diego Hahn School of Nursing - \$125,000.00
- Los Angeles County College of Nursing - \$124,856.00
- Imperial Valley College - \$125,000.00
- Riverside Community College - \$278,167.00
- College of the Canyons - \$239,607.00
- Copper Mountain College - \$275,000.00
- California State University, Chico - \$124,634.00
- Azusa Pacific University - \$444,971.00

"With the inclusion of nurse education programs in the Song-Brown Act, more students will have access to nursing education and training opportunities," said Dr. David Carlisle, Director of OSHPD.

OSHPD works in conjunction with the California Healthcare Workforce Policy Commission (CHWPC) to award Song-Brown Program funding that provides increased access to comprehensive primary healthcare for families. Song-Brown

funds are provided in an effort to increase the number of providers who serve the healthcare needs of the State's underserved populations.

For more information about the Song-Brown Program, please contact the office at (916) 653-0733.