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### **GULF COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECEIVES \$1.5 MILLION GRANT FOR BUILDING RENOVATIONS**

PANAMA CITY, Fla. (Jan. 3, 2007) – The Gulf Coast Community College (GCCC) received a \$1.5 million grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for building renovations at the Panama City, Fla. campus. The West Florida Regional Planning Council (WFRPC) assisted the college with acquiring the grant and will administer the funds throughout the project's lifespan.

The project, an estimated \$11 million expenditure, includes renovations to the George G. Tapper Health Sciences building, which will assist the college in meeting critical health care staffing needs. GCCC forecasts an additional 200 jobs, with starting salaries for graduates averaging \$40,000, to be created as a direct result of slated improvements.

For more information, call the WFRPC at (850) 595-8910.

The West Florida Regional Planning Council is a not-for-profit agency that provides professional planning, coordinating and advisory services to local governments, state and federal agencies and the public in order to preserve and enhance quality of life in Northwest Florida.

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