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County of Cook and State of Illinois

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AWARDS \$3 MILLION BIOTECH GRANT  
TRUMAN COLLEGE

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REPORTS

that the Chicago Technology Park and its partners, Truman College chief among them, have been awarded a \$3 million grant by the US Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration to upgrade the skills of 150 high-tech workers and train another 60 unemployed technology workers for the bioinformatics field; and

that bioinformatics is the science of getting, sorting and analyzing genetic information in order to understand and influence biological activity; and

that there is a nationwide need for people trained in the field, which is expected to be a \$1.7 billion business by 2006, with current undergraduate training providing only a 50<sup>th</sup> of what's needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne D. Watson  
Chancellor

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