



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## **COUNTY LANDS ONE OF NATION'S LARGEST GRANTS TO CREATE JOBS FOR LOW INCOME** *With Economy Still Flailing, County to Receive \$25 Million to Create Local Jobs in Healthcare Industry*

**WHAT:** The County of San Diego will receive a \$25 million competitive grant to help create local jobs within the healthcare industry. The County of San Diego's Health and Human Services Agency and the San Diego Workforce Partnership will receive the only Health Profession Opportunity grant in the entire State of California. The grant will provide \$5 million per year for 5 years and will be used to fund "The Bridge to Employment in the Healthcare Industry Program." This program will help existing welfare recipients and other low income adults earn certificates and degrees in health-related professions in hospital and emergency services, medical laboratories, medical offices, out-patient services, and long-term care. The Bridge to Employment grant will also assist with transportation, and child care, and will link participants to career opportunities in the healthcare field.

**WHEN:** 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 6

**WHERE:** 3910 University Ave. at the Workforce Partnership Metro Career Center in San Diego, CA 92105. News conference will be held in the outdoor area in back, near the parking area.

**WHO:** County Supervisor Ron Roberts, District 4; City of San Diego Councilman Todd Gloria, District 3; Nick Macchione, Director of the County's Health and Human Services Agency; Mark Cafferty, CEO of San Diego Workforce Partnership; Steve Escoboza, CEO of the Hospital Association of San Diego & Imperial Counties; and other healthcare leaders.

**VISUALS:** Will provide b-roll video of San Diegans participating in job training.

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