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**Press Release**

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**Roxbury Community College Receives Two Major Federal Grants**

Boston—Roxbury Community College was recently awarded a five-year \$2 million grant from the United States Department of Education. Their activity, “Utilizing Technology to Increase Persistence and Graduation Rates,” has two significant components: implementing learner-centered classrooms and creating a comprehensive faculty development program. “RCC is one of only 48 colleges across the country chosen to receive this federally-funded grant,” said Dr. Terrence A. Gomes, Roxbury Community College president. “The award comes at a time when resources are limited, and, therefore, will greatly aid the College in its ongoing efforts to enhance the overall academic experience of its students,” he said.

The overall goal of the project is to enhance student success and improve the institution’s graduation rates. The funding will allow the College to equip classrooms with technology to support current teaching and learning needs, and to provide faculty training to strengthen the quality of instruction.

Roxbury Community College is also the recipient of a Department of Homeland Security grant, under the **“DHS Scientific Leadership Awards for Minority Serving Institutions Granting Associate Degrees.”** The \$250,000 grant will be used to support the Roxbury Community College—Massachusetts Homeland Security -S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Bridge Program.

The goal of the program is to support education and training for community college students in Homeland Security/S.T.E.M. research and development.

RCC will work in collaboration with Northeastern University on this grant.

These two grants will significantly enable Roxbury Community College to achieve its basic goals of retaining and graduating students who are well prepared to compete in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

