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CONFERENCE REPORT

TO ACCOMPANY

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Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg, Va, for Virginia Tech Learning Technologies to prepare at-risk high school students to pursue advanced education related to science, technology, engineering, or mathematics	400,000
Wahpeton State School of Science and North Dakota State University to recruit, retain and train pharmacy technicians	800,000
Wallace Community College, Dothan, Alabama, for the 21st Century Electronic Classroom project	500,000
Wenatchee Valley College Foundation in Washington State to support their nursing education program	250,000
Wesleyan College, Macon, GA, for the Willet Memorial Library and Learning Center Initiative	50,000
West Chester University, West Chester, PA, for technology infrastructure upgrades	150,000
Western Governors University in Salt Lake City, Utah for workforce development in South Dakota via distance education	200,000
Western Iowa Tech Community College, Sioux City, IA for equipment	200,000
Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY, Center for Engineering and Biological Sciences for equipment	1,165,000
Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY, for the nursing faculty accelerated development program	400,000
Western Nevada Community College, Carson City, NV, for the Jack C. Davis Observatory to acquire technology and offer related educational programming	50,000
Western New England College, Springfield, MA, for virtual classroom educational equipment and program development	200,000
Westminster College, Fulton, MO, for staff and curriculum development for the Center for Leadership and Service	750,000
Wheeling Jesuit University in West Virginia for the Math and Science Education Initiative	3,600,000
Widener University, Chester, PA, for operations and technology improvements for the Institute for Graduate Clinical Psychology	1,974,000
Wilson College, Chambersburg, PA, for development of a public policy institute to address the needs of single mothers	100,000
Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, Madison, WI, for the WAICU Collaboration Project	800,000
Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, for the Springfield Alliance for Minority Teacher Recruitment and Preparation Program	200,000
Wright State University, Dayton, OH, for the Information Technology Research Institute	250,000
Wright State University, Dayton, OH, to provide funding for a Nursing Institute of West Central Ohio	200,000
York College of Pennsylvania, York, PA for technology upgrades for the Schmidt Library	100,000

Other Programs

The conference agreement includes \$837,500,000 for TRIO instead of \$835,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$840,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

With regard to the GEAR UP program, the conferees concur in the administration's request to provide a sixth and final year award to grantees first funded in 1999, while continuing all other funded projects. The conferees also have provided funds above the fiscal year 2003 level and the budget request for the Department to fund a new grant competition under the GEAR UP program. The conferees believe that grants should not be "front-loaded", but instead should be awarded on an annual basis from the fiscal year 2004 and subsequent appropriations during the period of the grant, contingent upon grantee performance. The conferees note that grants were awarded using this approach during the first several years of the program. The conferees expect the Department to con-