

The Gulf Coast Region Proposal of \$179,993 for Texas Team **was awarded to Texas Woman's University's Nelda C. Stark College of Nursing in Houston, Texas.** The project will be led by Dr. Ann Coleman, Director of the Education Center for Clinical Innovations and Advanced Technologies in the College of Nursing at TWU. In describing the project Dr. Coleman says: "The purpose of this project is to increase the effective use of high-fidelity clinical simulation in nursing education in the Gulf Coast region. Clinical simulation is an innovative, research-based instructional strategy using a variety of low- to high- fidelity (life-like) computerized human patient simulators. Many faculty have not been adequately prepared to use this relatively new type of technological teaching tool and there is no organized way for faculty to gain competence in the use of simulators in the Texas Gulf Coast region. The project proposes to increase the effective use of high-fidelity clinical simulation in nursing education by implementing a regional faculty development program using a train the trainer model. The project will build an infrastructure for future sharing of knowledge and resources among the nursing programs and service partners in our region." This grant proposal was developed in cooperation with the Gulf Coast Health Services Steering Committee (GCHSSC), an informal association of business leaders, hospital executives and nursing school deans and directors dedicated to solving the nurse shortage in Houston and the surrounding 13-county Gulf Coast region of Texas.