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**F O R I M M E D I A T E R E L E A S E**

## City College of San Francisco Bio-Link National Center receives \$50,000 from Genentech, Inc.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., March 4, 2002 — **David Ebersman**, Senior Vice President for Product Operations at Genentech, Inc., presented a check for \$50,000 to the Board of Trustees of City College of San Francisco on behalf of the College's Bio-Link program. The presentation was made at a regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting the night of February 28, 2002. The gift from Genentech will establish a national equipment registry for biotechnology education. The registry will provide an effective way for companies to donate equipment to educational programs that prepare workers for the biotechnology industry.

"On behalf of all Genentech employees, I would like to say how pleased we are to make this donation which will assist City College and other colleges throughout the nation in developing future leaders in biotechnology," said Ebersman in presenting the check.

"City College is most grateful to Genentech, the guiding force behind this national effort, and to the registry's designer, David Ebersman," said Dr. **Elaine Johnson**, Director of Bio-Link, a National Advanced Technological Education Center for Biotechnology .

Dr. **Philip R. Day, Jr.**, Chancellor of City College of San Francisco, said, "I extend my deepest appreciation to Genentech for its investment in community colleges, and City College of San Francisco in particular. This investment will help all community colleges prepare the future workforce in biotechnology."

Genentech, Inc. has provided ongoing support for community colleges that include necessary biotechnology skills as a part of their educational programs. Community college biotechnology graduates are entering the biotech workforce with rewarding careers and opportunities for advancement within the industry.

Bio-Link was funded three years ago by the National Science Foundation. It receives additional support from industry, the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) and other partner institutions.

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