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**Cambridge College Professor to Support Federal  
Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief**

**CAMBRIDGE**— A Cambridge College professor has been named to a key position in the fight against AIDS. Dr. Robert F. Moran has recently been appointed to a joint Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)- Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) group to support the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). The Emergency Plan is the largest commitment ever by any nation for an international health initiative dedicated to a single disease—a five-year, \$15 billion, multifaceted approach to combating the disease in more than 120 countries around the world.

Dr. Moran, who teaches at the Cambridge College Lawrence Regional Center, will utilize his expertise in Laboratory Operations and in restricted-resource regions, along with that of others in the group, to develop standards for labs in Tanzania, Namibia and other locations. These standards will assure that high levels of quality in diagnostic and therapeutic testing will be established and maintained in those regions where AIDS directly affects close to 50% of the population.

By 2008, the President's Emergency Plan aims to provide support for the prevention of seven million new HIV infections, treatment for two million HIV-infected people, and care for 10 million people affected by HIV-AIDS, including orphans and vulnerable children.

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For the past 30 years, Dr. Moran has been volunteering with the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI). CLSI, originally incorporated as the National Committee for Clinical Laboratory Standards (NCCLS), is an organization that often collaborated with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and their activities in disease control. CLSI is a voluntary consensus standards organization composed of representatives from the major constituencies impacting health-related testing: the government (federal and state), healthcare and technology professionals, and commercial corporations that manufacture testing systems and equipment. CLSI has written hundreds of guiding procedures in quality assurance, clinical utility and laboratory operations. Before coming to Cambridge College, Dr. Moran has served on the Board of Directors of NCCLS and as Secretary of the Board, and received the NCCLS' annual Eilers Award (2002) for outstanding service.

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