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AWWWsome Net Services Awarded “Rural Northern California Medical Internet Connection” Project!

\$107,000 Grant to Provide Outlying Medical Facilities Medical Information

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Redding CA- The Superior California Health Library Consortium (SCHLC) was formed in 1982 to fill the critical need of health care providers and consumers to access medical information not currently available at rural Northern California Medical Facilities. Up until now this need has been met primarily by the Mercy Medical Center Library. Rural health providers request medical information by phone, fax and mail; and receive the results the same way. Although every effort is made to respond quickly, some delay is inherent in this process.

The Rural Northern California Medical Internet Connection (RNCMIC) will provide access to the required medical information in a real-time environment. Through the grant obtained by the consortium (SCHLC), nine medical facilities will be provided computers and high-speed Internet connectivity allowing “instantaneous” access to the Mercy Medical Center Library, National Library of Medicine (MEDLINE), and other appropriate resources world-wide. The grant funds Internet connectivity for a full 12 months. Facilities covered by this project include Mayers Memorial (Fall Rivers), Mercy Medical Center (Redding), Mercy Medical Center (Mt. Shasta), Pit River Health Service (Burney), Redding Rancheria (Redding), Shasta College (Redding), St. Elizabeth Hospital (Red Bluff) and Trinity Hospital (Weaverville).

AWWWsome Net Services of Redding will be providing all computers and networking equipment, installation, and Internet connectivity for this project under the direction of Michael Saccomano, Marketing Director, and M. Steven McClanahan, Chief Information Officer for AWWWsome. The Mercy Medical Center Library, under the direction of Billie White, Director, will provide user training at the medical facilities. Current project scheduling calls for all medical facilities to be on-line and fully operational by November 1, 1996.

AWWWsome Net Services provides high-performance Internet Access, Internet Development Services and Web Page Hosting to North State Businesses and Professionals through it's state-of-the-art facilities at 833 Mistletoe Lane in Redding California. Home of the popular *Virtual Redding* Web Site, AWWWsome can be reached by phone at (916) 226-9322, and on the Internet at <http://www.awwwsome.com/>

Notes to Editor:

- 1) A prior article discussing this grant was published by the Record Searchlight about June 15, 1996 under the byline of Ralph Jennings.
- 2) Contact Ms. Billie White, Mercy Medical Center Library Director, for further information regarding the Rural Northern California Internet Connection grant and the Superior California Health Library Consortium. She can be reached at (916) 225-6178, and by e-mail at bwhite@mercy.org.
- 3) For general project information and status contact Michael Saccomano, AWWWsome Net Services, at (916) 226-9322, or by e-mail at mike@awwwsome.com. M. Steven McClanahan is available for in-depth technical information at (916) 226-9322 or by e-mail at steve@awwwsome.com.