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Eastern Illinois University has recently received seven grants totaling \$2,393,371, according to a report by President Daniel E. Marvin at a meeting today of the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities in Chicago.

A two-part continuation grant, totaling \$1,353,767, is from the Illinois State Board of Education and involves the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA).

The first part of this grant is for \$350,000 and enables Eastern to provide for the organization, development and coordination of state-wide workshops, conferences and publications to train and inform education and CETA administrators about problems and solutions involving the disadvantaged.

The second part of the grant package, consisting of a \$1,002,767 award, allows Eastern to work with and advise the Illinois State Board of Education and the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs in regard to programs and policy related to state and national efforts to solve unemployment. It provides an opportunity for university personnel to work directly with agencies which receive subgrants to conduct programs aimed at fighting unemployment. The monies used to fund these grants are a line item in the University's grant award. University personnel are, therefore, able to maintain close working relationships with individual grantees.

Dr. Charles Joley, Director of Occupational Education, is the director of the total CETA project.

The Department of Commerce and Community Affairs has awarded \$128,637 for training persons in skills that will enable them to become

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long haul truck drivers. The program, directed by Daniel Bolin, Director of Traffic Safety Programs at Eastern, will also result in the development of a model demonstration program for the United States.

A grant of \$60,473 from the Illinois Department of Transportation will permit Bolin to conduct advanced driver education courses for school bus drivers.

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded Eastern \$18,927 for the purpose of strengthening and expanding the University's Co-operative Education Program. The program, directed by Dr. Leonard Wood, involves approximately 500 students in career-related work experiences.

An award of \$595,098 permits the continuation of the Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program sponsored by the School of Home Economics. Meals are furnished to senior citizens within a 14-county area of east central Illinois. The grant is from the East Central Illinois Area on Aging, Inc., under a portion of the Older American Act. Michael Strader directs the project.

A grant of \$89,941 was received from the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. Under the direction of senior citizens, disadvantaged youth will provide household services to other, less physically able older persons. The program, under the direction of Dr. Joyce Crouse, helps elderly persons remain in their own homes and also provides young persons with work training and job skills.

An award from the same department for \$147,528 is titled the Governor's CETA Evaluation Grant. The project, directed by Dr. Peter Johnson, enables University personnel to work with state agency personnel in determining programmatic and cost effectiveness of CETA grants throughout the state.

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Bud May, Director of Research and Grants, said Eastern is currently expecting to receive approximately \$4 million in grants and awards by the end of the year.