

## LSU's NCBRT to Host Courses in Kentucky

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This January, LSU's National Center for Biomedical Research and Training, or NCBRT, will teach its Emergency Response to Domestic Biological Incidents, or ERDBI, course simultaneously to five locations around the state of Kentucky. In a joint effort with the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security and the Center for Rural Development, NCBRT will teach the popular course through interactive television reaching large numbers of emergency responders.

Individuals in Kentucky will have the opportunity to take part in the course at loca-

tions in Florence, Hazard, Louisville and Hopkinsville. A fifth location in Somerset, Ky., will host the course's three lead Office of Grants and Training certified instructors who will interact with course attendees there, as well as attendees at the four remote locations.

Although this is not the NCBRT's first time to teach one of its courses via distance learning, it is Kentucky's first time trying out this learning method with a course of this nature. NCBRT Training Program Manager Richard Palmisano thinks Kentucky will be pleased with the results. "We have held courses

like this in New York, Connecticut and other areas with great success. This type of teaching situation is just a great opportunity to train a large number of people in a short amount of time," said Palmisano. If all goes well with this course, Kentucky will teach more NCBRT courses in this manner.

Personnel from various law enforcement agencies, fire agencies, EMS, emergency management and public health will all benefit from the ERDBI course. Attendees will learn how to responsibly plan for, respond to and manage a biological incident.