



**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT
OF COMMUNITY HEALTH**

NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD

STATE OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH

DRAFFIN & TUCKER, LLP

GEORGIA RURAL HOSPITAL BOARD EDUCATION GRANT

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DIRECT AWARD JUSTIFICATION

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AGENCY BACKGROUND

The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) was created in 1999 by Senate Bill 241 and has the responsibility for insuring over two million people in the State of Georgia, maximizing the State's health care purchasing power, coordinating health planning for State agencies and proposing cost-effective solutions for reducing the number of uninsured. Within DCH, the State Office of Rural Health (SORH) serves Georgians by improving access to health care in rural and underserved areas to improve health status and reduce health disparities.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Department of Community Health, State Office of Rural Health works to improve access to health care in rural and underserved areas and to reduce health status disparities. SORH provides funding for institutional framework that links small rural communities with State & Federal resources to help develop long-term solutions to rural health problems.

The primary objectives include the following:

- Empower communities to strengthen and maintain the best possible health care using existing resources.
- Provide up-to-date health systems information and technical assistance.
- Build strong partnerships to meet local and regional needs.
- Provide incentives to local areas to implement integrated service delivery systems.
- Be the single point of contact for all regional issues related to health care.

The purpose of the Georgia Rural Hospital Board Education Grant is to provide funds to develop a rural relevant governance education for hospital board members.

Recognizing the time constraints limiting rural trustee conference participation, the grantee will deliver a multi-modal education program including "at the boardroom" training working directly with each rural hospital leadership team to develop an educational workshop tailored to their needs and issues. The grantee will design course information from the perspective of the board member, with a focus on the key functional board member responsibilities specific to the hospital type Prospective Payment System (PPS) and Critical Access Hospital (CAH). Content will be developed by subject matter experts and delivered in a format designed for interaction and discussion of local hospital issues/concerns.

AWARD JUSTIFICATION

The Georgia Department of Community Health intends to award Draffin & Tucker, LLP in the amount of \$200,000 to develop and implement a comprehensive Rural Hospital Board Education program.

The implementation of this program will enable trustees and healthcare leaders to gain the confidence and competence needed to make better, more informed decisions and govern more effectively on behalf of the communities they serve. Rural healthcare organizations have unique challenges and this grant program specializes in helping their boards address this significant responsibility.

DCH presents this funding as a direct award in that Draffin & Tucker, LLP will develop a comprehensive board orientation and education program specifically designed to meet the need of rural Georgia hospitals.

AWARD(S)

TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$200,000.00

TO SUBMIT INQUIRIES TO THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION

Toni Owens, Grants Specialist at towens@dch.ga.gov no later than 2:00 PM on Wednesday, June 22, 2016.