



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY HEALTH

NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD

IRWIN COUNTY HOSPITAL

RURAL HEALTH NETWORK GRANT

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DIRECT AWARD JUSTIFICATION

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AGENCY BACKGROUND	<p>The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) was created in 1999 by Senate Bill 241 to serve as the lead agency for health care planning and purchasing issues in Georgia. DCH is the single state agency for Medicaid and insures 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.</p> <p>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.</p>
PROGRAM OVERVIEW	<p>Rural Health Network Grant is to expand access, increase cost efficiency and improve the quality of essential health care services, including but not limited to primary care, acute care, mental health, oral health, telehealth, emergency medical services and other areas of identified health care related community needs. The Rural Health Network Grant strives to create or improve the integrated health care delivery system in rural areas.</p> <p>DCH will be responsible for the administration, review and evaluation of applications of non-profit and/or local government entities through the issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the 2014-2015 grant cycles to expand access, increase cost efficiency, and improve the quality of essential health care services.</p> <p>The primary objectives include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.
AWARD JUSTIFICATION	<p>The Georgia Department of Community Health intends to award Irwin County Hospital in the amount \$100,000 to establish the HealthHIE Georgia Collaborative, an integrated healthcare network addressing urgent healthcare information technology needs of its rural partners.</p> <p>DCH presents this funding as a direct award in that the Irwin County Hospital is a component of the Rural Health Network Program that meets the state grant requirements and as such was named as a grantee in the competitive grant application.</p>
AWARD(S)	TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$100,000
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TO SUBMIT INQUIRIES TO THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION</u></p> <p>Sequoyah Hill Purchasing & Procurement Specialist at shill@dch.ga.gov no later than 2:00 PM on Friday, March 28, 2014.</p>	