



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY HEALTH

NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD

STATE OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH

SMALL RURAL HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (SHIP)

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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 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.

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.

AWARD JUSTIFICATION

The Georgia Department of Community Health intends to award Pioneer Community Hospital of Early \$9,100.61 for the purchase of Computer Hardware and Software to be utilized for quality improvement (QI) and employee education.

DCH presents this funding as a direct award in that Pioneer Community Hospital of Early meets the federal requirements.

AWARD(S)

TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$9,100.61

TO SUBMIT INQUIRIES TO THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION CONTACT

Lloyd Richardson, Grant Specialist at LRichardson@dch.ga.gov no later than 2:00 PM on Wednesday, February 22, 2012