



**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT  
OF COMMUNITY HEALTH**

# **NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD**

**GEORGIA STATEWIDE HEALTH INFORMATION NETWORK (GaHIN)  
CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT**

**POSTING DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2013  
INQUIRY CLOSING DATE: MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2013**

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# **DIRECT AWARD JUSTIFICATION**

## **STATEWIDE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE CAPACITY BUILDING**

<b>AGENCY BACKGROUND</b>	<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 Division of Health Information Technology (HIT) is responsible for leading the strategic efforts of the State of Georgia for health information technology adoption and health information exchange to improve healthcare delivery for providers, healthcare professionals and consumers.</p>
<b>PROGRAM OVERVIEW</b>	<p>The Georgia Health Information Network Capacity Building Grant Program is for the purpose of supporting the statewide HIN by on-boarding and connecting various healthcare organizations. The grant program has a three part aim; to build capacity for exchanging health information, increase connectivity and the flow of patient information, and to facilitate the movement toward nationwide interoperable health information exchange.</p> <p>Applicants awarded a grant will be expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Submit signed Letter of Intent with completed grant application</li><li>• Submit signed Participation Agreement</li><li>• Submit signed Subscription Agreement</li><li>• Successfully complete Georgia Health Information Network Accreditation process</li><li>• Successfully connect to the Georgia Health Information Network</li></ul>
<b>AWARD JUSTIFICATION</b>	<p>The Georgia Department of Community Health intends to award the Georgia Regional Academic Community Health Information Exchange (GRACHie) a grant in the amount of \$492,500 to support the statewide HIN by on-boarding and connecting various healthcare organizations. DCH presents this funding as a direct award in that ArchiHIE meets the Office of National Coordinator (ONC) for HIT federal requirements in accordance with Georgia's 2012 HIE Strategic and Operational Plan.</p>
<b>AWARD(S)</b>	<b>TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$492,500</b>
<b><u>TO SUBMIT INQUIRIES TO THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION</u></b>	
<p>Arnita E. Watson, Grant Manager at <a href="mailto:awatson@dch.ga.gov">awatson@dch.ga.gov</a> no later than 2:00 PM on Friday, April 12, 2013.</p>	