



Direct Award Notification
to
Georgia Association of Emergency Medical Services Inc.
for
Enhancement of Patient Care Reporting Grant

**Funding Provided by
State Office of Emergency Medical Services and the
Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR)**

Response Deadline: August 3, 2009, 4:00 p.m.

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Enhancement of Patient Care Reporting (PCR) Grant Program Description and Justification

Background

The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) was created in 1999 (Senate Bill 241) with the responsibility for insuring over two million people in the State of Georgia to maximize the State's health care purchasing power, to coordinate health planning for state agencies, and to propose cost-effective solutions to reducing the numbers of uninsured.

Within the Department, the State Office of Emergency Medical Services works to reduce child and youth mortality and morbidity sustained due to severe illness or trauma. It aims to ensure state of the art emergency medical care for the ill and injured child or adolescent; to ensure that pediatric service is well integrated into an emergency medical service system backed by optimal resources; and to ensure that entire spectrum of emergency services, including primary prevention of illness and injury, acute care, and rehabilitation, is provided to children and adolescents as well as adults.

This grant focuses on achieving the yet unrealized goal of documenting, reporting, collecting, analyzing, and utilizing valid data from the Emergency Medical Service systems. This will allow accurate research to validate and substantiate existing programs, as well as steer new program development.

The Georgia Association of Emergency Medical Services (GAEMS) will provide EMS agencies with rugged style computer for their ambulances to enable their medics to electronically import patient care reports (PCRs) into the Georgia Emergency Medicine Information System. This will enable them to not only improve the accuracy of their PCRs through electronic edits but also allow them to import their data into the state EMS database quickly rendering the PCR data useable for tracking possible disease outbreaks and clusters in real time.

Funding to be provided to the EMS providers based on their self-assessments of capabilities (ASCN) focusing on PPE, Isolation, Decontamination, Trauma, Burn, Communication, and Surge Capacity.

By providing rugged style laptops to EMS agencies the timeliness and quality of the PCR data will be greatly improved and allow for the collection of data to reduce mortality and morbidity.

<p>Direct Award Justification</p>	<p>The purpose of this document is to provide the direct award justifications naming the Georgia Association for Emergency Medical Services as the grantee for the ASPR – Enhancement of Patient Care Reporting Grant. The Georgia Department of Community Health, State Office of Emergency Medical Services in response to the ASPR have determined the need for technology to address Patient Care Reports required for transmission within GEMISIS.</p> <p>The assessments were completed in spring 2008 collected by the Georgia Tech Research Institute as part of a collaborative project between our office, the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, The State Office of EMS, and the GA EMS.</p> <p>GAEMS is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and Paramedics who work in the State of Georgia. The Georgia Association of Emergency Medical Services has participated in the collection of assessment data and is able to begin implementation of this grant initiative, immediately upon award.</p> <p>The GAEMS will be required to do the following, with a minimum of 90% of the funding for the equipment purchase and no more than a 10% administrative rate for the coordination of grant activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Participate in the development of requirements for professional installation standards, ▪ Coordinate eligibility for approving EMS providers recipients, ▪ Participate in the process of determining the appropriate specification for rugged computer products, ▪ Competitively purchase computers, ▪ Document receipt and track distribution, ▪ Coordinate activities with the ten EMS Regional Offices, ▪ Maintain records of installation.
<p>Award(s)</p>	<p>Total Funds Available: \$1.2 Million - Funding for this project is provided through by ASPR.</p>

HOW TO SUBMIT INQUIRIES TO THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION

DCH presents this project as a direct award in that DCH has not been able to identify any potential grantees that meet the criteria to provide the specified services.

**Any inquiry regarding this direct award must respond via e-mail or mail delivery, no later than 4:00PM on Monday, August 3, 2009, to:
DCH Office of Procurement Services and Grant Administration dgreer@dch.ga.gov**