



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMUNITY HEALTH

# **NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD**

**STATE OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH**

**GEORGIA HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY  
STATEWIDE AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS (AHEC)  
NETWORK GRANT**

**POSTING DATE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015  
INQUIRY CLOSING DATE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015**

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# **DIRECT AWARD JUSTIFICATION**

## **GEORGIA HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY – STATEWIDE AHEC NETWORK GRANT**

### **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 of SORH 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; and
- Be the single point of contact for all regional issues related to health care.

The purpose of the Georgia Health Sciences University Statewide Area Health Education Centers Grant Program is to provide educational programs for the health professions that increase access to primary care services in Georgia through the recruitment, training, and retention of primary care health professionals.

### **AWARD JUSTIFICATION**

The Statewide Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Network Grant was created to provide educational programs for the health professions that increase access to primary care services in Georgia through the recruitment, training and retention of primary care health professionals. The Georgia Department of Community Health intends to renew the Statewide AHEC Network Grant with the Georgia Health Sciences University under the same terms, conditions and the price in effect at the time of renewal in the amount of \$2,732,584.00. DCH presents this funding as a direct award in that the Georgia Health Sciences University meets the federal requirements.

### **AWARD(S)**

**TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$2,732,584.00**

### **TO SUBMIT INQUIRIES TO THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION**

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2:00 PM on Thursday, October 15, 2015