



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY HEALTH

NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**

LONG TERM CARE BACKGROUND CHECK PROGRAM

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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 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.</p> <p>Within DCH, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) provides department oversight, audit and provider enrollment certification services for DCH to reduce fraud, waste and abuse; increase assurances concerning the safety and security of program members; and maintain wise stewardship of public funds.</p>
PROGRAM OVERVIEW	<p>In February 2006, Office of Inspector General was created. The OIG's mission is to safeguard DCH from risk, both internally and externally. The office provides a central point for coordination of and responsibility for activities promoting accountability, integrity and efficiency. In State Fiscal Year 2011, OIG was involved in recovering \$36,339,694.74, including overpayments to Medicaid providers, members and global settlements.</p> <p>The OIG investigates and audits Medicaid providers and recipients to uncover criminal conduct, administrative wrongdoing, poor management practices, and other waste, fraud and abuse. OIG also reviews the State Health Benefit Plan (SHBP), Healthcare Facility Regulation and other offices at DCH.</p>
AWARD JUSTIFICATION	<p>The Georgia Department of Community Health intends to award Innovative Architects, LLC in the amount of \$271,900 to provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Technical assistance (general ongoing support of future requirements and defect resolution)2) Application enhancements (new software development and testing of the Georgia Criminal History Check System (GCHEXS) platform)3) Reciprocity agreement (ongoing reciprocal software builds and updates from other grantee states participating in the National Background Check grant Program ("NBCP" or the "Program")). The term of the Contract would be one year (with one additional option to renew). <p>The purpose of the grant is to provide for a two year period to unveil the Georgia Criminal History Check System ("GCHEXS"), which will allow certain facilities licensed by the Health Care Facility Regulation Division ("HFRD") more flexibility in conducting criminal background checks of prospective and current employees.</p> <p>DCH presents this funding as a direct award in that Innovative Architects, LLC follows all security regulations and protects the criminal history information it accesses while performing the work for DCH.</p>
AWARD(S)	TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$271,900.00

TO SUBMIT INQUIRIES TO THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION

Toni Owens, Purchasing Specialist at towens@dch.ga.gov no later than 2:00 PM on Monday, December 21, 2015