



**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT  
OF COMMUNITY HEALTH**

# **NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD**

**STATE OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH**

**MERCER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
RURAL EMS TELEMEDICINE EQUIPMENT GRANT**

**LEGISLATIVE MANDATE**

**POSTING DATE: THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2016  
INQUIRY CLOSING DATE: MONDAY, JULY 25, 2016**

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# **DIRECT AWARD JUSTIFICATION**

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<b>AGENCY BACKGROUND</b>	<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. 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.</p>
<b>PROGRAM OVERVIEW</b>	<p>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 &amp; Federal resources to help develop long-term solutions to rural health problems.</p> <p>The primary objectives include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Empower communities to strengthen and maintain the best possible health care using existing resources.</li><li>• Provide up-to-date health systems information and technical assistance.</li><li>• Build strong partnerships to meet local and regional needs.</li><li>• Provide incentives to local areas to implement integrated service delivery systems.</li><li>• Be the single point of contact for all regional issues related to health care.</li></ul> <p>The purpose of the Rural EMS Telemedicine Equipment Grant is for the purchase of three complete sets of portable telemedicine equipment suitable for field use in an EMS response vehicle. These three units are designated for use in Twiggs County and Wilkinson County, Georgia.</p>
<b>AWARD JUSTIFICATION</b>	<p>The Georgia Department of Community Health intends to award Mercer University School of Medicine in the amount of \$42,000 as a <b>legislative mandate</b> to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Determine the necessary components to be included in the purchase of the portable telemedicine equipment;</li><li>2. Purchase and receive three complete portable telemedicine units suitable for field use in an EMS response vehicle;</li><li>3. Determine the appropriate recipient for the telemedicine equipment within each Twiggs County and Wilkinson County;</li><li>4. Transfer the equipment to the designated recipient and provide DCH/SORH with the contact information for each designated recipient;</li><li>5. Work directly with the DCH/SORH Grant Business Owner to define and identify specific objectives to be included in the summary report;</li><li>6. Maintain appropriate staff responsible for the management and daily operations of the grant;</li><li>7. Ensure appropriate documentation is maintained for all deliverables and expenditures related to the agreement;</li><li>8. Submit all required DCH/SORH reports;</li><li>9. Adhere to other instructions that may be required by the DCH/SORH.</li></ol> <p>Mercer University School of Medicine has been identified to oversee the purchase and distribution of this equipment.</p>

	DCH presents this funding as a legislatively mandated direct award in that Mercer University School of Medicine utilize funding for the purchase of three telemedicine equipment devices to support middle Georgia EMS Services.
<b>AWARD(S)</b>	<b>TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$42,000.00</b>
<b><u>TO SUBMIT INQUIRIES TO THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION</u></b>	
Joanne Mitchell, Grants Manager at <a href="mailto:jmitchell@dch.ga.gov">jmitchell@dch.ga.gov</a> no later than 2:00 PM on Wednesday, July 20, 2016.	