



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMUNITY HEALTH

# NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD

**EMS COMPETENCIES ASSESSMENT AND EDUCATION GRANT**

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# **DIRECT AWARD JUSTIFICATION**

## **EMS COMPETENCIES ASSESSMENT AND EDUCATIONAL GRANT**

<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 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 BACKGROUND</b>	<p>Emergency Medical Services are mandated by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Title 31, Chapter 11, the Georgia Department of Human Resources Rules and Regulations Chapter 290-5-30, and Georgia Health Code 88-31 to license, re-license, and monitor Ambulance Services, Medical First Responders, and Neonatal Transport Services; approve training course curriculum and requirements for the licensure and re-licensure of Technicians (EMT-B) and (EMT-I), and Paramedics and the re-license only of Cardiac Technicians (CT).</p> <p>Program Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To provide and maintain support for regional planning, development, expansion and improvement to each of the ten EMS regions;</li><li>• To provide statewide coordination of training programs;</li><li>• To provide technical support within each EMS region for the establishment of region-wide medical control of the EMS system;</li><li>• To provide for annual assessment of regional planning and development in each EMS region;</li><li>• To assure continued system development and quality improvement;</li><li>• To incorporate the special needs of children in EMS system development;</li><li>• To provide an integrated EMS Information System for local, regional and state planning and evaluation of system development.</li></ul>
<b>PROGRAM OVERVIEW</b>	<p>The purpose of the Statewide EMS Competencies Assessment and Educational Grant is to provide funding for a two-year project to develop an objective and impartial evaluation of the knowledge and skills competencies of the rural EMS provider and to address identified weaknesses through in-depth education and training as well as the development and provision of additional tools, including but not limited to treatment protocols, that have the ability to substantially improve rural pre-hospital patient care.</p>
<b>AWARD JUSTIFICATION</b>	<p>In consideration of the grant purpose to develop knowledge and skills competencies of the rural EMS provider while improving rural pre-hospital patient care the Georgia Association of Emergency Medical Services (GAEMS) with its membership and existing infrastructure is the most expedient and cost efficient provider of these services.</p> <p>DCH intends to award GAEMS a grant in the amount of \$162,630 and presents this funding as a direct award.</p>
<b>AWARD(S)</b>	<b>TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$162,630.00</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>TO SUBMIT INQUIRIES TO THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kristal Y. Thompson – Black, Grant Administrator at <a href="mailto:kblack@dch.ga.gov">kblack@dch.ga.gov</a> no later than 2:00 PM on Tuesday, November 2, 2010</p>	