



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY HEALTH

NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD

STATE OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH

ASSOCIATION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GEORGIA

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)
REGIONALIZATION FEASIBILITY STUDY GRANT**

**POSTING DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2015
INQUIRY CLOSING DATE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015**

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DIRECT AWARD JUSTIFICATION

GEORGIA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) REGIONALIZATION FEASIBILITY STUDY GRANT

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. 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>
PROGRAM OVERVIEW	<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 & Federal resources to help develop long-term solutions to rural health problems.</p> <p>The primary objectives of SORH include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. <p>The purpose of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Regionalization Feasibility Study Grant is to thoroughly and objectively evaluate current EMS delivery models in rural Georgia to determine the legal, political, clinical, and financial viability of creating regionalized systems of care for Emergency Medical Services in rural areas of the state.</p> <p>The State Office of Rural Health, the State Office of EMS and Trauma, and the Association County Commissioners of Georgia have agreed to partner together to support the EMS Regionalization Feasibility Study. At the end of this project, the findings and conclusions of the study will be presented to the State Office of EMS and Trauma to support the decision for, or against, an EMS Regionalization Pilot Program in rural Georgia.</p>
AWARD JUSTIFICATION	<p>Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) is uniquely qualified to manage this project and carry out the scope of work, primarily because of the extensive network of contacts and data it retains regarding county personnel, forms of government among counties, contact information and interpersonal relationships with elected and appointed officials. DCH intends to award ACCG the amount of \$100,000.00 to manage this study.</p>

AWARD(S)	TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$100,000.00
<p data-bbox="347 212 1274 243" style="text-align: center;"><u>TO SUBMIT INQUIRIES TO THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION</u></p> <p data-bbox="391 262 1230 327" style="text-align: center;">Romero M. Stokes, Grant Manager at rstokes@dch.ga.gov no later than 2:00 PM on Wednesday, October 21, 2015</p>	