



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY HEALTH

NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD

**STATE OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH
PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE DATA COLLECTION AND COLLABORATION GRANT**

GEORGIA BOARD FOR PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE

**POSTING DATE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2016
INQUIRY CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2016**

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DIRECT AWARD JUSTIFICATION

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC.

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. As the attached agency to DCH, the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce monitors and evaluates the supply and distribution of physicians by specialty and geographic location to identify underserved areas of the state. GBPW also develops medical education programs through financial aid to medical schools and residency training programs.
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 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.
AWARD JUSTIFICATION	<p>The Georgia Department of Community Health intends to award Georgia Board for Physician Workforce in the amount of \$57,000.00 to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>Development of New Survey with GCMB.</u> Working in partnership with DCH/SORH and Georgia Composite Medical Board (GCMB), GRANTEE shall develop a new (or revised) survey to be included in the state's physician license application packet for initial and renewal applications. The survey must be included in both the electronic and paper versions of the license applications. The survey must include the following data points, at minimum:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Physician Name (First, Middle, Last, Suffix);b. NPI;c. License Number;d. Specialty Code;e. Primary Practice Setting Code;f. Practice Address(es);g. Number of hours of direct patient care at each practice address; andh. Percentage of patients receiving sliding fee discounts based on poverty level.2. <u>Development of Interactive Data Dashboard.</u> In consultation with GeorgiaGov Interactive and GCMB, GRANTEE shall develop an interactive Data Dashboard website to allow for viewing, exporting, and comparing of statewide physician data from the GRANTEE's website. The Dashboard should utilize GCMB's monthly physician data file update and provide real time reports on statewide physician supply. Development of the Dashboard must also allow DCH/SORH real time access to GCMB's monthly physician data file's metadata, including all physician data points provided in the file.
	DCH presents this funding as direct awards to Georgia Board for Physician Workforce to provide funding to Georgia Board for Physician Workforce (GBPW) to improve the collection of statewide physician workforce data and to foster collaboration among state agencies related to data collection and sharing.
AWARD(S)	TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$57,000.00
<u>TO SUBMIT INQUIRIES TO THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION</u>	

Joanne Mitchell, Grants Manager at jmitchell@dch.ga.gov no later than 2:00 PM on Monday, October 3, 2016.