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RHC Pilot Program
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This project is being coordinated by Cindy Turner –CEO, Harry Bennett – CFO , and Neil Osteen IT director, all of Bacon County Health Services Inc.

We have completed the requirements for the RFP posting. We have an approved RFP and site spreadsheet with all of the eligibility requirements of each location fulfilled. The last piece is making sure the LOA's from each provider cover all of the locations. This is being completed now.

The institutions that are going to participate are:

Bacon County Health Services, Inc.
302 South Wayne St.
Alma, GA 31510
912-632-8961
912-632-5000
Public Not For Profit

Coffee Regional Medical Center
1101 Ocilla Road P.O. Box 1287
Douglas, GA 31534
912-383-5620
912-389-2112 fax
Public – Not for Profit
Census Tract 9905.00

Wayne Memorial Hospital
865 South First Street P.O. Box 410
Jesup Georgia 31598
Public – Not for Profit
Census Tract 9703.00

Satilla Health Services, Inc.
410 Darling Avenue
Waycross, Georgia 31501
912-287-2504
912-287-2712 fax
Public – Not for Profit
Census Tract 9505.00

Appling Health Care System
163 E. Tollison Street
Baxley, GA 31513
912-367-9841
912-367-1272
Census Tract 9503.00

The following was copied from the proposed RFP that addresses many of the data reporting requirements.

1.0 The Georgia Rural Healthcare Network is a consortium of 5 Rural Hospitals which are creating a high bandwidth communications network to each other, the Internet and Internet2, or like connection. The exact addresses are given in the attached spreadsheet. There are 14 sites total. See posted 465 Attachment for network sites. See network diagram.

Network Requirements

2.0 Proposals must include the following costs:

Local Bandwidth-Bandwidth from the health facility end location back to the common router/switch.

Internet Bandwidth- Bandwidth from the end location to the Public Internet.

Internet2, or like connection, Bandwidth- Bandwidth from the end location to the Internet 2, or like connection, network.

2.1 Connections should be redundant when possible. Bidder to specify when connections are not redundant.

2.2 Maintenance must be provided with a maximum 24 hours.

2.3 Connections should be fiber, Sonet Ring, wireless, T-1. All connections should specify the type of facility.

2.4 Routers/switches and/or firewalls must be provided by the bidder at the end of each circuit to secure the network and to provide network monitoring.

2.5 Bids must specify calendar days for project completion for each location.

<u>Bacon Co. Health Services SITES</u>		<u>Street Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip</u>	<u>Existing HCP #</u>	<u>Last fund Year Used</u>	<u>Eligible Site, but may need additional information</u>	<u>Comments/Questions</u>
1	Bacon County Hospital	302 S. Wayne St.	Alma	GA	31510	15438 15444	2005 2008	YES	In the regular 2005 Rural Health Care program, 302 S. Wayne was for Bacon County Hospital, HCP # 15438. Also, in 2008 RHC, this address is for Bacon Co. Comm. Care Center. 1. Confirm name and address of this site. 2. Please confirm there will be no funding requests for duplication of same services. If same services are to be included in the project's scope, confirm how services are to be enhanced through the implementation of the project.
2	Bacon Rehabilitation Center	303 S. Wayne St.	Alma	GA	31510	none	none	YES	1. Confirm site name and address (Is it Hutto, Marti-Bacon Co. Phy and Rehab Center?)
3	Bacon Co. Community Care Center/Family		Alma	GA	31510	16542	2007	YES	In the regular 2007 Rural Health Care program, 204 E. 15th was for Bacon Co. Comm. Care Center, HCP # 16542. 1. Confirm address. 2. Please confirm there will be no funding requests for duplication of same services. If same services are to be included in the project's scope, confirm how services are to be enhanced through the implementation of the project.
4	Satilla Reg. Medical Center	410 Darling Ave.	Waycross	GA	31501	none	none	YES	
5	Satilla Reg. Rehabilitation Institute	2500 Satilla Pkwy	Waycross	GA	31503	none	none	YES	

6	Waycross Orthopedics	2002 Alice St.	Waycross	GA	31501	none	none	YES	<p>1. List detailed health services.</p> <p>2. Are there private physician offices?</p> <p>3. Is this a not-for-profit site? In the regular 2008 Rural Health Care program, 865 S. First St. is Wayne Mem. Hosp., HCP # 12488.</p> <p>1. Confirm address as 865, not 856.</p> <p>2. Please confirm there will be no funding requests for duplication of same services. If same services are to be included in the project's scope, confirm how services are to be enhanced through the implementation of the project.</p>
7	Wayne Memorial Hospital	865 S. First St.	Jesup	GA	31545	12488	2008	YES	<p>1. Confirm site name.</p> <p>2. List detailed health services.</p> <p>3. Are there private physician offices?</p> <p>4. Is this address an administration site for hospital? If so, is it the sole provider of admin services vital to the hospital's operation, ie billing & patient records?</p> <p>5. Is this a new site that was not included before?</p> <p>6. For column 27c on the 465 Attachment, will you be able to state that a hospital administrator guarantees that site is an admin site for hospital and its services are vital to the hospital's operation, ie billing & patient records?</p> <p>7. For column 27c on the 465 Attachment, will you be able to state that a hospital administrator guarantees that site is the <u>SOLE</u> admin site for hospital and its services are vital to the hospital's operation, ie billing & patient records?</p>
8	WMH Offices (Annex 1)	252 Peachtree St.	Jesup	GA	31545	none	none	Ineligible	

9	Appling Hospital	163 E. Tollison St.	Baxley	GA	31513	15569	2008	YES
10	Appling Medical Group	2008 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., Suite B	Baxley	GA	31513	none	none	YES
11	Coffee Regional Medical Center	1101 Ocilla Rd.	Douglas	GA	31533	12487	2008	YES

In the regular 2008 Rural Health Care program, 163 E. Tollison St. is for Appling Hospital, HCP # 15569.

1. Please confirm there will be no funding requests for duplication of same services. If same services are to be included in the project's scope, confirm how services are to be enhanced through the implementation of the project.

**1. Confirm address is 2008 MLK Ave., not 208.
2. Is there a site, and services, at Suite B, as well?**

3. List detailed health services.

4. Are there private physician offices?

5. Is this a not-for-profit site?

In the regular 2008 Rural Health Care program, 1101 Ocilla Rd is Coffee Reg. Med. Center, HCP # 12487.

1. Please confirm there will be no funding requests for duplication of same services. If same services are to be included in the project's scope, confirm how services are to be enhanced through the implementation of the project.

12	Coffee Walk-In Clinic	205 Shirley Avenue	Douglas	GA	31533	16537	2008	YES
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- 1. Confirm Name and Address of this entity.**
In regular 2008 RHC, 205 Shirley Ave is for Coffee Reg. Med. Center-Douglas, HCP # 16537.
- 2. Please confirm there will be no funding requests for duplication of same services. If same services are to be included in the project's scope, confirm how services are to be enhanced through the implementation of the project.**
- 3. Confirm that site is part of Coffee Reg. Med. Center, or not.**
- 4. As part of Form 465 Procedures, what is site's eligibility type--Community Health Center, Rural Health Clinic, or Not-for-profit hospital?**
- 5. Confirmed as Not-for-profit Hospital. Now, verify that facility has provider-based status as defined under 42 CFR 413.65 of Medicare rules. If not, must explain why it is considered part of the hospital. Additional information that would be useful: Other representations outside Rural Health Care where facility has claimed to an appropriate regulatory or accreditation authority that it is a part of the hospital.**
- 6. Per 4-6 call, this site is eligible as Rural Health Clinic. Explanation is walk in clinic owned and/or operated by hospital.**

13	Coffee Womens Center	2010 Ocilla Rd.	Douglas	GA	31533	none	none	YES
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1. Confirm Name of this entity.
2. List detailed health services and hours of operation.
3. Confirm that site is part of Coffee Reg. Med. Center, or not.
4. As part of Form 465 Procedures, what is site's eligibility type--Rural Health Clinic, Community Health Center, or Not-for-profit hospital?
5. Confirmed as Not-for-profit Hospital. Now, verify that facility has provider-based status as defined under 42 CFR 413.65 of Medicare rules. If not, must explain why it is considered part of the hospital. Additional information that would be useful: Other representations outside Rural Health Care where facility has claimed to an appropriate regulatory or accreditation authority that it is a part of the hospital.
6. Per 4-6 call, this site is eligible as Rural Health Clinic. Explanation is clinic owned and/or operated by hospital. Dr. Goldberg is employed by the hospital.

13	CRMC Admin Offices	1001 West Bryan St.	Douglas	GA	31533	none	none	Ineligible
14	Coffee General Surgery	1309 Ocilla Rd.	Douglas	GA	31533	none	none	YES

1. Confirm site name.
2. List detailed health services.
3. Are there private physician offices?
4. Is this address an administration site for hospital? If so, is it the sole provider of admin services vital to the hospital's operation, ie billing & patient records?
5. For column 27c on the 465 Attachment, will you be able to state that a hospital administrator guarantees that site is an admin site for hospital and its services are vital to the hospital's operation, ie billing & patient records?
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2. List detailed health services.
3. Are there private physician offices?
4. Is this address an administration site for hospital? If so, is it the sole provider of admin services vital to the hospital's operation, ie billing & patient records?
5. Is this a not-for-profit site?

Quarterly data question 6 refers to the 15% contribution. This requirement has been outlined to each of the participants and is understood that this is a cash requirement. Each location acknowledged access to the cash required.

Question number 7 is not applicable at this time.

Question number 8 refers to a management plan. The leadership or management has not changed. The RFP should be posted soon.

The project is still evolving and is expected to be self sustaining. After the network is constructed the institutions will have the ability to transmit large files quickly. Currently in rural Georgia the cost of infrastructure to handle large amounts of data hinders the advance of electronic medical records as well as many other common uses in larger towns.

The installation of this new infrastructure should open many opportunities that will initiate the adoption of new technologies that already exist. After all of the participating institutions have this new capability there will be an increase in response time to a multitude of critical situations.

This project is evolving and is enabling rural health systems the luxury of exploring new opportunities.

After we post the RFP and go through the questions from the vendors we will have much more technical and precise information to report.

As of this time we have not explored any long term leasing arrangements. We do understand that we may be agreeing to a certain monthly fee for a period of time to pay for bandwidth.

This program will pay for the infrastructure for data transmission. After the pilot program the construction cost will be paid. After the pilot program bandwidth will be much cheaper for a vendor to provide. Not to mention the cost of bandwidth is constantly decreasing. We will also apply to the regular USAC program after the pilot program is complete.



