



## **DLT Awards - Indiana**

### ***2005 Grant Awards:***

#### **St. Vincent Health**

Indianapolis, IN

\$205,706

Areas Served: Clay, Jennings, Warren, Clinton, Madison, Randolph, Marion Counties

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Congressional District: IN-04, IN-06, IN-07, IN-08, IN-09

Using advanced telecommunication technology, this project will provide training for rural clinical support staff, physicians, and EMS personnel. Six critical access hospitals will provide medical services through this project to over 48,000 residents of rural Indiana.

#### **Southwest Dubois County School Corp. LEA for the Southern Indiana Education Center**

Huntingburg, IN

\$389,599

Areas Served: Dubois, Orange, Washington, Knox, Posey, Crawford, Perry Counties

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Congressional District: IN-08, IN-09

This grant award will develop a program called Arts in Medicine: Promoting Health and Well-Being through the Arts. Services to the schools and communities include distance learning equipment; coordination and support of distance learning activities; programming to support professional development, student performance, school nurse initiatives, arts programs, health seminars, preventative illness programs, and drug and alcohol addiction programs. Thirteen schools serving over 26,000 students, parents, teachers, and residents of the communities will participate in the project.



### ***2004 Grant Awards:***

#### **Southern Dubois County School Corp. LEA for Southern Indiana Education Center**

Huntingburg, Indiana

\$370,416

Areas served: Daviess, Greene, Knox, Perry, Pike, Washington Counties

Contact: J. Scott Turney, 812-482-6641

Congressional District(s): IN-08, IN-09

This project will address professional development, health education, student achievement, and economic and social issues in the 12 participating schools. A mobile Internet Protocol videoconferencing unit will be installed in each school to enable on-site access to instructional services and resources for adults and children.

### ***2003 Grant Awards:***

#### **Wilson Education Center; Charlestown, IN**

\$500,000

Area(s) Served: Counties of Scott, Ripley, Jackson, Clark, Washington, Jennings, Dearborn, Jefferson, Floyd, Harrison and Switzerland

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Congressional District(s): 9th

Wilson Education Center will utilize RUS grant funds to implement a distance learning project that will utilize videoconferencing equipment to create educational opportunities for over 34,000 students from 37 schools in Southeast Indiana. Benefits from the project include additional course offerings, training for teachers, and community economic development.

### ***2001 Grant Awards:***

#### **Central Indiana Health System; Indianapolis, Indiana**

\$133,428 Grant

Area(s) served: Clay, Jennings and Warren Counties

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Congressional Districts: 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th & 10th

RUS grant funds will be used to purchase eligible equipment that will assist The Central Indiana Health System to use telemedicine and video-conferencing to support interactive consultation, referrals, diagnostic evaluation and treatments, access to specialty care, and patient and physician education in three rural counties in Indiana. The relative isolation of rural residents, including medical practitioners and patients, interferes with the access and



delivery of quality health care. This telemedicine project will increase rural access to specialty care resulting in reduced wait time for patients to see a specialist as well as travel time and inconvenience for patients. For example, low-income families seldom have financial reserves making it difficult for them to afford a trip to a large urban hospital for special diagnoses or treatment. This project provides an immediate and cost effective alternative that will improve patient care in rural communities served by the member hospitals of St. Vincent Clay, St. Vincent Jennings, and St. Vincent Williamsport in the Central Indiana Health System.

### **Scott County School District 1; Austin, Indiana**

\$500,000 Grant

Area(s) Served: Scott County

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Congressional District(s): 9th.

The Scott County Technology Consortium's Distance Learning Project will address the needs of two rural communities in the southeast corner of Indiana. Scott County School Districts 1 and 2, in Austin and Scottsburg, and serve 4,100 students whom are isolated by both rurality and poverty. RUS grant funds will be used to equip seven elementary and secondary schools with distance learning technology. Mobile Internet Protocol (IP) videoconferencing units will be installed in classrooms and libraries in each of 31 high schools and the auditorium of Austin High School. Desktop videoconferencing units will supplement the mobile units. The goal of this project is to: (1) Make distance learning and other technologies readily accessible to students and teachers; (2) Assure that all students in target schools regularly participate in instructional activities that include the use of distance learning and other technologies; (3) Provide alternate methods for students to reach individual goals for academic success; (4) Support teachers and other school professionals through innovative and ongoing professional development and follow-up leading to classroom implementation of technology-rich instruction; and, (5) Encourage parental and community involvement at the local school and regional levels through distance learning activities.

### **Wilson Education Center; Charlestown, Indiana**

\$500,000 Grant

Area(s) Served: Clark, Dearborn, Floyd, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, Scott, Switzerland, and Washington Counties

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Congressional District(s): 9th.

The Wilson Education Center is one of nine statewide education service centers providing leadership, support, and technical assistance to Indiana school districts. Known as school corporations, the twenty-seven (27) local education agencies within the Wilson Education Center's service area are generally small schools in small communities. The schools provide basic services to their students, but are seeking ways to broaden the



scope of instruction to prepare students for a complex and rapidly changing business and social environment. RUS grant funds will be used to equip 58 elementary and secondary schools with distance learning technology. A mobile Internet Protocol (IP) videoconferencing unit will be installed in each of the 31 high schools and the Medical Center of Southern Indiana, and each of the 27 elementary schools will receive a desktop video conferencing package. This project will address the needs of students and other constituents by: (1) increasing student access to high level mathematics, science, and foreign language coursework through shared faculty; (2) enriching instruction across the curriculum through collaboration between and among classrooms and with outside entities such as the hospital and universities; (3) furthering the quality and economy of professional development activities by videoconferencing among schools, with the Wilson Education Center, and with educators nationally and internationally; (4) providing support for school nurses through linkage with medical center staff; and (5) encouraging parental and community involvement at the local school and regional levels through distance learning activities.

### **1999 Award:**

#### **Indiana State University; Terre Haute, Indiana**

\$330,000 Grant

Counties Served: Franklin, Jackson, Lawrence, Orange, Switzerland, Washington  
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Indiana State University is a state institution of higher education and with RUS funding will be able to connect six counties of southern Indiana to the statewide ATM (asynchronous transfer mode) backbone and establish access to a wide selection of degree completion opportunities. End user sites are learning centers located in one room of public high schools (5 locations) and libraries (1 location) which provide access to residents throughout the day and evening. Serve from 15 to 100 students per semester and expects increase to 300 per semester. RUS grant will provide six end user sites in rural, southern Indiana with 2-way video units and four computers at each site, connected to the Statewide ATM backbone.



## **1997 Award**

### **The Midwest Center for Rural Health (MCRH)- Union Hospital**

Amount: \$132,973 Grant / \$67,027 Loan

Total: \$200,000

Location: Terre Haute, Indiana

Area(s) Served: Counties of Clay, Greene and Vigo

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The Midwest Center for Rural Health is a nonprofit corporation that is a division of the Union Hospital located in the state of Indiana. The MCRH was established in July of 1992 to provide doctors participating in their residency programs with the training they need to successfully practice family medicine in rural areas. The MCRH is planning to develop a model integrated rural health information exchange network in west-central Indiana. The plans for this project include implementing a computerized medical records system and integrated telemedicine capabilities among three clinical sites, Clay Center for Family Medicine (Clay County), Worthington Family Medicine (Greene County) and the Union Hospital (Vigo County). The RUS grant award will help by providing the much needed financial support that will assist in establishing the telecommunications infrastructure needed to put this system into action. Although the Union Hospital is capable of sustaining this project once it is in place, the hospital is unable to subsidize all phases of research and development required to fully establish the infrastructure needed to initiate a project of this magnitude.

The projected outcome of this project is to ensure that patients and practitioners have the same high quality array of services and resources along the continuum of care that their urban counterparts have, regardless of their rural location. Unfortunately, none of the project sites are located in designated Employment Zones or Enterprise Communities. However, the Terre Haute project site is located just four blocks from a state designated Empowerment Zone.

## **1993 Grant Awards:**

### **Methodist Hospital of Indiana**

Indianapolis

This telemedicine project connects Methodist Hospital with rural hospitals in Clinton, Frankfort, Hartford, Newcastle, Peru and a clinic in Gosport - all via a fiber optic cable. The new RUS-funded system permits instant transfer of medical records, images and video images.