



## **DLT Awards - Georgia**

### ***2007 Grant Awards***

#### **Darton College**

Georgia

\$90,185

Areas Served: Berrien; GA-2 Crisp, Dougherty, Miller

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Congressional District: GA-1 Kingston; GA-2 Bishop, Jr

Rural Development funding will enable the installation of new video conferencing equipment to expand enrollment, upgrade equipment, achieve two-way interaction, and initiate a partnership with Berrien Charter School, as well as the other end-user sites. Darton College will be equipped to provide highly compatible instructional feeds to the end user sites to avoid classroom interruptions and offer students the most realistic classroom experience possible.

### ***2006 Grant Awards***

#### **Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Georgia**

Savannah, Georgia

\$489,085

Areas Served: Bacon, Ben-Hill, Bleckley, Brooks, Candler, Calhoun, Chatham, Charlton, Coffee, Colquitt, Clinch, Crisp, Decatur, DeKalb, Early, Franklin, Fulton, Grady, Irwin, Jasper, Jefferson, Jeff Davis, Miller, Mitchell, Monroe, Pulaski, Rabun, Richmond, Quitman, Screven, Stewart, Talbot, Tattnail, Telfair, Tift, Thomas, Towns, Union, Washington, Wayne, Wilkes

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Congressional District: ME-01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 08, 09, 12

Rural Development funds will be used to increase their existing telehealth network by expanding clinical telemedicine sites, services, clinical capabilities and utilization levels to rural residents of Georgia. The planned expansion will operate over a T-1 dedicated network, Second Opinion software for diagnosis and medical records, medical carts, radiology systems, and other specialty care equipment designed to deliver high quality specialty care.



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

### **East Central Technical College Foundation**

Fitzgerald, GA

\$498,252

Areas Served: Atkinson, Ben Hill, Irwin, Wilcox Counties

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Congressional District: GA-01, GA-03

The main campuses of East Central Technical College, in Fitzgerald and Douglas, will link with end-user sites in Pearson, Ocilla, and Rochelle to provide distance learning those communities and surrounding areas. The project will use an interactive IP-Based distance learning system to serve over 15,000 students and residents of Ben Hill, Coffee, and Atkinson counties.

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

### **Northeast Health Systems, Inc.**

Colbert, Georgia

\$176,774

Area(s) served: Madison, Oglethorpe, Elbert, Franklin, Hart, Hall, Barrow, Rabun, Wilkes Counties

Contact: Dr. Jackie R. Griffin, 706-788-3234; Fax: 706-788-2936

Congressional District(s): Applicant - GA-09, Project - GA09, GA-10, GA-12

Northeast Health Systems will connect ten sites using available transmission lines and equipment. RUS funds will link the hub site with local medical communities to create an improved health care delivery system. 345,000 rural residents will gain the benefits of improved care through telemedicine, patient education and support, physician recruitment and retention, enhanced opportunities for staff training and effective quality assurance measures.



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

### **Dartton College; Albany, GA**

\$62,000

Area(s) Served: Crisp and Miller Counties

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Congressional District(s): 2nd

Dartton College will utilize RUS grants funds in a distance learning system to provide broadband connectivity to two rural southwest Georgia communities. Real-time distance learning will be offered to 150 students initially as well as to provide nursing courses to rural hospitals. Approximately 28,000 residents and students will benefit from enhanced educational opportunities in the communities served.

### **Southwest Georgia Regional Services Agency; Pelham, GA**

\$499,515

Area(s) Served: Cities of Pelham, Thomasville, Cairo, Camilla, Moultrie, and Sylvester

Contact: Carl L. Rowland (239) 574-8243; Fax: (239) 574-8240

Congressional District(s): 2nd

Southwest Georgia Regional Services Agency will utilize RUS grant funds to provide interactive distance learning opportunities in seven local school districts to over 30,000 students. Benefits upon implementation will include a greater percentage of students receiving vocational training, cost and time savings for teacher re-certification, higher percentage of teachers receiving continuing education, a decrease in high school drop out rates, and an increase in number of students advancing to college.

## ***2002 Grant Awards***

### **South Georgia Government Services Authority; Camilla, Georgia**

\$499,100 Grant

Area(s) Served: Towns of Cairo, Camilla, Moultrie and Thomasville

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Congressional District(s): Applicant and Project: 2nd

The South Georgia Governmental Services Authority, a collaborative effort by the municipalities of Cairo, Camilla, Moultrie and Thomasville, will use RUS grant funds to establish an interactive comprehensive distance learning facilities project and acquisition of a mobile interactive distance learning facility. The goal of the project is to improve the economic condition as well as the social well being of the 50,000 regional residents at 57 end-user sites in 4 rural communities in Southwest Georgia. The network will provide interactive video, high speed Internet, data exchanges and permit the sharing of resources among all network users. Education opportunities are planned that include courses such



as teacher re-certification, vocational training, language arts and InTech training. Health care activities such as nurses training, telemedicine, hospital-to-school programs and data transfer are also intended project benefits.

### **2000 Awards:**

#### **SOUTH GEORGIA BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Camilla, Georgia**

\$350,000 Grant

Area(s) served: Colquitt, Grady, Mitchell and Thomas Counties

Contact Ms. Lynn Gwaltney, (912) 227-7069; FAX: (912) 227-3366

2nd Congressional District

This is a project that is intended to focus on education as the predominant application area and medical purposes as the secondary application area. The project proposes that the introduction of networking technology and the collaboration of project partners in a four-county, rural area will reduce existing disparities and enhance quality of life. It is the goal of the project to connect through network technology school systems and hospitals within the region. The project will produce appropriately educated, better-employed, healthy and progressive residents of the region.

#### **LIBERTY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH, Hinesville, Georgia**

\$301,245 Grant

Areas(s) served: Camden, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh and Bryan

Contact: Dr. B. Brooks Taylor, (912) 264-3907; FAX: (912) 262-2315

1st Congressional District

The purpose of this project is to provide a distance learning network in rural, coastal Georgia. It will bring video teleconferencing connectivity to six counties. Community-accessible sites will successfully position a network location within minutes of nearly all coastal Georgia residents. It will also address the need of local rural health care facilities to operate more efficiently. The distance learning equipment will facilitate point-to-point and multi-point conferencing, thereby eliminating travel time for the public health staff. Target markets include health care consumers; business and industry; health care providers; social service agencies; health care facilities; and emergency medical services.



## **1998 Award:**

### **Atlanta-Fulton County Zoo, Inc.**

\$304,409 Grant

Location: Atlanta, Georgia

Area(s) served: Charlton County

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Congressional District: Applicant: 5th, Project: 5th and 8th Atlanta-Fulton County Zoo, Inc. is the legal name for a non-profit learning institution. Grant funds from RUS will be used to purchase and install the necessary equipment in order for the Charlton County Schools to participate in the "Virtual Explorers" program. This program is a joint creation by Zoo Atlanta and Charlton County Schools, is designed to challenge students and teachers to integrate the use of multiple technologies through a multi-week animal behavior project. It will also allow the students to access information from anywhere in the world via the Internet. The projects partners include Zoo Atlanta, Charlton County School System, Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge and the Georgia Department of Administrative Services or DOAS. There are 250 students in the Charlton County Schools who will benefit from the project.