



DLT Awards - Guam

2004 Grant Award:

Pacific Island Bible College

Guam

\$230,635

Area(s) served: Guam, Federated States of Micronesia, Palau

Contact: Dave Owen, 671-734-1812

Congressional District(s): GU-Delegate

The Pacific Islands Collegiate Distance Learning Network plans to provide remedial and supplemental education as well as US accredited education through the college level for Micronesians unable to travel to the mainland. The distance learning education will be available from fi

2000 Grant Award:

THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM Mangilao, Guam

\$168,850 Grant

Area(s) served: Federated State of Micronesia; Contact: Mr. Bruce Best; (671) 735-2601;

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This project will use RUS grant funds to allow the children of Yap, Chuuk and Pohnpei in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) to access quality Pediatric-Orthopedic medical services through a telemedicine system involving University of Guam's PEACESAT network and Shriners Hospital for Children in Honolulu. The project will involve the use of videoconferencing technology for "real time" consultation and continuing medical education over the existing PEACESAT network. The current medical infrastructure in the three FSM States to be served by this project was established in the late 1960's and 1970's and is badly deteriorating. Shortages of medical supplies are common. FSM residents are often forced to travel to Guam, Hawaii, or the Philippines to seek medical treatment. This project will benefit the 105,000 people living on the islands and the FSM. The benefits of the project will be: increasing access to quality health care without the burden of having to travel great distances; increasing the competency level of health care practitioners by providing continuing medical education; and, providing a prototype model for more extensive telemedicine activity in the future.