

To: All Interested Parties  
From: Jim Hester, Director, Health Care Reform Commission  
Date: June 22, 2010  
Subject: Bids Opened for Health Care Reform Study

The Joint Fiscal Committee and Health Care Reform Commission (HCRC) received three qualified bids by consultants applying for the contract to conduct a Health Care Design Study required by Act 128 of 2010.

The contracted consultant will be tasked with developing proposals for outlining at least three design options, including implementation plans, for creating 1) a single payer system, 2) a public option, and 3) a third design to be determined by the consultant. The three respondents were:

- The Lewin Group (Falls Church, VA)
- Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. (Washington, DC)
- William C. Hsiao, Ph.D, FSA (Cambridge, MA), Steven Kappel, MPA (Montpelier, VT) and Johnathan Gruber, Ph.D, (Cambridge, MA)

The proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the qualifications contained in Act 128 and the criteria contained in the RFP. The Commission's evaluation form is posted on the website listed below and the public is welcome to submit comments on the form by June 25<sup>th</sup> at noon.

The HCRC is scheduled to meet on June 28<sup>th</sup> to develop a recommendation which will be provided to the Joint Fiscal Committee (JFC) at its special meeting to award the contract scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup>. Public comments regarding the expertise and background of bidders are welcomed. Written comments to the HCRC and the JFC should be submitted by June 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm for the review of Commission members prior to the HCRC meeting. The public will also have a brief opportunity for public comment at the June 28<sup>th</sup> HCRC meeting, but the strong preference is to provide written comments prior to the meeting.

The HCRC will meet on Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at the Statehouse in Room 10. The Joint Fiscal Committee will meet Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at the Statehouse in the Ethan Allen Room.

Written public comments on the form or bidders may be sent to:  
The Commission on Health Care Reform  
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For a timeline of the RFP process and related materials visit:  
<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/JFO/Healthcare%20Study%20Design.htm>  
<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/CommissiononHealthCareReform/>