

- 1. Our version of the initial correspondence did not contain “Exhibit A”, the model developed by the Goldenson Center for Actuarial Research as an attachment. Can you please provide?**

A: The Goldenson Center for Actuarial Research at the University of Connecticut’s (Goldenson Center) actuarial model is available for download at the following website: www.ct.gov/opm/specialed The document is titled, “UConn Goldenson Center Special Education Policy Model - Working Draft (Updated Sept. 6, 2018).”

- 2. Is it fair for the consultant to assume that very little additional actuarial analysis will be required for modeling the two special education predictable cost cooperative models? For example:**

- a. Are loss payout patterns determined at various levels of predictability?**

- b. Does the actuarial analysis utilize national, state or some other data base for its projections?**

A: The Goldenson Center has completed comprehensive and detailed actuarial analysis and modeling for the first model (see model and additional materials at the link provided above) and is in the process of completing a comprehensive and detailed actuarial analysis for the second model (to be completed by November 26, 2018). Additionally, the Goldenson Center will be available as a resource to the consultant to answer any additional questions that they may have. The actuarial models use seven years of annual special education expenditure data from Connecticut State Department of Education.

- 3. Is there a date set for the initial meeting of the Task Force?**

A: The task force has been meeting regularly since January 2018 on an as needed basis. Minutes for these meetings are available at: www.ct.gov/opm/specialed. Meetings between the consultant and the task force, including the December meeting at which the consultant(s) will present their findings, will be scheduled at a time that is mutually agreeable to the consultant(s) and the task force.

- 4. Is there at least a tentative schedule for the six Regional Education Service Center (RESC) area meetings?**

A: These meetings have not yet been scheduled, so that the consultant(s) availability can be considered. The attendees will be selected and invited by members of the task force.

- 5. Will the consultant be responsible for agendas and content for the seven required meetings?**

A: The consultant’s expertise will be required in formulating the appropriate questions that will glean the feedback necessary to develop a complete feasibility study for a captive insurance entity. Members of the task force will be available to review questions and provide feedback regarding the concerns and perspectives of stakeholders that are specific to public education in Connecticut. In addition, staff are available for technical assistance and administrative support to the consultant(s).

- 6. The importance of the municipalities of the State of Connecticut to be able to provide for the Special Education needs of their residents as well as their ability to provide them without undue impact on budgets is. We also understand the time frame outlined in the RFP. Our take on this important undertaking is that it should not be rushed and the indicated time frame is rather compacted and unintended interruptions could have an impact on it. [We] will commit to completing the tasks required of it as consultant,**

providing that the scheduling of the actuarial studies, task force meetings and other consultant meet theirs. To that end, will the consultant:

a) have any authority over these factors to ensure timelines are met?

Or

b) not be held responsible or penalized for factors not under its control which could impact the delivery and/or quality of the final report?

A. By statute, the Special Education Cost Model Task Force is required to report their recommendations to the Connecticut General Assembly by January 2019, in order to allow the General Assembly to consider their recommendation during the 2019 legislative session, and the timelines and deadlines contained in the RFP are aligned to this statutory requirement. As a result, the consultant must adhere to the deliverable deadlines in December and January. However, the consultant will not be penalized by outside factors, such as the timing or quality of the work product of outside legal services (to be provided by Morgan Lewis, LLP) or outside actuarial services (to be provided by the Goldenson Center). If there are outside factors that impede the ability of the consultant to make specific recommendations, this must be noted in the interim and final reports. In recognition of the short timeframe available to complete the work, consultants will have authority to determine the workflow and timing of all deliverables prior to the presentation of the initial report to the task force in December.

- 7. A series of meetings are proposed as part of the Stakeholder Input phase of the project. Can you confirm the following: The location for the initial meeting of the task force, The locations for the six focus group meetings in the RESC areas.**

A: All task force meetings are held in Hartford, Connecticut. The regional meetings have not yet been scheduled but must be located in the six geographic areas of Connecticut represented by each Regional Education Service Center (RESC).

- 8. The consultant is requested to be available to attend public hearings, provide testimony and meet with committees and members of the General Assembly during the 2019 session. Can you confirm the estimated number of such meetings and the proposed location of those meetings.**

A: All meetings of the Connecticut General Assembly (CGA) will be held in Hartford, Connecticut. The regular session of the CGA runs from January – June, 2019, in concordance with the contract dates. There is not currently a schedule of public hearings available, as these dates are set by the CGA.