

ASSEMBLY BILL 111 (2019) REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A CONSULTANT TO ASSIST IN THE STUDY OF CHILD WELFARE FUNDING

Staff from the Research and Fiscal Analysis Divisions of the Legislative Counsel Bureau have completed their review of the proposals submitted by consultants to assist the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice in conducting a study of child welfare funding in Nevada. Technical components of each response were assessed based on the following:

- Demonstrated knowledge of the Nevada child welfare funding model, funding models used in other states, and relevant knowledge of federal sources of child welfare funding;
- Responsiveness to the request for proposal, including the level of detail in response to each requirement under the scope of work; and
- Experience and qualifications of identified personnel and the scale and scope of resources committed to the study.

The cost component was assessed based on a relative comparison of all respondents, with lower bidders receiving proportionally more consideration than higher bidders. After review of the technical and cost components, the top three responses are included below, in no particular order, for consideration by the Committee. Staff would note that the Committee is not obligated to accept the suggested vendors and may choose to further consider any of the responses.

PUBLIC CONSULTING GROUP (COST: \$194,329)

Public Consulting Group (PCG) is a privately held consulting group, headquartered in Boston, Massachusetts, with 60 national offices, including a Las Vegas location. Prior experience included projects, studies, and funding reviews within Nevada and several other states. The proposal demonstrated the bidder's experience and understanding of the complexity of child welfare funding at a state and national level. PCG also has several active contracts with State of Nevada divisions as well as Nevada local and county organizations.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE, INSTITUTE FOR INNOVATION AND IMPLEMENTATION (COST: \$189,818)

The University of Maryland demonstrated significant knowledge of national child welfare practices as well as sources of federal funding to support child welfare activities, and the Committee may benefit from the scale and scope of resources available to a large academic institution. Previously completed reports and studies demonstrate experience producing similar reports at the federal, state, and local levels. This respondent currently provides technical assistance to the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) related to the Nevada System of Care program and has been contracted by DCFS to assist with [Family First Prevention Services Act](#) (115th Congress) implementation.

COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS (COST: \$179,609)

Membership in The Council of State Governments (CSG) is comprised of the states and territories of the United States and is headquartered in Lexington, Kentucky. CSG demonstrated knowledge of Nevada's child welfare model, as well as national level complexities and current issues, and provided a detailed timeline, final report outline, and case study design plan. Sample reports were well designed, reflected relevant subject-matter expertise, and effectively conveyed key findings and recommendations. The response indicated that Nevada is a member of CSG and remits annual membership dues.