

periodic publication of state budget and finance policies, which will be updated and used to provide the information requested in section 1 of the proposed scope of work.

Dr. Lingenfelter is a recognized national expert in higher education finance, both for his current work in this area and because of his prior work as budget and finance director for the Illinois Board of Higher Education. Dr. Lingenfelter knows Nevada higher education well, having been engaged as a consultant in the 2004-05 Legislative study of higher education. Mr. Carlson was the principal analyst for budget and finance at the Colorado Department of Higher Education before joining the SHEEO staff. This organization and the principals it brings to this project provide the professional expertise and access to data and information necessary to assure exceptional performance on this contract. Resumes for both Dr. Lingenfelter and Mr. Carlson are included in this proposal.

The project will also contract with the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) for the data collection and analysis required to fully analyze the impact of the NSHE proposed alternative analysis. Because NCHEMS has been used as a consultant to NSHE on its planning activities, NCHEMS will not have a role in analyzing the policy proposal, but only to produce the data necessary to do so. In this fashion we believe we avoid any possible conflict of interest, while still retaining the organization best able to collect and display the data.

XIV. CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

The successful consultant must agree to maintain the confidentiality of any information, records, and data obtained for the purpose of performing its duties under the contract. The successful consultant must further agree not to use such information for any purpose other than its performance under the contract and that it will require its employees and subcontractors to comply with the confidentiality requirements of this section.

WICHE and its partner on this proposal, SHEEO, will abide with the confidentiality requirements specified by the Legislative Counsel Bureau. Given the public nature of the work of both organizations and their work serving many states, we request that those requirements include consideration of the following understanding. All Nevada-specific information and Nevada recommendations will be confidential property of the LCB, which will determine how, when, and whether they will be publicly released. Data corresponding to other states for the comparisons requested for this project may be shared with other states in consideration of their cooperation in providing freely data for the benefit of Nevada. WICHE and SHEEO will clearly identify work products that consist