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Project Proposal

Prepared for: Connecticut River Collaborative Committee

PROPOSAL SUMMARY

It was great meeting you all and discussing the consolidation project and putting details of such together to begin the education project to the committee and to the public

It's a project we would be interested in pursuing with you

Based on the conversations to date here is a summary of what we could provide to you to accomplish such a project:

- 1. Continue to review the work to date in the understanding of the consolidation**
- 2. Review the numerous proposals (28ish) discussed by you all to arrive at the 2 proposals being contemplated now**
- 3. Consider an alternative proposal to the 2 being discussed now if such is warranted with the above review**
- 4. Interviews of various committee members on their understanding of the consolidation and the process**
- 5. Discussions with many parties including State of Vermont and State of New Hampshire on this project and the process**
- 6. Completing the math to identify various costs, financial viability, and establishing budgets including staffing plan to compliment all the proposals to be discussed publicly.**
- 7. Regularly scheduled progress meetings amongst us and the committee**
- 8. Planned educational meetings with the public on such matters (we see 2 to 3 of these meetings and would need to discuss the details of holding in each community separately and then jointly with the public)**
- 9. A deliverable plan including the math and articles of merger as detailed in number 6 above to review with all parties.**

Our hopes would be to start the project within the next 3 weeks.

Our goal would be to have a meeting again with the committee to discuss expectations of all parties

Our goal would be to have an informational meeting with the public to discuss the project

Our goal is to deliver you a draft of the proposals with the math as outlined in number 6 by November 15th

Our ultimate goal is to deliver you the best proposal to meet the needs of the project and continue with the best education available to all the students involved while considering cost as an important piece of this education

We approximate the range of this project cost from our end to be **\$25,000 to \$35,000**. This will include all of our travel and out of pocket costs. The price will vary depending on the level of staff we utilize within our firm. We will bill as time progresses and the rates will approximate \$75 to \$150 per hour depending on staff utilized.

We agree to cap the engagement at \$35,000. If not all the time is needed, we will bill you for only the time incurred to complete the project.

Please let me know if you have any questions and when and if you would like to proceed so we can start working this project into our calendars.

No matter what, continued best to you all is this endeavor.

Ron
