

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

NO. 2007-408

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Karen S. Goens:	<i>KG</i>	10/15/07	RECEIVED OCT 16 2007 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL	10/23/07	Finance /Council
Division Head:					
Dewey G. Desler:	<i>Desler</i>	10/15/07			
Prosecutor:	<i>RSW</i>				
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive:	<i>DK</i>	10/15/07			

TITLE OF DOCUMENT:
Resolution Directing Administrative Services to Employ Contractor to Bid Excess Medical Plan Insurance

ATTACHMENTS:
Memorandum from D Desler, Director Administrative Services
Proposed Resolution

SEPA review required? () Yes (x) NO	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? () Yes (x) NO
SEPA review completed? () Yes () NO	Requested Date:

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE: *(If this item is an ordinance or requires a public hearing, you must provide the language for use in the required public notice. Be specific and cite RCW or WCC as appropriate. Be clear in explaining the intent of the action.)*

In accordance with RCW 39.04.280 and Whatcom County Code Section 3.08.060.A, resolution recommended waiving bidding requirements for procurement of excess insurance for self-insured medical plan. Bidding, quote review, and recommendations to be handled by benefits contractor.

COMMITTEE ACTION:
 10/23/2007: Forwarded to Council for approval

COUNCIL ACTION:
 10/23/2007: Council Approved 7-0
 Res. 2007-058

Related County Contract #:

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number:
 Res. 2007-058

Please Note: *Once adopted and signed, ordinances and resolutions are available for viewing and printing on the County's website at: www.co.whatcom.wa.us/council.*

SPONSORED BY: Consent
PROPOSED BY: Deputy Administrator
INTRODUCTION DATE: 10/23/07

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2 RESOLUTION NO. 2007-058
3 DIRECTING ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO EMPLOY CONTRACTOR
4 TO BID EXCESS MEDICAL PLAN INSURANCE
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7 WHEREAS, RCW 39.04.280 requires municipalities to award contracts based on
8 competitive bidding processes; and
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10 WHEREAS, said statute allows the County Council to establish exemptions from
11 competitive bidding requirements for purchases of insurance or bonds; and
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13 WHEREAS, Whatcom County Code Section 3.08.060.A also addresses this issue of
14 procurement and provides that the County Council may waive bidding requirements upon
15 recommendation of the County Executive if it finds that such a waiver will be in the best interest of
16 the County; and
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18 WHEREAS, the County Executive has recommended that such a waiver be adopted by the
19 County Council for the purposes stated hereinafter; and
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21 WHEREAS, the excess insurance market for self-insured medical plans is a specialized
22 market requiring specialized expertise to seek and analyze quotes; and
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24 WHEREAS, the County has engaged qualified benefits consulting and third party
25 administrators through competitive processes to assist the County with administration of its self-
26 insured medical plan; and
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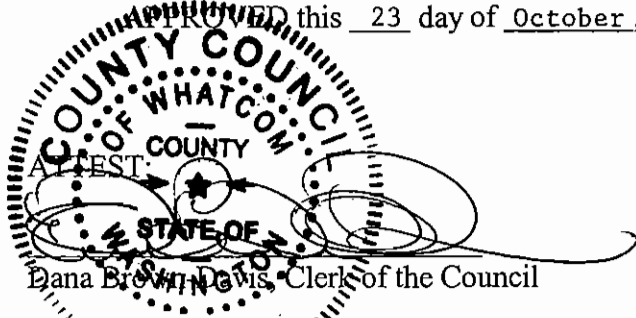
28 WHEREAS, the process of obtaining and analyzing favorable quotes for January 1st
29 coverage is based on confidential claims cost information not available within the schedule required
30 for a full Request for Proposal process if conducted by Whatcom County;
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32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Whatcom County Council that the
33 County Administrative Services Department is directed to authorize the benefits consulting
34 contractor and third party administrator for the self-insured medical plan to elicit competitive
35 quotes from the reinsurance market and to recommend an excess medical insurance carrier applying
36 best pricing and favorable coverage for participants on the self-insured medical plan; and
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38 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution shall also be effective for future years
39 without need for further Council action, and that the Administrative Services Department be

1 authorized to request annually that the benefits contractors, whoever they may be, perform the call
2 for excess insurance coverage quotes within time frames to afford coverage at the start of the
3 medical plan year.

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5 APPROVED this 23 day of October, 2007.



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12 Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

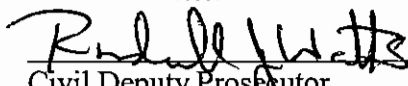
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WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Carl Weimer, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

() Approved () Denied


Civil Deputy Prosecutor