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Summary

State and local governments across the country face extraordinarily tight budgets. They struggle with lower tax revenue and built-in structural costs. As they adopt new accounting standards that require them to declare and fund liabilities for health care and pensions, budgets will only grow tighter.

This year, many state and local governments avoided difficult budgetary decisions through the application of federal stimulus money, but this is not a strategy for long-term success.

There are a handful of state and local governments weathering the crisis more effectively. We want to learn from them, and from businesses that continue to innovate and become more productive even in a time of recession.

We seek proven programs and ideas that do at least one of the following:

- Reengineer or outsource existing programs/delivery channels to preserve services and lower costs
- Implement innovative policies with minimal or non-existent incremental costs
- Identify and eliminate non-core and duplicative programs
- Create durable mechanisms to avoid future fiscal crises

Pioneer will promote and publicize all winning ideas.

Who Should Apply?

The competition is open to everyone. Potential entrants might include: citizens, entrepreneurs, business leaders, policy makers, non-profit leaders, and civil servants.

How to Enter

By Monday, March 29th, 2010, submit a five- to ten-page proposal that describes the following:

- The idea/entry in summary form
- The problem it seeks to solve or has solved
- The solution in detail
- The results it can or has produced
- Its application elsewhere and potential for Massachusetts.

One grand prizewinner will be awarded \$10,000 and four runners-up \$1,000. Pioneer Institute staff will help finalists develop their ideas.

Please review the entry template at:
www.pioneerinstitute.org/bgc/template2010.

In a cover letter, be sure to include your name, the name of your organization (if applicable), address, phone number, email address, and a paragraph summarizing your idea. Please direct all correspondence to:

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Pioneer Institute's mission is to advance individual freedom, responsibility, and limited and accountable government by developing sensible market approaches to public policy issues. The Better Government Competition has served as a catalyst for many reforms in local and state government over the past 18 years. We look forward to ideas to build the Commonwealth's competitiveness at the state and local level.

Competition Timeline

Proposal Deadline: Monday, March 29, 2010
(4:30 p.m. EST)

Papers will be accepted via e-mail attachment, conventional mail, hand-delivery or by facsimile.

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May 2010: Finalists notified

May-June 2010: Finalists work with Pioneer staff to fine-tune submissions, adding pertinent information, financial data and the benefits of reorganization.

June 2010: Awards Dinner

