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Your idea for health care reform could win

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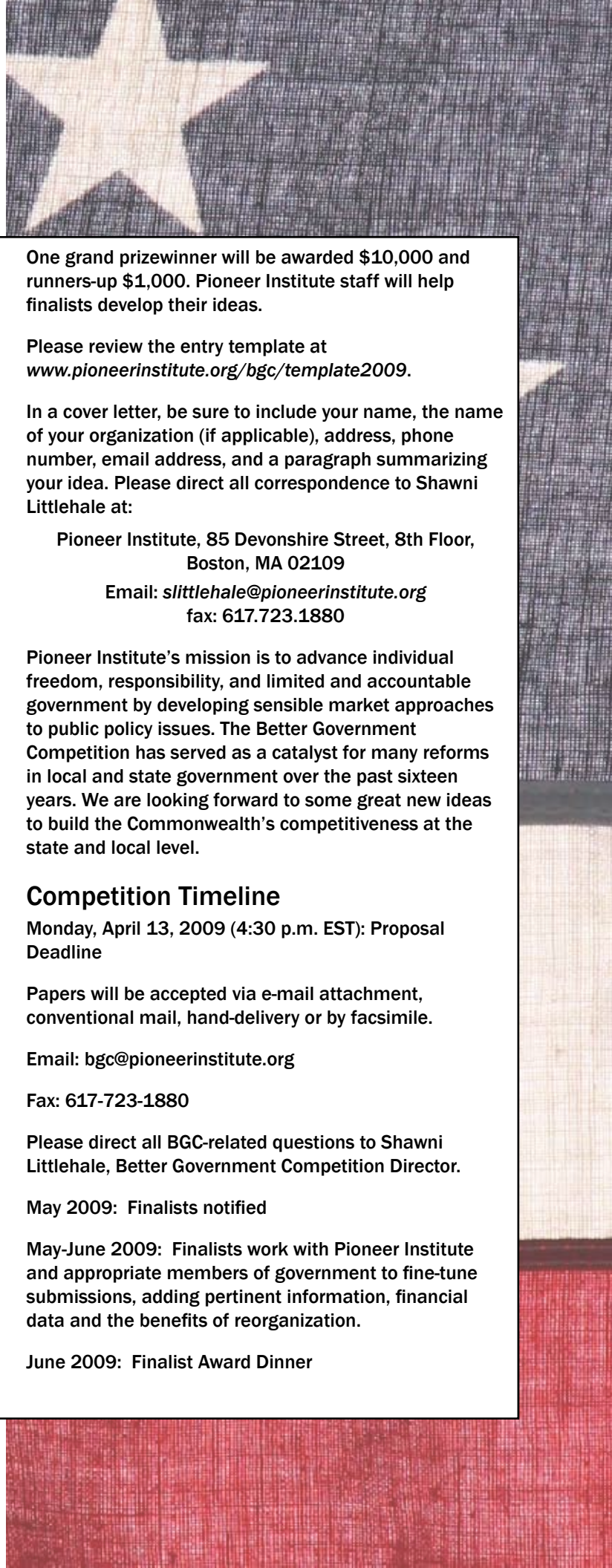
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Summary

For this year's Better Government Competition, Pioneer seeks innovative proposals to improve health care.

Health care spending currently accounts for almost 15% of Gross Domestic Product and, according to the Congressional Budget Office, is projected to grow to over 30% by 2035. Public sector programs account for a significant portion of this growth, with Medicare projected to grow from 3% to more than 7% of GDP over the same period.

Health care reform efforts are underway across the country, especially at the state level, but the goal of affordable, clinically appropriate, and broadly accessible health care remains elusive.

Pioneer encourages entries that involve public sector policies, programs, or practices, which can be implemented, reformed or eliminated in order to:

- Control Health Care Costs
- Deliver Services More Efficiently
- Increase Health care Quality
- Improve Clinical Outcomes
- Lower Administrative Costs
- Decrease Waste and Unnecessary Treatment
- Increase Access to Services

Who should apply?

The competition is open to everyone. Potential entrants might include: citizens, entrepreneurs, doctors, nurses, health care administrators, benefit administrators, non-profit leaders, and civil servants.

How to Enter

By Monday, April 13th, 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 runners-up \$1,000. Pioneer Institute staff will help finalists develop their ideas.

Please review the entry template at www.pioneerinstitute.org/bgc/template2009.

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 Shawni Littlehale at:

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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 sixteen years. We are looking forward to some great new ideas to build the Commonwealth's competitiveness at the state and local level.

Competition Timeline

Monday, April 13, 2009 (4:30 p.m. EST): Proposal Deadline

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

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Please direct all BGC-related questions to Shawni Littlehale, Better Government Competition Director.

May 2009: Finalists notified

May-June 2009: Finalists work with Pioneer Institute and appropriate members of government to fine-tune submissions, adding pertinent information, financial data and the benefits of reorganization.

June 2009: Finalist Award Dinner

