

Privatization Checklists

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Privatization Study

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Website locations:

1. In The Public Interest
 - a. <http://www.inthepublicinterest.org/>
2. ALA American Library Association
 - a. http://www.ala.org/tools/sites/ala.org.tools/files/content/outsourcing/REVIS_EDSEPT2011_ALAKeepingPublicLibraries%20PublicFINAL2.pdf
3. League of Women Voters of Mississippi
 - a. <http://lwvms.wordpress.com/2012/01/22/strategies-and-considerations-for-best-practice/>
4. Concerned Citizens Coalition of Stockton
 - a. <http://www.cccos.org/LWV.html>
5. In the Public Interest: Public Assistance Programs
 - a. <http://www.inthepublicinterest.org/article/questions-ask-and-issues-raise-related-privatizing-public-assistance-programs>
6. City of San Jose Council Policy
 - a. http://www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/cp_manual/CPM_0_41.pdf
7. Public Utility Reports – Wastewater How To Book
 - a. <http://www.pur.com/books/43.cfm>

Key Points:

(LWV Miss)

- A. Pre-Privatization Checklist
 - B. Contractor Selection Checklist
 - C. Contract Negotiation Checklist
 - D. Contract Management and Oversight Checklist
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1. Why is there a need for alternative service delivery? What is the problem to be solved? What goals are to be achieved?
 2. Is privatization the best alternative model or are there other options such as contracting with another public agency?
 3. Private sector history: successes and failures?
 4. How will the government agency monitor quality, cost and contractor performance?
 5. What if privatization fails: how will service be continued or reestablished?

(Indiana)

1. Will the services be cost neutral or a cost savings?
2. How will the savings be used?
3. Cost benefit analysis been performed?
4. Does the agency have staff trained to design the contract, monitor performance and provide technical assistance to contractor?
5. What is the back-up plan for dealing with problems?

(In the Public Interest)

1. Understanding the asset
 - a. Options
 - b. Public Purpose of Asset
 - c. Impact on current workforce
2. Costs to the Government and the Public
3. Ensuring a fair and accountable process
 - a. Transparency
 - b. Potential conflicts of interest
 - c. Government capacity and expertise
4. Terms of the contract
 - a. Unfavorable Contract terms
 - b. Asset Maintenance
 - c. Public Interest Protections

(ALA American Library Association)

- A. Funding
 - a. Has the library staff been asked if they can produce an equal amount of savings?
 - b. Private company profit margin?
- B. Library Services
- C. Community Control
 - a. Will there continue to be a library board?
 - b. Who will make library policies?
- D. Political Questions
 - a. Has the local community been involved in the privatization decision making process?
- E. Organization and Staff
- F. Legal
 - a. Collective bargaining contracts, employee benefits?
 - b. Search of legal records to determine liens or judgments against the company?
- G. Contract Consideration
 - a. Reporting
 - b. Oversight
 - c. Performance measures
 - d. Cancellation
 - e. Profit vs. quality

(CCCoS)

1. Does the proposal benefit the environment?

(San Jose CA Council Policy)

1. Is there currently a City staff unit capable of and interested in developing a managed competition proposal?
2. Will the service model improve quality, customer satisfaction, and/or responsiveness for the same or lower cost?