

National Privatization Study Shifts into High Gear

This winter Leagues across the Country will study the privatization of government services to develop a national privatization policy on the topic for consideration at the National Conference in June 2012.

"The purpose of this study is to identify those parameters and policy issues to be considered in connection with proposals to transfer federal, state or local government services, assets and/or functions to the private sector. It will review the stated goals and the community impact of such transfers, and identify strategies to ensure transparency, accountability, and preservation of the common good."

The study will not result in a pro or con position, but rather will identify policy issues that should be considered by local, state or federal governments when they are considering any type of privatization.

Some briefing papers have been posted on the League of Women Voter's United States website and more will be posted in the next few weeks. Consensus questions will also be posted by the end of the year. Responses to those questions will be due by May 1, 2012.