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Economic Market Study On Gambling

The Gambling Commission is now accepting bids from firms interested in conducting an economic market study on gambling in Washington State. “The study will put a finger on the pulse of the gaming industry and the public” Commission Chair Chris Stearns predicted, and “help us and the people of Washington prepare for changes and opportunities in 2016 and beyond.”

In an effort to be proactive in our regulatory authority/role, we believe an economic market study will assist the Legislature and the Commission as we consider potential changes in gambling policy and in preparing for future industry changes. The study is expected to provide a picture of the existing gaming market (other than lottery and horse racing) in Washington State as well as a forecast for potential growth.

The study will measure the economic impacts in Washington State for commercial, non-profit, and Tribal gaming, including: employment, fantasy sports, gambling facilities, gambling trends, internet gambling, introduction of new or modernized gambling activities/games, mobile games, population trends, revenues, technology impacts, and tourism effects.

If you are a firm interested in conducting this economic market study, [click here to apply](#). Bids will be accepted through January 22, 2016.

Invitation to Reporters - Come See What We Do:

- **Agent Ride-along:** See how we regulate and enforce gambling laws across the state.
- **Tour our forensics labs** in Spokane or Lacey. This is an opportunity to see state-of-the-art equipment and discuss protocols used by our forensic experts to examine a wide array of electronic and media storage devices.
- **Learn** how our criminal investigations protect the public.
- **See** how we test gaming machines for compliance in our Electronic Gambling Lab in Lacey.

About the Washington State Gambling Commission:

The Gambling Commission is a limited jurisdiction law enforcement agency and the only statewide agency devoted to gambling licensing, regulation and enforcement. Five citizens are appointed by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate, to act as part-time Commissioners for a single six-year term. The Commission holds [public meetings](#) once a month to discuss administrative issues and rule changes, approve new gambling licenses, and take action regarding the revocation or suspension of gambling licenses. We are accredited by the [Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs](#).

To learn more about what we do, visit www.wsgc.wa.gov.

Mission: Protect the Public by Ensuring that Gambling is Legal and Honest.