



Request for Proposal (RFP): National Public Sector Gambling Study Commission II (NPSGSC II)

Introduction

The National Council of Legislators from Gaming States (NCLGS) is soliciting proposals for an Academic Institution(s) to help conduct the National Public Sector Gambling Study Commission II (**NPSGSC II**). This approximately 18-month national study aims to deliver a comprehensive analysis of the social, economic, and political impacts of gambling across the United States. This Study Commission will be composed of approximately 11 members, all of whom will be members of the Public Sector (Legislators, Regulators, Local Government representatives, and other public officials). NCLGS previously commissioned the last National Public Sector Gaming Study Commission in 1998 in response to the Congressional National Gambling Impact Study Commission, which consisted entirely of members from the Private sector. All members of the 1998-1999 NPSGSC were from the Public Sector. A copy of that report is available on request. To the best of our knowledge, the 1999 report was the last National Public Sector Gambling Study Commission conducted in the United States.

Project Background and Objectives

Sixty years after the re-introduction of state lotteries and 50 years since the casino industry expanded beyond Nevada, gambling in the United States has grown significantly, introducing numerous social, political, and economic outcomes.

The NPSGSC II aims to:

- Conduct a thorough, independent analysis of the impacts of all forms of gambling, both legal and illegal.
- Evaluate the statutory and policy goals set by states for gambling, and the relationship between states and federal government
- Identify universal principles to guide future policymaking and regulation.
- This initiative will investigate all forms of gambling, including casinos, tribal gaming, state lotteries, sports betting, iGaming, daily fantasy sports, prediction markets, and more. The study will deliver actionable insights for policymakers and stakeholders.

Scope of Work

The study will address:

- Revenue and tax analysis of the above-mentioned gambling sectors.
- Impact assessments for various forms of gambling, including problem gambling and youth and senior gambling.
- Evaluation of current policies and the relationship to achieved outcomes.
- Development of recommendations for public policy and regulatory oversight.

The study design will include:

- NCLGS will appoint Public Sector members to the Study Commission.
- The Study Commission will conduct at least 14 days of Public Hearings around the Country. Written comments will also be solicited.
- Engaging with other relevant public and private stakeholders. Conducting national surveys on issues relevant to the study.
- Using mixed-methods for comprehensive data collection.
- Draft initial recommendations for the report, to be voted on by NPSGSC II members. Members shall also have the right to draft minority reports.
- Publishing a final report with detailed insights and policy recommendations. Transcripts and/or recordings of the testimony, the written comments, or links thereto, and any minority reports shall be included as appendices to the final Report.

Methodology

The study will be structured into the following phases:

(Timeline approximate and may vary)

- **Phase 1 (Months 1-2):** Establish the 11-member Commission and finalize methodology.
- **Phase 2 (Months 3-9):** Conduct a survey and collect primary data.
- **Phase 3 (Months 6-12):** Perform political, economic, and social impact research and analyses. Phase 3 will begin concurrently to Phase 2.
- **Phase 4 (Months 12-18):** Develop reports and policy guidelines, with final adoption of the reports and preparation/submission of minority reports.
- Pursuant to the above, we intend to hold multiple public meetings. Each meeting will offer both specific topics as well as time for comments and questions on any gambling-related topics. We will also have meetings in which drafts will be discussed and voted on.

- An 11-member commission, comprising public sector officials, will guide the study alongside academic and professional partners to ensure rigorous and unbiased results and shall vote on the Study report.
- Spectrum Gaming Group, the Executive Director of NCLGS, shall administer this RFP as well as serve as the Executive Director of this Commission and shall provide administrative and professional support to the selected University as needed.

Deliverables

- Deliverables from the University are as follows:
 - A main report and executive summary and appendices.
 - Specific analysis reports on various types of gambling and comparative trends.
 - Policy and responsible gaming frameworks.
 - Economic impact on communities, crime rates, bankruptcy, vulnerable populations, etc. (if any).
 - Public data dashboards and briefing decks.

Proposal Guidelines

- Qualified academic institutions with relevant expertise shall submit proposals by 5:00 pm EST, October 30, 2026.
- Proposals shall include details on the project approach and methodology, team expertise, prior experience, and a detailed budget. Proposals do not need to cover the entire study and may focus on specific segments.
- Submissions are to be emailed with Subject Line reference: 2026-RFP-NPSGSC II to: Info@nclgs.org by 5pm EST October 30, 2026.
- Questions can be emailed to: Info@nclgs.org no later than September 15, 2026.
- Responses to questions will be provided to all respondents by September 30, 2026.
- Proposals should specify which project components you intend to address.

Proposals should indicate if you have any sources of funding relevant to the segments of the study you are addressing (optional). Proposals that have their own source of funding on the portion of the study that they are conducting will receive additional consideration.