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Programs & Issues List

The Radio Vermont Group

4th Quarter 2015 **Oct 1 – Dec 31**

Following is a list of major topic areas to be addressed in our news and public affairs coverage. Different items may be substituted depending upon current news events unforeseen at the outset of this quarter.

Examples of specific stories are given to help you identify if the topic fits the issue category.

Issue 1: Alternative Energy Initiatives

Issue 2: VT Sen. Bernie Sanders runs for President

Issue 3: Waterbury Office Complex Rebuilding

Issue 4: ACT 46 – School Consolidation & Cost of Education

Issue 5: Business Climate of VT vs. region

Issue 6: (Possible unanticipated breaking issues)

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BC-VT--Energy Plan, 108

Vermont seeking input on draft energy plan

Eds: APNewsNow.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - The Vermont Department of Public Service is seeking public opinion on a draft of the state's comprehensive energy plan.

A public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday in Lyndonville.

The draft plan recently released by the department reaffirms the state's goal of meeting getting 90 percent of the state's energy needs through renewable sources by 2050.

The Lyndonville meeting is one of five public hearings that will be held across the state in October.

Some other goals of the plan include reducing total energy consumption per capita by 15 percent by 2025, and by more than one third by 2050.

The plan can be found at http://energyplan.vt.gov

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*6140 AP-VT--Regional Renewable Energy, 1st Ld-Writethru,129
Experts say clean power available as regional energy changes
Eds: APNewsNow; updates with information from conference; will be updated.
SOUTH BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) - Experts say a large amount of clean
hydro-electricity from Canada is available for us in the New England states
if ways can be found to bring that power into the country.

At the same time, the growth in locally generated renewable power such as solar and wind is changing the way electricity is distributed to customers.

Those were two themes of a panel discussion given at the Renewable Energy Vermont annual conference Thursday in South Burlington.

Two transmission projects being considered would lay cables beneath Lake Champlain and then bury those cables underground before they are hooked to the regional electric grid. A third proposal, the Northern Pass project in New Hampshire, would see a small portion buried, but much of it is still proposed as an above-ground system.

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*6140 AP-VT--Energy Plan, 126

3 more public hearings on Vermont's draft energy plan

Eds: APNewsNow.

RUTLAND, Vt. (AP) - The Vermont Public Service Department will be holding three more public hearings through the end of the month to gather input on the state's comprehensive energy plan.

The draft reaffirms Vermont's goal of meeting 90 percent of the state's energy needs through renewable sources by 2050.

Evening hearings will be held in Montpelier on Wednesday Oct. 21, Westminster on Oct. 26 and in Rutland on Oct. 29. Hearings have also been held in Lyndonville and Essex.

The draft plan builds on the state's accomplishments since the previous plan was completed in 2011. Some of those include updated building energy codes and a Vermont residential building energy label; new financing programs, including the Heat Saver Loan; and signing of the multi-state Zero Emission Vehicle memorandum of understanding.

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SOLAR EXPANSION



Vermont reaching 'net metering' cap with solar expansion

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - The amount of electricity being produced in Vermont by small "net metered" projects is growing faster than expected and many utilities are ready to hit the cap established by state law less than two years ago.

Net metering is the practice of customers producing their own power and sending it to the grid in return for credit on their bills. It's typically utilized by customers installing solar panels.

Hardwick Electric has reached the cap of 15 percent of its peak load while other utilities are nearing that level. Even Green Mountain Power, which serves about three-quarters of the state's electric customers, is expected to hit the cap early next year.

Meanwhile, the utility-regulating Public Service Board is required to propose new net metering rules by the end of the year.

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WIND POWER RESISTANCE 11/2/15 LK / EH



A NORTHEAST KINGDOM WIND POWER PROJECT TARGETING IRASBURG IS DRAWING RESISTANCE FROM THE COMMUNITY.

V-T DIGGER REPORTER ELIZABETH HEWITT HAS THE LATEST.

(EH1102) 1:20 Q: THESE PROJECTS

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GMP NET-METERING 11/10/15 LK / EM



THE STATE'S LARGEST UTILITY EXPECTS TO REACH ITS LEGAL LIMIT SOON ON HOW MUCH POWER IT HAS TO BUY FROM VERMONTERS WHO BUILD THEIR OWN ENERGY PROJECTS.

V-T DIGGER REPORTER ERIN MANSFIELD HAS MORE.

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*6140 AP-VT--Home Battery Storage, 1st Ld-Writethru,150 Green Mountain Power, Tesla offering home battery system

Eds: APNewsNow; Corrects that utility is notifying state regulators of the

project, not that they are asking for permission.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Vermont's largest electric utility is notifying state regulators about its plan to team up with Tesla and offer batteries that can power homes.

Green Mountain Power and Tesla announced Thursday details of their plan to begin offering batteries to customers next month.

GMP says they are the first utility in the country to offer the product known as the Tesla Powerwall.

The battery can be coupled with solar panels to store electricity that can be used at night or during power blackouts.

In a letter to the Public Service Board, GMP said it would offer three ways for customers to use the batteries: renting them, buying them outright for about \$6,500 or sharing access to the stored power and getting a monthly credit.

This story has been corrected to show the utility is notifying state regulators of the project, not that they are asking for permission for the project.

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BC-VT--Lake Cleanup-Manure Digester, 1st Ld-Writethru,130 Utility says farm manure digester will reduce lake pollution



Green Mountain Power is working with farmers to build a manure digester in St. Albans that will turn cow manure from three farms into electricity and reduce phosphorous pollution into Lake Champlain.

(LK1215A)

Backers say the project will help meet about one-third of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's goals for reducing phosphorous runoff into St. Albans Bay.

The \$8 million project is expected to generate enough electricity to power about 700 homes a year. The remaining fibers after the digester process will be turned into farm bedding.

The Vermont Public Service Board must approve the project. GMP expects to start construction next summer.

Phosphorus-laden runoff of rain and snowmelt from farms, roads and parking lots and discharges from municipal wastewater treatment plants feed toxic algae blooms in the lake.

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BC-VT--Vermont-Energy Savings, 127 Shumlin, nonprofit announce expansion of home energy fixes



Gov. Peter Shumlin is joining with the Rutland-area nonprofit Neighborworks of Western Vermont and the Bank of America to announce an expansion of low-interest loans to homeowners who want to make energy efficiency improvements.

(LK1229)

Shumlin joined Neighborworks leaders and other officials on Tuesday to announce an expansion of work that Neighborworks has been doing around the state to tighten up Vermont's aging housing stock.

Both the governor and Shamus O'Rourke, a northern New England executive for the bank, say the high costs of homeownership often make it difficult for residents to make further investments in energy efficiency measures like insulation, better windows and others.

They say the loan program, combined with guidance from the Neighborworks HEAT Squad, is designed to put efficiency within reach of more Vermonters.

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DEBATE WRAP 10/14/15 LK / MS



A LOCAL POLITICAL ANALYST SAYS LAST NIGHT'S DEBATE AMONG THE DEMOCRATS SEEKING THE PRESIDENCY DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE A GAME CHANGER.

RETIRED MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR ERIC DAVIS TOLD MIKE SMITH ON OPEN MIKE WEDNESDAY THAT THE NARRATIVES FOR THE DEMOCRATS ARE UNCHANGED AFTER THE FIRST DEBATE.

(MS1014) :58 Q: EMAIL

THE DEMOCRATS VYING FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION ARE BACK ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL AFTER WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S FORUM IN LAS VEGAS.

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AP-US--DEM 2016-Biden-Sanders,87

Sanders credits Biden for 'lifetime of public service'

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Eds: APNewsNow. With AP Photos.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders says Vice President Joe Biden has made a decision "that he feels is best for himself, his family and the country."

The Vermont senator is calling Biden his "good friend" and is thanking the vice president for "a lifetime of public service."

Sanders says Biden understands the need to rebuild the middle class and address income and wealth inequality.

Biden's decision not to seek the presidency leaves Sanders and Hillary Rodham Clinton as the leading Democratic candidates to succeed President Barack

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BC-US--DEM 2016-Sanders-Labor,129 Sanders urges Verizon to resolve local labor dispute



Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders is wading into a labor dispute involving Verizon, urging the telecommunications giant to negotiate a fair contract for 39,000 members of the Communications Workers of America.

(LK1026A)

The Democratic presidential candidate joined Verizon workers at a demonstration outside a Verizon Wireless store. He says the company should rehire a union official who says she was fired after organizing Verizon Wireless stores in Brooklyn.

Sanders is seeking labor support as Hillary Rodham Clinton has picked up endorsements from several major unions in recent weeks.

Sanders also met privately Monday with the New York-based SEIU 1199. The powerful local union is meeting with Hillary Rodham Clinton on Tuesday, union officials say.

The national Service Employees International Union is considering whether to issue an endorsement in the presidential campaign.

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BC-NH--Dem 2016-Sanders-New Hampshire, 127 Sanders declares as a Democrat in New Hampshire primary

Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders isn't facing a challenge from New Hampshire's secretary of state over his eligibility to run in the state's Democratic presidential primary.

(LK1105A)

The state's paperwork to get on the ballot for the February primary requires a candidate to declare as a registered member of whichever party he or she is seeking the nomination. Sanders, a long-time Independent, declared himself a Democrat while filing on Thursday.

Although Secretary of State Bill Gardner is not disputing Sanders' eligibility, someone could file a challenge with the state's ballot law commission.

The New Hampshire Democratic Party is supporting Sanders' right to run in their primary, with chairman Ray Buckley joining Sanders for the filing.

Sanders is the ranking Democrat on the Senate Budget Committee and caucuses with Democrats.

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BC-US--DEM 2016-Clinton-Union, 78

Large health care workers union backs Clinton

Eds: APNewsNow. Will be updated.

By KEN THOMAS

Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) - Hillary Rodham Clinton has won the endorsement of the Service Employees International Union, giving her the support of a labor powerhouse that backed President Barack Obama in 2008.

The nation's largest health care union represents about 2 million nurses, health care workers and other caregivers and is among the most ethnically diverse unions in the country.

The endorsement comes as Clinton was holding a rally in Dallas in which she was discussing the health care overhaul under Obama.

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BC-US--DEM 2016-Sanders-Socialism,117

Sanders: 'Democratic socialism' means security, freedom

Eds: APNewsNow. Will be updated.

By KEN THOMAS Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) -

Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders says economic security is essential to Americans achieving true freedom.

V-T DIGGER REPORTER JASPER CRAVEN HAS BEEN ON THE SANDERS CAMPAIGN TRAIL....

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There is more on this story online at v-t digger dot org.

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AP-US--DEM 2016-Sanders-Hernia, 57

Sanders undergoes elective outpatient hernia procedure

Eds: APNewsNow.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders is undergoing an elective outpatient hernia repair procedure.

That's the word from the Vermont senator's office on Monday. In a brief, one paragraph statement, Sanders' office said he was having the procedure done at George Washington University Hospital in the district.

His office said Sanders will resume his Senate duties on Tuesday.

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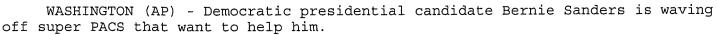
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BC-US--DEM 2016-Sanders-Super PAC, 128

Sanders campaign urges super PAC helpers to spend elsewhere

Eds: APNewsNow. By JULIE BYKOWICZ Associated Press



In an email Monday to supporters, his campaign manager Jeff Weaver says Sanders has been surprised to learn about the pro-Sanders campaigns of outside groups that are allowed to raise unlimited amounts of money from donors. Sanders rails against such groups on the campaign trail, saying they contribute to a corrupt political system.

"They should spend their money somewhere else," Weaver writes in the email. "We do not want their help."

The Associated Press reported last week about three outside groups that have vowed to support Sanders. One, a super PAC associated with a nurses' union that endorsed Sanders, has already spent more than \$600,000 on digital and print ads to promote Sanders.

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SANDERS SUPPORT 12/17/15 LK / JC



VERMONT U.S. SENATOR BERNIE SANDERS PICKED UP A PAIR OF ENDORSEMENTS THIS WEEK IN HIS EFFORT TO WIN THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

V-T DIGGER REPORTER JASPER CRAVEN HAS MORE.

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AP-VT--Destroyed Norwich Dam, 1st Ld-Writethru, 130

Dam's future in doubt post-Tropical Storm Irene

Eds: APNewsNow. Recasts headlines and throughout.

NORWICH, Vt. (AP) - The future of a Vermont dam destroyed by Tropical Storm Irene doesn't look promising.

State officials had denied an application to rebuild the dam in Norwich. The Select Board voted Tuesday against an appeal.

The Valley News reports (http://bit.ly/lQxf5nB) the board's decision could be the end of the proposal.

Town leaders submitted an application to restore the swimming hole in August; it was rejected in October. Officials said the town had spent more than \$70,000 on lawyers, engineers and biologists helping to move the case forward.

Opponents of the appeal say the costs of getting the dam have outweighed the benefits.

Town leaders have until next Thursday to appeal the decision. They also have to decide how to spend \$500,000 in FEMA aid that would've gone toward the dam.

Information from: Lebanon Valley News, http://www.vnews.com

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BC-VT--Irene-State Offices, 2nd Ld-Writethru,145

Vermont marks opening of flood-fixed Waterbury state offices

AP Photo BX101, RPWR103, RPWR102, RPWR101

Eds: APNewsNow; Corrects total cost of project to \$130 million rather than \$125 million; links photos. will be updated. With AP Photos.

WATERBURY, Vt. (AP) - Vermont officials are marking the reopening of the rebuilt state office complex in Waterbury, most of which was made unusable by flooding from Tropical Storm Irene in 2011.

A handful of state workers returned to the complex earlier this year, but Gov. Peter Shumlin and others marked the completion of the state office building. Agency of Human Services workers are due to start working in the complex next week. Eventually more than 1,000 state employees will be working in the complex.

The \$125 million Waterbury construction project was the biggest state construction project in history.

Shumlin says the rebuilt complex is also a symbol of the resiliency of Vermonters following Irene, the biggest natural disaster to hit Vermont in almost a century.

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This story has been corrected to show the total cost of the project is estimated at \$130 million rather than \$125 million.

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Gov. Shumlin Cuts Ribbon on Waterbury State Office Complex

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To: Allen, Susan [Susan.Allen@vermont.gov]



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 14, 2015

Gov. Shumlin Cuts Ribbon on Waterbury State Office Complex

State Employees to Begin Moving in Next Week

WATERBURY – Gov. Peter Shumlin today cut the ribbon and officially reopened the newly renovated and state-of-the-art Waterbury State Office Complex that was heavily damaged in 2011 when the Winooski River overflowed its banks during Tropical Storm Irene. Attendees at the ceremony included representatives of U.S. Senators Patrick Leahy and Bernie Sanders, Congressman Peter Welch, Mark Landry of FEMA, Vermont legislators, and Waterbury Select Board Chair Chris Nordle. The first state employees will begin moving into the Office Complex next week. In total, about 900 state employees will move into the new workspace by the spring of 2016.

The renovation and construction phase of the project began in August of 2013 and included a 86,000-square-foot office building, a 20,000-square-foot central plant and maintenance facility, new site infrastructure, as well as the historic renovations of the original 13 core buildings comprising 115,000-square-feet. The construction of the Complex has employed almost 1,500 workers and is on track to come in on time and on budget.

"This is a symbol of Vermont's incredible perseverance and our promise to rebuild our state stronger and better than Irene found it," said Gov. Shumlin. "So many dedicated and hardworking individuals made this day possible, and I want to extend my sincere gratitude to each one of them. To complete a project of this size and scope on time and on budget is a great achievement. To be the Governor to welcome back to Waterbury our hardworking state employees is truly an honor."

In a joint comment, Sen. Patrick Leahy, Sen. Bernie Sanders, and Rep. Peter Welch said: "This complex project took vision from local leaders, Vermonters pulling together, and tight and effective work by the congressional delegation to achieve needed changes and in securing appropriations. It also took lots of creative thinking and close collaboration among town, state and federal governments to get where we are today. Residents of Waterbury and all Vermonters should be proud of what we have achieved by working together. There is more to do, but if we continue to work together we will always be stronger than before."

The new State Office Complex will house 830 employees of Vermont's Agency of Human Services, which will allow for the consolidation of most central functions of the Agency, increase efficiency of operations, and reduce lease costs for taxpayers. The Complex will also house an additional 200 state employees.

The new modern work environment will create a setting with access to natural light and vibrant view corridors for all staff. The new structures are designed to meet LEED Gold standards, and the project will result in a 25 percent reduction in energy consumption across the campus. Given its location on the banks of the Winooski River and the damage wrought by Irene, reducing flood risk is a primary emphasis of the project. Nineteen flood-prone buildings have been removed, new and renovated facilities have been elevated, and all occupied areas of new and renovated construction are now above the 500-year-flood level.

The project was funded with a combination of State of Vermont funds, insurance proceeds, and FEMA funds. The total cost of this phase of the project is \$130 million, and it is funded with a combination of State of Vermont funds, insurance proceeds, and FEMA funds. About \$17 million come from insurance proceeds, \$31 million from FEMA, and \$82 million from the State of Vermont.

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BC-VT--Consolidating School Districts, 93

3 Vermont towns approve plan to consolidate districts

Eds: APNewsNow.

ESSEX JUNCTION, Vt. (AP) - Three Vermont towns have approved a plan to consolidate their school districts under a new state law.

WPTZ-TV reports (http://bit.ly/lNPw5CR) that residents in Essex, Essex Junction and Westford voted in favor of the district merger on Tuesday. The towns had rejected a merger plan in 2007.

Act 46 provides tax incentives to districts that consolidate with a goal of saving money through efficiencies and providing equal education to students across a district.

Supporters have projected cost savings of about \$1 million by reducing overhead and high school tuition costs in the district.

Information from: WPTZ-TV, http://www.thechamplainchannel.com

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THE CHAIR OF THE EDUCATION FUNDING COMMITTEE IN THE VERMONT HOUSE SAYS CHANGES ARE NEEDED IN THE SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION BILL.

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REPRESENTATIVE DAVID SHARPE OF BRISTOL, DEFENDED ACT 46, THE SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION BILL, BUT SAYS CHANGES ARE NEEDED.

THE COMMITTEE IS MEETING ON NOVEMBER EIGHTEENTH TO DISCUSS THESE CHANGES.

MIKE SMITH , RADIO VERMONT NEWS

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BC-VT--Consolidating School Districts, 130

School board member proposes unified district under new law

Eds: APNewsNow.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, Vt. (AP) - A new education law in Vermont has spurred another school board to discuss forming a unified district.

The Valley News reports (http://bit.ly/1Muu2Fh) Hartford School Board member Peter Merrill has proposed forming a district that would extend from Windsor to Thetford under Act 46.

The law provides tax incentives to districts that consolidate with a goal of saving money through efficiencies and providing equal education to students across a district.

Merrill says a district merger in the Upper Valley could save money by reducing staff and closing out-of-date school buildings.

He says a single district could be the answer to concerns that districts surrounding Hartford might choose their merger partners, potentially resulting in a loss of school choice and a loss of revenue from tuition students at Hartford High School.

Information from: Lebanon Valley News, http://www.vnews.com

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BC-VT--Vermont Enterprise Fund, 1st Ld-Writethru,128 Vermont announces first award from new business fund



The Shumlin administration has won approval for economic development incentives that could bring more than 200 new jobs to Vermont.

(LK1019A)

Gov. Peter Shumlin met with chairs of legislative money committees Monday to approve a \$500,000 grant for an expansion at GW Plastics of Royalton and Bethel, and a separate \$200,000 incentive to attract a Canadian company whose name was not disclosed.

Also approved was a \$200,000 expansion of what had been a \$1 million cap for 2015 for a state tax incentive program. The GS Precision company in Brattleboro had been contemplating moving operations to New Hampshire. Vermont officials are hoping tax credits will give it incentive to stay and grow in Vermont.

Companies in the tax credit program don't get the aid unless they actually create jobs.

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*6140 AP-VT--Vermont-Fossil Fuel Investments,130 Groups see fossil fuels as money-losers; treasurer differs Eds: APNewsNow.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Two environmental groups and an investment firm say Vermont's investments in fossil fuel companies are hurting the state retirement funds' bottom line. State Treasurer Beth Pearce is sticking to her view that divestment from the companies would be a bad idea.

The groups 350.org and the Sierra Club joined the firm Clean Yield Asset Management at a news conference on Monday to say the state had missed \$77 million in potential gains in its retirement funds for teachers, state and municipal workers because it had declined to divest from fossil fuels.

Pearce says independent analysis by a state investment adviser finds Vermont's pension funds would lose \$9 million a year by divesting.

Data provided by Standard & Poor's shows energy stocks down about 21 percent in the past 12 months.

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A GROUP ADVOCATING FOR THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA IS STUDYING THE POSSIBLE ECONOMIC EFFECTS IN THE STATE.

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BC-VT--Vermont Budget Hearings, 121 Public weighs in on Vermont budget priorities (2)

Officials with the Shumlin administration heard from members of the public on what their budget priorities should be during the upcoming fiscal year.

V-T DIGGER REPORTER ELIZABETH HEWITT HAS MORE.

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THERE IS MORE ON THIS STORY ONLINE AT V-T DIGGER DOT ORG.

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BC-US--Keurig-Sale,122 Coffee machine maker Keurig to be sold for almost \$14B

Keurig, the single-cup coffee machine maker, says it has agreed to be sold to private equity firm JAB Holding Co. for almost \$14 billion.

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Keurig Green Mountain Inc. says it will remain headquartered in Waterbury.

The deal is expected to close in the first quarter of next year.

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BC-VT--Vermont-Local Investments, 85

Vermont state treasurer invites local investment plans

Eds: APNewsNow.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Vermont state Treasurer Beth Pearce is seeking proposals for up to \$7 million dollars in local investments during the coming months.

The second round of such investments since the Legislature in 2014 created a Local Investment Advisory Committee to provide input to the treasurer.

In the first round, \$3.75 million in state investments were put toward local housing, energy and neighborhood revitalization projects.

In the new round, eligible groups include municipalities, school districts, social service providers, state agencies and authorities, and regional planning commissions.

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AP-VT--Vermont-Sole-Source Contracts, 129 Vermont state auditor criticizes sole-source contracts

Vermont state Auditor Doug Hoffer says his office has found widespread abuse in the state's contracting practices, with state agencies failing to use competitive bidding when they should.

(LK1214)

Hoffer points to state policy saying competitive bidding should be used except in extraordinary circumstances, but he says his office looked at the practices of five agencies and departments in 2015 and found that more than four in 10 of the contracts they issued were not put out to bid.

Included in this review were: the Agency of Education, the Agency of Human Services Central Office, the Department of Buildings and General Services, the Department for Children and Families, and the Department of Vermont Health Access.

Administration Secretary Justin Johnson replied by saying he agrees with most of the report's findings.

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A Brattleboro company has started a \$17 million expansion that will bring 100 new jobs in the next few years.

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GS Precision Inc. manufactures machined components and sub-assemblies for the aircraft, aerospace, medical, fiber-optic and automotive industries.

The company had been contemplating moving operations to New Hampshire.

CEO Norm Schneeberger said the expansion will allow the company to increase its capacity to meet the growing demands of the markets it serves.

Sen. Patrick Leahy's office says millions of dollars in federal tax credits and grants will be paired with state incentives to help the company build a 25,000-square-foot expansion and buy new equipment.

Leahy, Gov. Peter Shumlin and local and company officials attended the ground breaking on Monday.

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