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The Florida Division of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services is exploring possible ways to streamline the filing and processing of the monthly "Report of Cases Embalmed or Bodies Handled," which Report must be filed monthly by funeral establishments, etc. We refer below to the aforementioned report as the "Report."

One of the ideas the Division is exploring is seeking to have the Reports filed electronically as a CSV file, that would be conveyed by the licensee to the Division each month by email.

To that end, the Division is considering a public workshop to have conversation and exchange of ideas with any firms that provide software to funeral establishments and other licensees in Florida, which software does or might include a feature that would allow the user to export the Report as a csv file which the licensee could sign electronically and email to the Division.

The Division is NOT seeking to hire a software firm or software consultant, and we will not be doing so. We just want to open a public line of communication with persons or firms whose software products might be affected by this proposal, if it moves forward. We want to "bounce" our ideas concerning the CSV file concept, off this segment of the software industry, to see if our ideas are realistic and workable from their perspective. As much as possible we want to do this publically, so as to provide a level playing field for affected firms. Such firms might be interested in this concept only because it might be a desirable feature to their customers (e.g., funeral establishments).

Our problem at this point is that we do not know if there are such software firms and if so, who they are.

So we ask your help in disseminating this message to any firms you are aware of who may have interest in the public workshop referred to above. We will assemble a email distribution list of interested parties.

Interested software or other interested firms should email the Division.

The email should be addressed to LaTonya.Bryant@MyFloridaCFO.com.

The Subject Line should read "Bodies Handled Report – CSV file concept".

The email body should provide the firm's name and address, and a contact person's name, phone # and email address.

Interested firms should respond by 9-15-09.

If we schedule a workshop, it will be open to all interested parties, and will be noticed in advance.

Thank you for your assistance.