

## **Health Information Exchange in Washington State**

### **LATEST PROJECT UPDATE**

Update October 6, 2010

#### **Hub Finalists Selected**

#### **ONC Feedback on Strategic and Operational Plans Received**

Hub RFP – The Statewide HIE has selected Axway and Medicity as its two finalists in the Hub procurement. Axway finished in the top position and Medicity was second. The scoring and review team had the privilege of reviewing strong presentations from five semi-finalists including the two finalists and AT&T/Convisint, Axolotl and Microsoft. The scoring and review teams arrived at their conclusion by assessing each written proposal according to a number of key dimensions, viewing a demonstration of actual capabilities and analyzing the cost of each proposal. Currently, the team is checking references, following up on outstanding questions and conducting other due diligence procedures in preparation for submitting their final recommendations to the HIE Leadership Group. The HIE Leadership Group is expected to act on the final recommendation for the Hub vendor at their next meeting in late October. OneHealthPort very much appreciates all the time and effort the responding vendors put in and all the hard work and consideration of the scoring and review teams. We are very pleased with the capabilities of Axway and Medicity. OneHealthPort is looking forward to finalizing the selection and proceeding to contract and implementation with one of our two finalists.

ONC Response – In a letter to the Health Care Authority (HCA) dated 9/23/10, the ONC detailed their response to the Strategic and Operational Plans submitted on 7/6/10. OneHealthPort and the HCA followed up the letter with a phone call to the ONC last week. In general, the response from the ONC was positive toward the proposed approach. The letter sought clarification and more detail on a few items, particularly as to how the proposed approach supports the ONC's primary objective of helping providers to attain Meaningful Use of certified EHRs in 2011. HCA and OneHealthPort are currently preparing a response to ONC's questions and look forward to working in partnership with the ONC to gain approval of our plans.

Check back here for additional news related to the Hub vendor selection and the ONC reports as it develops.