

## **CODE COMMISSION (SOUTH DAKOTA)**

### **Study Assignment**

The Code Commission supervises the publication of the *South Dakota Codified Laws*, corrects errors to the code, assists the code counsel, makes recommendations to the Legislature, and contracts for replacement volumes.

### **Summary of Interim**

The publishing contract for the South Dakota Code with the LEXIS-NEXIS Publishing Company was renewed for one year. The Commission issued a Request For Proposals (RFP) to solicit bids from interested publishing companies. Three publishers responded to the RFP. The companies were: LEXIS-NEXIS; WEST Group; and American Legal Publishing. All three filed a written Notice of Intent to Propose. The closing date for the RFP was December 16, 2002.

At the January 16 meeting the Commission awarded the bid to publish the *South Dakota Codified Laws* for the State of South Dakota to WEST Group. The Code Commission, under the authority of SDCL ch. 2-16, solicited bids from publishers interested in publishing the codified laws for the state. The bid process was started in October of 2002 when Requests For Proposals (RFP) were issued on October 16. The LRC received RFPs from two publishers, LexisNexis, the current publisher of the Code, and WEST Group. The bids were opened December 16, 2002, and mailed to each of the Commissioners. The RFP allowed for a time to study the respective bids and answer any questions the publishers may have. The Code Commission held a meeting on January 16, 2003, at the beginning of the legislative session, to select the successful bidder. The RFPs from both publishers were complete and detailed. The state was fortunate to have two nationally recognized publishers interested in publishing its Code. After reviewing the bids, the Code Commission selected WEST Group to publish the *South Dakota Codified Laws*. LexisNexis will be responsible for the Code and the pocket supplements resulting from the 2003 Legislative Session. The contract with WEST Group will commence on July 1, 2003, and WEST will be responsible for publishing the Code beginning with the 2004 Legislative Session. Details regarding the transition from LexisNexis to WEST Group will be negotiated before July 1.

### **Listing of Legislation Adopted**

The Commission will propose the annual legislation to update SDCL 2-16-13, the publications constituting the official code.

### **Summary of Meeting Dates & Places and Listing of Committee Members.**

The Code Commission met four times. The Commission held one meeting in conjunction with the State Bar Association on June 21, 2002, and met three times at the State Capitol in Pierre, October 10 and October 25, 2002, and January 16, 2003.

Commission members are Chair Michael DeMersseman, Vice Chair Senator Eric Bogue, Representative Matt McCaulley, Tom Lee, and Lee McCahren.

Staff members were Doug Decker, Code Counsel; Phyllis Petersen, Senior Legislative Secretary; and Kris Schneider, Legislative Secretary.