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## *Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays from AIMS*



What people want depends on what they know – about themselves, their resources, and the real choices open to them. To discover what people really want, we must be constantly striving to offer them ever-changing choices, letting them know that these choices exist. Since by its very nature this information can never be complete, we are embarked, in a free economy, on a permanent quest for knowledge. This quest is the goal of public policy think tanks. It is to provide our fellow citizens; whether business leaders, the media, policy-makers or ordinary citizens; the knowledge and understanding to ensure that government will contribute to a safer, freer, more prosperous region and country for all of us.

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**All the best of the seasons from all of us at AIMS!**

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