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DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES
Division of Arts, Division of Historical Resources,
Division of Libraries, Film and Television Office
Office of Curatorial Services
American Canadian French Cultural Exchange Commission,
Administratively Attached
Van McLeod, Commissioner

January 16, 2013

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Retroactive
100% Federal Funds

REQUESTED ACTION

The Department of Cultural Resources, Division of the Historical Resources, requests permission to retro-actively renew our membership with the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO) Washington, DC (Vendor code 162915). Annual membership dues are $4,671.00. Federal funds are available in 01-34-3342010-3441000-026-5002510

EXPLANATION

The Division of the Historical Resources will be continuing its membership with the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, the professional association of the State government officials who carry out the national historic preservation program as delegates of the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA) (16 USC 470).

In response to the questions from the Councilors

1. How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?
The National Council of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO) was organized in 1969; New Hampshire has been a member since its preservation office was established in the 1970's.

2. Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to?
No, NCSHPO is the only professional association for state government officials who carry out state and national historic preservation programs.

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3. **How many other states belonging to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?**

Of the 50 states, 49 are members, along with a number of territories, commonwealths and Washington, DC. No other NH state agency is a member of NCSHPO.

4. **How is the dues structure established?**

The dues structure is based on each state's yearly allocation from the Historic Preservation Fund, via the National Park Service. The states with the biggest allocations, such as California, have the largest dues bill.

5. **What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?**

The benefits New Hampshire and the other states receive derive mainly from NCSHPO providing one voice to express the states' perspectives, goals and needs to the federal government, specifically the National Park Service and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Both the National Historic Preservation Act (16 USC 470) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations (36 CFR Part 800) look to NCSHPO as the voice of the states. The National Historic Preservation Act names the NCSHPO as the point of contact for State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPO's). The president of the NCSHPO board of directors is an ex-officio member of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. The NCSHPO also acts as a communications vehicle among the SHPO's and their staffs and represents the states with federal agencies and national preservation organizations. Once a year, NCSHPO also partners with Preservation Action to sponsor Advocacy Day in Washington, DC, and prepares guidance and organization for legislative visits.

6. **Are training or educational/ research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail.**

In terms of education, membership in NCSHPO gives each state access to its peers around the country through an electronic listserv (at no additional cost). The listserv provides an easily accessible source of information on how-to's dealing with the national preservation program and in sharing information about state-based programs, current issues and solutions.

7. **Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams?**

Membership is not required to receive any federal grant or to participate in licensing or certification exams. Membership does, however, assist in creating an efficient, professional and responsive state-level preservation program that continues to meet federal funding requirements.

8. **Is there any travel included with this membership fee? Explain in detail any travel to include the number of employees involved, the number of trips, destination if known and purposes of membership supported trips.**

Communications among NCSHPO members take place electronically or through conference calls. Should a SHPO become a director or an officer of the organization, travel to three meetings around the country is expected; funding for this out-of-state travel is supplied through the federal Historic Preservation Fund. No one is the NH preservation office currently serves as a director or officer, nor have they in the recent past.

9. **Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members, and/or officers of the organization.**

Each state preservation office is a voting member of the organization; either the State Historic Preservation Officer or the Deputy may represent the state. With a letter from the SHPO/Deputy, a senior staff member may represent the state. As noted under #6, no one from the NH office currently serves as an officer or director. Other employees in the office benefit from participating in the listserv and increased communication with professional peers in other states.

10. **Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.**

Non-members do not have access to any of the benefits described above, such as a strong voice among federal agencies, organizations and the legislative branch; efficient communications with other professionals in state preservation offices, and up-to-date information on national issues that affect NH.

Respectfully submitted,

Van McLeod
Commissioner

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NCSHPO FY 2013

INVOICE

FOR FY 2013 NCSHPO DUES

Payment of 2013 Dues to the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers:

THE STATE OF: New Hampshire

2013 DUES ARE: $4,671

DATE: October 12, 2012

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