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New Hampshire
Department of Agriculture,
Markets & Food

Lorraine S. Merrill, Commissioner

August 28, 2013

Her Excellency Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and the Honorable Executive Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

Requested Action

Authorize New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food, Division of Pesticide Control (DAMF) to enter into a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) with the NH Department of Health & Human Services in the amount of \$41,958 to purchase lab equipment necessary for analyzing pesticide samples effective upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2014. 100% Federal Funds.

These Federal Funds are to be budgeted in the existing account, **02-18-18-183010-21400000, Pesticide Management**, as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>FY 2014</u>	<u>Totals</u>
049-500294 Transfers to Other State Agencies	\$41,958	\$41,958

Explanation

The New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food, Division of Pesticide Control (DAMF) wishes to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the NH Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) to off-set the purchase of necessary lab equipment for processing and analyzing pesticide samples.

DHHS performs lab-testing services for DAMF that support pesticide compliance efforts and for review of environmental sampling conducted to determine possible existence of pesticides, for example, analyzing water and soil for pesticide residue. The funds are available through a federal grant managed by DAMF.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorraine S. Merrill
Commissioner

Enclosures

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE NH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, MARKETS & FOOD (NHDAMF)

AND

THE NH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (NHDHHS)

Statement of agreement between the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food and the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, to allocate funds for the purchase of equipment and associated training by the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services, Public Health Laboratories.

The Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food is the State lead agency in New Hampshire for pesticide regulatory programs and is authorized under the New Hampshire Pesticide Act to conduct pesticide enforcement programs in the State. The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services, Public Health Laboratories, and Water Analysis Laboratory Section supports these efforts by analyzing a wide variety of samples collected by the Department of Agriculture, Division of Pesticide Control. The Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food, Division of Pesticide Control, will transfer federal grant funds received from the United States Environmental Protection Agency to the Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of \$41,958.00 for the purchase of laboratory equipment and at a later date, support associated travel/training on the equipment.

The Department of Health and Human Services shall use the \$41,958.00 solely, to off-set the purchase expense for a liquid chromatograph-mass spectrometer-mass spectrometer (LC/MS/MS) used in the pesticide sampling analysis program. This instrument will allow the laboratory to analyze for hundreds of compounds simultaneously in complex matrices, while achieving much lower limits of detection. And as it is important that results are defensible, a LC/MS/MS will help meet this requirement by providing increased confidence in analyte identification and quantitation. As many recently published analytical methods for the analysis of pesticides utilize LC/MS/MS technology, method development using an LC/MS/MS will allow the laboratory to keep up with the determination of new pesticides as they enter the market.

The terms of this agreement shall commence as of the date of approval by the Governor and Executive Council and be effective through June 30, 2014.

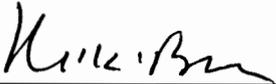
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the respective parties have hereunto set their hands on the dates indicated.

Date 8/20/13 
Nicholas A. Toumpas, Commissioner
Department of Health and Human Services

Date 8/27/13 
Lorraine S. Merrill, Commissioner
Department of Agriculture

Approval by Attorney General's Office

This is to certify that the above AGREEMENT has been reviewed by this office and is approved as to form, substance, and execution.

Date 9/3/13 
Michael K. Brown, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Office of the New Hampshire Attorney General