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Retroactive

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
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REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Education to **retroactively** pay membership dues to the State Consortium on Educator Effectiveness (SCEE) of the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), (Vendor Code 170715), in the amount of $18,500.00; effective upon Governor and Council approval for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. 100% Other Funds

Funding is available in account titled Education Credentialing, as follows:

		FY2014
06-56-56-564510-62040000-026-500251	Organizational Dues	$18,500.00

EXPLANATION

The Department is requesting that this membership be approved **retroactive** to July 1, 2013 due to the fact that the invoice was not received until after the fiscal year had begun.

The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) has a State Consortium on Educator Effectiveness (SCEE) to address issues of educator effectiveness. CCSSO designed the Consortium with active input from chiefs, deputies, and state agency staff dedicated to teacher and school leader policy.

Listed below are answers to standard questions required for Governor and Council organization dues and membership approval submissions:

1. How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?

   The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) has recently formed the State Consortium on Educator Effectiveness (SCEE) to address issues of educator effectiveness. The Department Of Education has been a member for three (3) years.

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2. Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to?

   No, as this service is only available through CCSSO.

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

   Representatives from twenty-six states have voiced their interests and needs in three different design meetings. The New Hampshire Department of Education is the sole state agency eligible for membership.

4. How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc.)

   This is a standard fee for all states.

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

   New Hampshire has the opportunity to collaborate on this coordinated work as it shapes the policies and practices that serve to improve the effectiveness of our educators. Within CCSSO's broader strategy for systemic transformation, the State Consortium on Educator Effectiveness addresses a limited number of priority actions that help New Hampshire increase the effectiveness of teaching and leading in order to improve student achievement and eliminate disparities.

   The Consortium works to build New Hampshire's capacity within the priority topics described above and articulate and address key state level needs in those areas. Specific deliverables include:

   1) A knowledge base and tools responsive to state needs
   a) Model state policy frameworks, guidelines, roadmaps, and legislative language
   b) Case studies of state actions
   c) Policy briefs focused on state interests
   d) Web-based platforms for information sharing, including video images of exemplary practices linked to the student, teaching, and leading standards

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

   1. Monthly topical webinars
   2. Consortium webinars that the membership fee includes take place every other month for state members.
   3. A knowledge base and tools responsive to state needs
   4. Model state policy frameworks, guidelines, roadmaps, and proposed legislative language
   5. Case studies of state actions
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7. Web-based platforms for information sharing, including video images of exemplary practices linked to the student, teaching, and leading standards
8. Collective state action including networking, partnerships, and advocacy around state-level needs, contexts, and priorities for reform
9. Broker state relationships (with governors, legislators, unions, national organizations, etc.)
10. Facilitate cross-state networking on a highly interactive web-based platform that allows for focused work groups on specific subtopics

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

   No

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.

   Yes:
   National Summit
   a) An annual conference will be convened to allow for knowledge transfer, cross-state collaborative work sessions, and individual state planning. Participants will hear from experts in the field on the systemic issues raised throughout the year, meet with job-alike colleagues from other states, and work with facilitators on state team planning and review.
   b) Two Focus meetings will focus on Teacher Preparation (Raleigh, NC) and the role of leadership in Teacher Evaluation (Orlando, FL).
   c) The Department of Education has four (4) employees involved for each travel.

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.

   The Administrator of the Bureau of Credentialing and the Administrator of Bureau of Integrated Programs, under the direction of the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner, are directly involved with this organization. The SCEE does not have voting members.

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

    The Department does not have the capacity to provide the research, technical assistance and support to school districts that is available through SCEE.

Respectfully submitted,

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Description	Qty	Price	Amount
NH membership to SCEE	1	$18,500.00	$18,500.00
FY 2013-2014			

FEIN: 53-0198090

Total: **$18,500.00**

Amount Enclosed: _____

Bill Later: Yes No