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March 13, 2017

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, to enter into an educational tuition agreement and to pay said costs in an amount of \$1,500.00 as follows:

Institution:	SNHU College for America 2500 North River Road Manchester, NH 03106
Course Title(s):	BA in Communication with a Concentration in Business
Course Date(s):	Begin: 06/01/2017 End: 11/30/2017
Employee:	Marianne Sylvester
Funding Source:	05-95-95-953010-56770000-066-500544
Total Cost of Course(s):	\$1,500.00
State Share:	\$1,500.00
Source of Funds:	Employee Training, 66% General, 34% Federal

EXPLANATION

The Department of Health and Human Services encourages and supports employees who wish to further their professional growth through continuing education in disciplines that are mutually advantageous. SNHU College for America has partnered with the State of New Hampshire to provide state employees with low-cost, competency-based associate and bachelor degree programs.

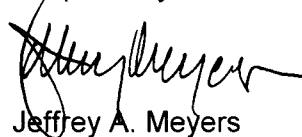
This program, offered by SNHU College for America, entitled, BA in Communication with a Concentration in Business, enhances student job skills through mastery of competencies with career-specific goals. The student is expected to complete 24 competency-based projects during a six-month semester. Each goal is matched with a specific course offered by SNHU College for America, creating a very comprehensive program. The competency-based projects allow working adults to complete college degrees through practical, skill-based school work.

The student will demonstrate mastery in competency areas through the following project areas: Communication across Cultures, Public Relations, Conveying Technical Information, Leading a Team, and Interpersonal and small-group Communication. These projects will provide the employee with real life experience through situations geared toward her current business practices and job expectations.

This employee has worked for the Department for 13 years and is currently an Accountant III in the Office of Business Operations. The skills mastered in this program will benefit her office by increasing her business management skills to become more proficient in managing her work load to provide exemplary customer service. Successful completion of the program will add to the overall strength of the Department to perform its mission to the residents of New Hampshire. This course will not be taken on State time.

Attached is a fully executed Tuition Agreement for your review.

Respectfully submitted,



Approved by: Jeffrey A. Meyers
Commissioner



THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE EDUCATIONAL TUITION AGREEMENT

Agreement dated this 8th day of March 2017 by and through the Department of Administrative Services (hereinafter referred to as the "State") and Marianne Sylvester (hereinafter referred to as the "Recipient"). The State and the Recipient do hereby mutually agree as follows:

1. The State shall pay to the named institution the sum of \$1,500.00, which monies shall be used for the purpose of enrolling the Recipient in: BA in Communication with a Concentration in Business (course name), which course(s) is being offered by SNHU College for America and which course(s) shall commence on 6/1 2017 and terminate on 11/30 2017.
2. The Recipient shall complete and achieve a passing grade in each course named in paragraph 1.
3. Should the Recipient fail to complete or achieve a passing grade in each course named in paragraph 1, the Recipient shall pay to the State the sum set forth in paragraph 1, provided, however, that if more than one course is named in paragraph 1, the amount which shall be paid to the State shall be calculated on a pro rata basis.
4. Upon the satisfactory completion of the courses named in paragraph 1, the Recipient shall continue in the employ of the State in his/her current position (or in such other position, at equal or greater compensation, to which he/she may be assigned) for a period of 6 months.
5. The Recipient shall work in any area of the State to which he/she may be assigned, provided that such assignment will not constitute a severe hardship to said Recipient.
6. Should the Recipient breach any of the conditions set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5, the Recipient shall pay to the State a sum equal to all monies previously paid by the State for the Recipient pursuant to the Agreement, provided, however, that the Recipient shall receive a credit for each month in which he/she is employed by the State subsequent to the date upon which the named course(s) are satisfactorily completed, the value of said credit to be calculated on a pro rata basis.
7. The Recipient shall not raise any setoff or counterclaim against the State in any action brought by the State to collect any amount due under this agreement.
8. Should any amount be found to be due the State in any action brought against the Recipient pursuant to this Agreement, the State shall, in addition to said amount, be entitled to an award of costs and a reasonable amount in "attorney" fees.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the representatives of the State, in his/her official capacity only, and without personal liability, and the Recipient, have hereunto set their hands on the date first above written.

RECIPIENT

(signature) Marianne Sylvester
(printed name) Marianne Sylvester

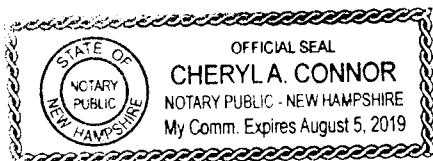
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

(signature) [Signature]
(printed name, title) CFO

State of New Hampshire, County of Merrimack:

On this the 13th day of March 2017, before me, Cheryl Connor the undersigned officer, personally appeared, Marianne Sylvester (recipient) known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she executed the same for the purposes herein contained.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and official seal.



Cheryl Connor
Notary Public Justice of the Peace