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April 10, 2019

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Education to enter into a contract with Valerie Caruso, Londonderry, New Hampshire (vendor code 291510) in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 to conduct impartial special education complaint investigations, effective July 1, 2019, or upon Governor & Council approval, whichever is later, through June 30, 2021. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds to support this request are anticipated to be available in the account titled Special Education- Elem/Sec., contingent upon legislative approval of the next biennium budget, with the ability to adjust encumbrances between Fiscal Years through the Budget Office without further Governor and Council approval, if needed and justified.

	<u>FY'20</u>	<u>FY'21</u>
10-56-56-562010-25040000-102-500731	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Contracts for Program Services		

EXPLANATION

The Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education, is required by RSA 21-N:4 V and U.S. Code Title 20 U.S.C. 122/e-3 to provide a process to resolve complaints between any local education agency and individuals or organization who believe federal law(s) or regulation(s) have been violated. Contractors will provide the investigation reports for the process of complaints received by the Department.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was advertised in the Manchester Union Leader on October 22nd, October 23rd and October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and posted on the Department of Education's website. There were four (4) proposals submitted to the Request for Proposals "New Hampshire Special Education Complaint Investigator" in response to the notice for up to four (4) individual contracts.

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A review committee consisting of an Education Consultant, and an Attorney for NHD OE reviewed the four (4) proposals received by the deadline; three (3) proposals were chosen based on the review and score of the information (Attachment A).

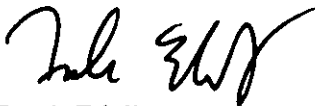
This contract is one of three (3) to provide services as a Special Education Complaint Investigator who will be responsible for conducting special education complaint investigations across the State of New Hampshire; investigating alleged violations of Special Education law, which includes on-site visits and issuing a written report with recommendations to the Commissioner of Education.

The Department of Education would like to contract with Valerie Caruso as she has over 30 years of experience in special education services working directly with students in her role as a school psychologist. Valerie has the required extensive knowledge and expertise regarding Special Education Rules and Regulations by serving on special education teams in various educational settings, ranging from preschool centers to residential and juvenile detention centers as well as elementary and middle schools. Ms. Caruso has strong communication skills, a strong systems related orientation, and a student-centered, inclusive approach.

The investigation process is evaluated by the Department on an individual complaint case basis.

In the event that the Federal Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,



Frank Edelbut  
Commissioner of Education

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Attachments

## Attachment A

Scoring for review of the Special Education Complaint Investigator RFP #SPED-2-18-12 proposals.

### Proposal Criteria in the RFP

Significance of Proposal: Description of applicant's abilities to meet or exceed the Minimum Requirements (4.0) including a description of their volunteer and work experience and educational background. This will include a review of the letter of interest, letters of recommendation and resumes.

40 Points

Quality of Services to be Provided: The applicant's ability to accomplish the Services to be Provided (1.0) as evidenced through the documentation submitted, including any products that may demonstrate level of expertise and experience.

10 Points

Content Knowledge:

Including but not limited to, knowledge of State and federal laws and regulations governing the delivery of special education services and process.

30 Points

Technical Skills:

Including but not limited to, facilitation, leadership, conflict resolution, communication, and report writing.

20 Points

Total Possible Points

100 Points

Four (4) RFPs were received and scored

	Elizabeth G.	Diana F.	Peer Review
Mary Lauzon	100	85	92.5
Maureen Gross	95	76	85.5
Valerie Caruso	90	79	84.5
Stephen Woodcock	55	79	67

## **Attachment A Continued**

Scoring for review of the Special Education Complaint Investigator RFP occurred on Friday, January 25, 2019. The RFP review panel consisted of the following employees from the Department of Education.

### **Reviewer Qualifications**

Elizabeth G. -Elizabeth G. has worked at the NHDOE for four (4) years as an Education Consultant in the Bureau of Student Support. Elizabeth's primary responsibilities consist of compliance and improvement monitoring, and IDEA grant reviewer. Elizabeth has served on many RFP review teams throughout her time at the NHDOE.

Diana F.- Diana F. has worked as an Attorney at the NH Department of Education for the past four (4) years. Attorney F. serves as the Chief of the Governance Unit within the Commissioner's Office. This newly formed unit manages all hearings, alternative dispute resolutions, mediations, direct appeals from individual school board decisions, and complaints pertaining to vocational rehabilitation, higher education, and special education. Prior to assuming her role at the Department of Education, Attorney Fenton served the state as a criminal prosecutor at the Attorney General's Office for over eight (8) years.

**Notice:** This agreement and all of its attachments shall become public upon submission to Governor and Executive Council for approval. Any information that is private, confidential or proprietary must be clearly identified to the agency and agreed to in writing prior to signing the contract.

**AGREEMENT**

The State of New Hampshire and the Contractor hereby mutually agree as follows:

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**1. IDENTIFICATION.**

1.1 State Agency Name Education		1.2 State Agency Address 101 Pleasant Street Concord, New Hampshire 03301	
1.3 Contractor Name Valerie Caruso		1.4 Contractor Address 19 King George Drive Londonderry, New Hampshire 03053	
1.5 Contractor Phone Number 603-548-3855	1.6 Account Number See Exhibit B	1.7 Completion Date June 30, 2021	1.8 Price Limitation \$50,000.00
1.9 Contracting Officer for State Agency Bridget Paré Office of Commissioner, Governance Unit		1.10 State Agency Telephone Number 603-271-3196	
1.11 Contractor Signature <i>Valerie Caruso</i>		1.12 Name and Title of Contractor Signatory <i>Valerie Caruso</i>	
1.13 Acknowledgement: State of <u>NH</u> , County of <u>Hillsborough</u> On <u>April 8 2019</u> , before the undersigned officer, personally appeared the person identified in block 1.12, or satisfactorily proven to be the person whose name is signed in block 1.11, and acknowledged that s/he executed this document in the capacity indicated in block 1.12.			
1.13.1 Signature of Notary Public or Justice of the Peace [Seal]		<i>Samantha Jepson</i>	
1.13.2 Name and Title of Notary or Justice of the Peace Samantha Jepson Notary Public - New Hampshire My Commission Expires May 4, 2021			
1.14 State Agency Signature <i>Frank Edelblut</i> Date: <u>4-11-19</u>		1.15 Name and Title of State Agency Signatory <i>Frank Edelblut, Commissioner</i>	
1.16 Approval by the N.H. Department of Administration, Division of Personnel (if applicable) By: <i>Yanice Arudes</i> Director, On: <u>4/16/19</u>			
1.17 Approval by the Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) (if applicable) By: <i>Guillermo X. Salas</i> On: <u>APRIL 15, 2019</u>			
1.18 Approval by the Governor and Executive Council (if applicable) By: _____ On: _____			

**2. EMPLOYMENT OF CONTRACTOR/SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED.** The State of New Hampshire, acting through the agency identified in block 1.1 ("State"), engages contractor identified in block 1.3 ("Contractor") to perform, and the Contractor shall perform, the work or sale of goods, or both, identified and more particularly described in the attached EXHIBIT A which is incorporated herein by reference ("Services").

**3. EFFECTIVE DATE/COMPLETION OF SERVICES.**

3.1 Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, and subject to the approval of the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire, if applicable, this Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall become effective on the date the Governor and Executive Council approve this Agreement as indicated in block 1.18, unless no such approval is required, in which case the Agreement shall become effective on the date the Agreement is signed by the State Agency as shown in block 1.14 ("Effective Date").

3.2 If the Contractor commences the Services prior to the Effective Date, all Services performed by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date shall be performed at the sole risk of the Contractor, and in the event that this Agreement does not become effective, the State shall have no liability to the Contractor, including without limitation, any obligation to pay the Contractor for any costs incurred or Services performed. Contractor must complete all Services by the Completion Date specified in block 1.7.

**4. CONDITIONAL NATURE OF AGREEMENT.**

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations of the State hereunder, including, without limitation, the continuance of payments hereunder, are contingent upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds, and in no event shall the State be liable for any payments hereunder in excess of such available appropriated funds. In the event of a reduction or termination of appropriated funds, the State shall have the right to withhold payment until such funds become available, if ever, and shall have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately upon giving the Contractor notice of such termination. The State shall not be required to transfer funds from any other account to the Account identified in block 1.6 in the event funds in that Account are reduced or unavailable.

**5. CONTRACT PRICE/PRICE LIMITATION/PAYMENT.**

5.1 The contract price, method of payment, and terms of payment are identified and more particularly described in EXHIBIT B which is incorporated herein by reference.

5.2 The payment by the State of the contract price shall be the only and the complete reimbursement to the Contractor for all expenses, of whatever nature incurred by the Contractor in the performance hereof, and shall be the only and the complete compensation to the Contractor for the Services. The State shall have no liability to the Contractor other than the contract price.

5.3 The State reserves the right to offset from any amounts otherwise payable to the Contractor under this Agreement those liquidated amounts required or permitted by N.H. RSA 80:7 through RSA 80:7-c or any other provision of law.

5.4 Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, and notwithstanding unexpected circumstances, in no event shall the total of all payments authorized, or actually made hereunder, exceed the Price Limitation set forth in block 1.8.

**6. COMPLIANCE BY CONTRACTOR WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS/ EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.**

6.1 In connection with the performance of the Services, the Contractor shall comply with all statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county or municipal authorities which impose any obligation or duty upon the Contractor, including, but not limited to, civil rights and equal opportunity laws. This may include the requirement to utilize auxiliary aids and services to ensure that persons with communication disabilities, including vision, hearing and speech, can communicate with, receive information from, and convey information to the Contractor. In addition, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable copyright laws.

6.2 During the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, color, religion, creed, age, sex, handicap, sexual orientation, or national origin and will take affirmative action to prevent such discrimination.

6.3 If this Agreement is funded in any part by monies of the United States, the Contractor shall comply with all the provisions of Executive Order No. 11246 ("Equal Employment Opportunity"), as supplemented by the regulations of the United States Department of Labor (41 C.F.R. Part 60), and with any rules, regulations and guidelines as the State of New Hampshire or the United States issue to implement these regulations. The Contractor further agrees to permit the State or United States access to any of the Contractor's books, records and accounts for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with all rules, regulations and orders, and the covenants, terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**7. PERSONNEL.**

7.1 The Contractor shall at its own expense provide all personnel necessary to perform the Services. The Contractor warrants that all personnel engaged in the Services shall be qualified to perform the Services, and shall be properly licensed and otherwise authorized to do so under all applicable laws.

7.2 Unless otherwise authorized in writing, during the term of this Agreement, and for a period of six (6) months after the Completion Date in block 1.7, the Contractor shall not hire, and shall not permit any subcontractor or other person, firm or corporation with whom it is engaged in a combined effort to perform the Services to hire, any person who is a State employee or official, who is materially involved in the procurement, administration or performance of this

Agreement. This provision shall survive termination of this Agreement.

7.3 The Contracting Officer specified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, shall be the State's representative. In the event of any dispute concerning the interpretation of this Agreement, the Contracting Officer's decision shall be final for the State.

#### **8. EVENT OF DEFAULT/REMEDIES.**

8.1 Any one or more of the following acts or omissions of the Contractor shall constitute an event of default hereunder ("Event of Default"):

8.1.1 failure to perform the Services satisfactorily or on schedule;

8.1.2 failure to submit any report required hereunder; and/or

8.1.3 failure to perform any other covenant, term or condition of this Agreement.

8.2 Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the State may take any one, or more, or all, of the following actions:

8.2.1 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and requiring it to be remedied within, in the absence of a greater or lesser specification of time, thirty (30) days from the date of the notice; and if the Event of Default is not timely remedied, terminate this Agreement, effective two (2) days after giving the Contractor notice of termination;

8.2.2 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and suspending all payments to be made under this Agreement and ordering that the portion of the contract price which would otherwise accrue to the Contractor during the period from the date of such notice until such time as the State determines that the Contractor has cured the Event of Default shall never be paid to the Contractor;

8.2.3 set off against any other obligations the State may owe to the Contractor any damages the State suffers by reason of any Event of Default; and/or

8.2.4 treat the Agreement as breached and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both.

#### **9. DATA/ACCESS/CONFIDENTIALITY/PRESERVATION.**

9.1 As used in this Agreement, the word "data" shall mean all information and things developed or obtained during the performance of, or acquired or developed by reason of, this Agreement, including, but not limited to, all studies, reports, files, formulae, surveys, maps, charts, sound recordings, video recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings, analyses, graphic representations, computer programs, computer printouts, notes, letters, memoranda, papers, and documents, all whether finished or unfinished.

9.2 All data and any property which has been received from the State or purchased with funds provided for that purpose under this Agreement, shall be the property of the State, and shall be returned to the State upon demand or upon termination of this Agreement for any reason.

9.3 Confidentiality of data shall be governed by N.H. RSA chapter 91-A or other existing law. Disclosure of data requires prior written approval of the State.

**10. TERMINATION.** In the event of an early termination of this Agreement for any reason other than the completion of the Services, the Contractor shall deliver to the Contracting Officer, not later than fifteen (15) days after the date of termination, a report ("Termination Report") describing in detail all Services performed, and the contract price earned, to and including the date of termination. The form, subject matter, content, and number of copies of the Termination Report shall be identical to those of any Final Report described in the attached EXHIBIT A.

**11. CONTRACTOR'S RELATION TO THE STATE.** In the performance of this Agreement the Contractor is in all respects an independent contractor, and is neither an agent nor an employee of the State. Neither the Contractor nor any of its officers, employees, agents or members shall have authority to bind the State or receive any benefits, workers' compensation or other emoluments provided by the State to its employees.

**12. ASSIGNMENT/DELEGATION/SUBCONTRACTS.** The Contractor shall not assign, or otherwise transfer any interest in this Agreement without the prior written notice and consent of the State. None of the Services shall be subcontracted by the Contractor without the prior written notice and consent of the State.

**13. INDEMNIFICATION.** The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State, its officers and employees, from and against any and all losses suffered by the State, its officers and employees, and any and all claims, liabilities or penalties asserted against the State, its officers and employees, by or on behalf of any person, on account of, based or resulting from, arising out of (or which may be claimed to arise out of) the acts or omissions of the Contractor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State. This covenant in paragraph 13 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

#### **14. INSURANCE.**

14.1 The Contractor shall, at its sole expense, obtain and maintain in force, and shall require any subcontractor or assignee to obtain and maintain in force, the following insurance:

14.1.1 comprehensive general liability insurance against all claims of bodily injury, death or property damage, in amounts of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate ; and

14.1.2 special cause of loss coverage form covering all property subject to subparagraph 9.2 herein, in an amount not less than 80% of the whole replacement value of the property.

14.2 The policies described in subparagraph 14.1 herein shall be on policy forms and endorsements approved for use in the State of New Hampshire by the N.H. Department of Insurance, and issued by insurers licensed in the State of New Hampshire.

14.3 The Contractor shall furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, a certificate(s) of insurance for all insurance required under this Agreement. Contractor shall also furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, certificate(s) of insurance for all renewal(s) of insurance required under this Agreement no later than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of each of the insurance policies. The certificate(s) of insurance and any renewals thereof shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference. Each certificate(s) of insurance shall contain a clause requiring the insurer to provide the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, no less than thirty (30) days prior written notice of cancellation or modification of the policy.

**15. WORKERS' COMPENSATION.**

15.1 By signing this agreement, the Contractor agrees, certifies and warrants that the Contractor is in compliance with or exempt from, the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A ("*Workers' Compensation*").

15.2 To the extent the Contractor is subject to the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A, Contractor shall maintain, and require any subcontractor or assignee to secure and maintain, payment of Workers' Compensation in connection with activities which the person proposes to undertake pursuant to this Agreement. Contractor shall furnish the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, proof of Workers' Compensation in the manner described in N.H. RSA chapter 281-A and any applicable renewal(s) thereof, which shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference. The State shall not be responsible for payment of any Workers' Compensation premiums or for any other claim or benefit for Contractor, or any subcontractor or employee of Contractor, which might arise under applicable State of New Hampshire Workers' Compensation laws in connection with the performance of the Services under this Agreement.

**16. WAIVER OF BREACH.** No failure by the State to enforce any provisions hereof after any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of its rights with regard to that Event of Default, or any subsequent Event of Default. No express failure to enforce any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of the right of the State to enforce each and all of the provisions hereof upon any further or other Event of Default on the part of the Contractor.

**17. NOTICE.** Any notice by a party hereto to the other party shall be deemed to have been duly delivered or given at the time of mailing by certified mail, postage prepaid, in a United States Post Office addressed to the parties at the addresses given in blocks 1.2 and 1.4, herein.

**18. AMENDMENT.** This Agreement may be amended, waived or discharged only by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto and only after approval of such amendment, waiver or discharge by the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire unless no

such approval is required under the circumstances pursuant to State law, rule or policy.

**19. CONSTRUCTION OF AGREEMENT AND TERMS.**

This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, and is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assigns. The wording used in this Agreement is the wording chosen by the parties to express their mutual intent, and no rule of construction shall be applied against or in favor of any party.

**20. THIRD PARTIES.** The parties hereto do not intend to benefit any third parties and this Agreement shall not be construed to confer any such benefit.

**21. HEADINGS.** The headings throughout the Agreement are for reference purposes only, and the words contained therein shall in no way be held to explain, modify, amplify or aid in the interpretation, construction or meaning of the provisions of this Agreement.

**22. SPECIAL PROVISIONS.** Additional provisions set forth in the attached EXHIBIT C are incorporated herein by reference.

**23. SEVERABILITY.** In the event any of the provisions of this Agreement are held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to any state or federal law, the remaining provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

**24. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement, which may be executed in a number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, constitutes the entire Agreement and understanding between the parties, and supersedes all prior Agreements and understandings relating hereto.


Contractor Initials   
Date 4/8/19



Exhibit A

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Valerie Caruso will provide the following services to the New Hampshire Department of Education

**New Hampshire Special Education Complaint Investigator**

Responsible for conducting special education complaint investigations across the State; investigating alleged violations of special education law, which include on-site visits and issuing written reports with recommendations to the Commissioner of Education.

Duties will entail:

- Review of documents pertaining to a complaint.
- Preparation, as required, such as organizing information, scheduling on-site visits/interview with parents and school districts.
- Fact finding and evidence gathering pertaining to complaint information and allegations.
- Generate written reports that include findings of fact and recommendations based on the evidence and facts gathered as they relate to the allegations in the complaint.
- Provide the Dispute Resolution Coordinator of special education complaints, reports that detail the allegations, findings of fact and recommendations to the Commissioner of Education.
- Prepare monthly reports to be submitted in conjunction with each monthly invoice. Each report will itemize the preparation, actions, meeting time, travel time and other activities related to a complaint investigation assigned.

Initial VC  
Date 4/18/19

Exhibit B

BUDGET

	FY'20 July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020	FY'21 July 1, 2020– June 30, 2021
Professional services (\$125.00 per hour) (includes travel time)	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Total	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00

Limitation on Price: This contract will not exceed \$50,000.00

Source of Funding: Funding for this contract is 100% Federal Funds from the account titled Special Education-Elem/Sec. as follows:

Account: 10-56-56-25040000-102-500731	<u>FY'20</u>	<u>FY'21</u>
Contracts for Program Services	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00

Method of Payment:

Payment will be made upon the submittal of an invoice that is received by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month which is supported by a summary of activities that have taken place in accordance with the terms of the contract.

Invoices will be submitted to:

Bridget Paré, Dispute Resolution Coordinator  
Special Education Complaints  
NH Department of Education  
Governance Unit  
101 Pleasant Street  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Initial   
Date 4/8/19

Exhibit C

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Authorize the Department of Education to amend Section 14.1.1 general liability insurance to professional liability insurance.

Contractor will carry appropriate levels of personal automobile insurance during the term of this contract, per the coverage levels set forth in the attached auto insurance declaration page.

1. A certificate of Good Standing issued by the Secretary of State is not required for individuals contracting in their own name (as individuals, not as business organizations).

2. A contractor who is contracting in his or her individual capacity does not need a Certificate of Vote/Authority, but the contractor must represent in the contract Exhibit C of the Form P-37, that he or she is a sole proprietor of the business.

a. I, Valerie Caruso, am a sole proprietorship. As such, I am not a corporation, partnership, or limited liability company etc.

3. Provisions of form P-37 paragraph 15 does not apply to this contract.

Initial VC  
Date 4/8/19

**EXHIBIT D****Contractor Obligations**

Contracts in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold (currently set at \$250,000) must address **administrative, contractual, or legal remedies** in instances where the contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate. Reference: 2 C.F.R. § 200.326 and 2 C.F.R. 200, Appendix II, required contract clauses.

The contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the contractor's actions pertaining to this contract.

The Contractor, certifies and affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq., apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

**Breach**

A breach of the contract clauses above may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. § 5.12.

**Fraud and False Statements**

The Contractor understands that, if the project which is the subject of this Contract is financed in whole or in part by federal funds, that if the undersigned, the company that the Contractor represents, or any employee or agent thereof, knowingly makes any false statement, representation, report or claim as to the character, quality, quantity, or cost of material used or to be used, or quantity or quality work performed or to be performed, or makes any false statement or representation of a material fact in any statement, certificate, or report, the Contractor and any company that the Contractor represents may be subject to prosecution under the provision of 18 USC §1001 and §1020.

**Environmental Protection**

(This clause is applicable if this Contract exceeds \$150,000. It applies to Federal-aid contracts only.)

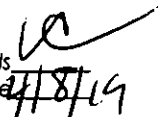
The Contractor is required to comply with all applicable standards, orders or requirements issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857 (h)), Section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations (40 CFR Part 15) which prohibit the use under non-exempt Federal contracts, grants or loans of facilities included on the EPA List of Violating Facilities. Violations shall be reported to the FHWA and to the U.S. EPA Assistant Administrator for Enforcement.

**Procurement of Recovered Materials**

In accordance with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. § 6962), State agencies and agencies of a political subdivision of a state that are using appropriated Federal funds for procurement must procure items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired in the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; must procure solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and must have established an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

Contractor Initials

Date

Handwritten signature and date: 4/18/19


**Exhibit E**

**Federal Debarment and Suspension**

- a. By signature on this Contract, the Contractor certifies its compliance, and the compliance of its Sub-Contractors, present or future, by stating that any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, principal investor, project director, manager, auditor, or any position of authority involving federal funds:
1. Is not currently under suspension, debarment, voluntary exclusion, or determination of ineligibility by any Federal Agency;
  2. Does not have a proposed debarment pending;
  3. Has not been suspended, debarred, voluntarily excluded or determined ineligible by any Federal Agency within the past three (3) years; and
  4. Has not been indicted, convicted, or had a civil judgment rendered against the firm by a court of competent jurisdiction in any matter involving fraud or official misconduct within the past three (3) years.
- b. Where the Contractor or its Sub-Contractor is unable to certify to the statement in Section a.1. above, the Contractor or its Sub-Contractor shall be declared ineligible to enter into Contract or participate in the project.
- c. Where the Contractor or Sub-Contractor is unable to certify to any of the statements as listed in Sections a.2., a.3., or a.4., above, the Contractor or its Sub-Contractor shall submit a written explanation to the DOE. The certification or explanation shall be considered in connection with the DOE's determination whether to enter into Contract.
- d. The Contractor shall provide immediate written notice to the DOE if, at any time, the Contractor or its Sub-Contractor, learn that its Debarment and Suspension certification has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

Contractor Initials

Date

  
4/8/19

**Exhibit F**

**Anti-Lobbying**


The Contractor agrees to comply with the provisions of Section 319 of Public Law 101-121, Government wide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying, and 31 U.S.C. 1352, and further agrees to have the Contractor's representative, execute the following Certification:

The Contractor certifies, by signing and submitting this contract, to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, that:

- a. No federal appropriated funds have been paid or shall be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence any officer or employee of any State or Federal Agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal amendment, or modification of any Federal contract grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- b. If any funds other than federally appropriated funds have been paid or shall be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal Agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit the "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities" form in accordance with its instructions (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/sfillin.pdf>).
- c. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making and entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31 and U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.
- d. The Contractor also agrees, by signing this contract that it shall require that the language of this certification be included in subcontracts with all Sub-Contractor(s) and lower-tier Sub-Contractors which exceed \$100,000 and that all such Sub-Contractors and lower-tier Sub-Contractors shall certify and disclose accordingly.
- e. The DOE shall keep the firm's certification on file as part of its original contract. The Contractor shall keep individual certifications from all Sub-Contractors and lower-tier Sub-Contractors on file. Certification shall be retained for three (3) years following completion and acceptance of any given project.

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**Exhibit G****Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract, Copy Rights and Confidentiality****Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement**

Contracts or agreements for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work shall provide for the rights of the Federal Government and the recipient in any resulting invention in accordance with 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the DOE.

Any discovery or invention that arises during the course of the contract shall be reported to the DOE. The Contractor is required to disclose inventions promptly to the contracting officer (within 2 months) after the inventor discloses it in writing to contractor personnel responsible for patent matters. The awarding agency shall determine how rights in the invention/discovery shall be allocated consistent with "Government Patent Policy" and Title 37 C.F.R. § 401.

**Confidentiality**

All Written and oral information and materials disclosed or provided by the DOE under this agreement constitutes Confidential Information, regardless of whether such information was provided before or after the date on this agreement or how it was provided.

The Contractor and representatives thereof, acknowledge that by making use of, acquiring or adding to information about matters and data related to this agreement, which are confidential to the DOE and its partners, must remain the exclusive property of the DOE.

Confidential information means all data and information related to the business and operation of the DOE, including but not limited to all school and student data contained in NH Title XV, Education, Chapters 186-200.

Confidential information includes but is not limited to, student and school district data, revenue and cost information, the source code for computer software and hardware products owned in part or in whole by the DOE, financial information, partner information (including the identity of DOE partners), Contractor and supplier information, (including the identity of DOE Contractors and suppliers), and any information that has been marked "confidential" or "proprietary," or with the like designation. During the term of this contract the Contractor agrees to abide by such rules as may be adopted from time to time by the DOE to maintain the security of all confidential information. The Contractor further agrees that it will always regard and preserve as confidential information/data received during the performance of this contract. The Contractor will not use, copy, make notes, or use excerpts of any confidential information, nor will it give, disclose, provide access to, or otherwise make available any confidential information to any person not employed or contracted by the DOE or subcontracted with the Contractor.

**Ownership of Intellectual Property**

The DOE shall retain ownership of all source data and other intellectual property of the DOE provided to the Contractor in order to complete the services of this agreement. As well the DOE will retain copyright ownership for any and all materials, patents and intellectual property produced, including, but not limited to, brochures, resource directories, protocols, guidelines, posters, or reports. The Contractor shall not reproduce any materials for purposes other than use for the terms under the contract without prior written approval from the DOE.

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*[Handwritten Signature]*  
4/18/19

**Exhibit H**

**Termination**

**a. Termination for Cause**

The DOE may terminate the Contract for cause for reasons including but not limited to the following circumstances:

1. Contractor's failure to perform the services as detailed herein and in any modifications to the Contract.
2. Contractor's failure to complete the Contract within the timeframe specified herein and in any modifications to the Contract.
3. Contractor's failure to comply with any of the material terms of the Contract.  
If the DOE contemplates termination under the provisions of Subsections a.1., a.2., or a.3 above, the DOE shall issue a written notice of default describing the deficiency. The Contractor shall have five (5) business days to cure such deficiency. In the event the Contractor does not cure such deficiency, the DOE may terminate the Contract without further consideration by issuing a Notice of Termination for Default and may recover compensation for damages.  
If, after the Notice of Termination for Default has been issued, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default or the termination for default was otherwise improper, the termination shall be deemed to have been a Termination for Convenience.


**b. Termination for Convenience**

The DOE may terminate the Contract for Convenience, in whole or in part, when, for any reason, the DOE determines that such termination is in its best interest. The contract can be terminated due to reasons known to the non-Federal entity, i.e., including but not limited to program changes, changes in state-of-the-art equipment or technology, insufficient funding, etc. The Contract termination is effected by notifying the Contractor, in writing, specifying that all or a portion of the Contract is terminated for convenience and the termination effective date. The Contractor shall be compensated only for work satisfactorily completed prior to the termination of the Contract. The Contractor is not entitled to loss or profit. The amount due to the Contractor is determined by the DOE.

In the event of termination for convenience, the DOE shall be liable to the Contractor only for Contractor's work performed prior to termination.

**c. The DOE's Right to Proceed with Work**

In the event this Contract is terminated for any reason, the DOE shall have the option of completing the Contract or entering into an agreement with another party to complete services outlined in the Contract.

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# CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)  
03/28/2019

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

**IMPORTANT:** If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).


<b>PRODUCER</b> Hiscox Inc. 520 Madison Avenue 32nd Floor New York, NY 10022	<b>CONTACT NAME:</b> PHONE (A/C. No. Ext): (888) 202-3007 FAX (A/C. No): E-MAIL ADDRESS: contact@hiscox.com	
	<b>INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE</b> INSURER A: Hiscox Insurance Company Inc	<b>NAIC #</b> 10200
<b>INSURED</b> Valerie Caruso 19 King George Drive Londonderry, NH 03053	INSURER B:	
	INSURER C:	
	INSURER D:	
	INSURER E:	
	INSURER F:	

**COVERAGES**                      **CERTIFICATE NUMBER:**                      **REVISION NUMBER:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

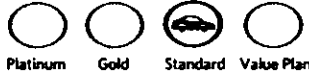
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	<b>WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY</b> ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below		Y/N N/A				<input type="checkbox"/> PER STATUTE <input type="checkbox"/> OTH-ER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$
A	Professional Liability		N	████████████████████	03/28/2019	03/28/2020	Each Claim: \$ 1,000,000 Aggregate: \$ 2,000,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

<b>CERTIFICATE HOLDER</b> NH Department of Education	<b>CANCELLATION</b> SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.  AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE 
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# Amended auto policy declarations

Your policy effective date is February 26, 2019



## Total Premium for the Policy Period

Please review your insured vehicles and verify their VINs are correct.

Vehicles covered	Identification Number (VIN)	Premium
2017 Honda Accord	[REDACTED]	\$778.28
2017 Chevy Trk Colorado	[REDACTED]	700.31
2007 Volkswagen Rabbit	[REDACTED]	503.75
Additional coverages		131.47
<b>Total*</b>		<b>\$2,113.81</b>

\* Your bill will be mailed separately. Before making a payment, please refer to your latest bill, which includes payment options and installment fee information. If you do not pay in full, you will be charged an installment fee(s). If you do not pay your bill by the due date shown on your billing statement, you may be charged a late fee.

## Discounts (included in your total premium)

Allstate Easy Pay Plan	\$94.95	Safe Driving Club®	\$836.34
Multiple Policy	\$212.06	Early Signing	\$199.94
Homeowner	\$112.30	Preferred Package	\$53.32
Smart Student	\$32.13	Prior Carrier	\$55.64
Allstate eSmart®	\$245.43	Passive Restraint	\$19.65
Antilock Brakes	\$171.92	New Car	\$147.89
Electronic Stability Control	\$120.39		
<b>Total discounts</b>			<b>\$2,301.96</b>

Policy discounts		\$1,842.11	
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Safe Driving Club®	\$836.34	Smart Student	\$32.13
Multiple Policy	\$212.06	Prior Carrier	\$55.64
Early Signing	\$199.94	Allstate eSmart®	\$245.43
Homeowner	\$112.30		

2017 Honda Accord discounts		\$190.15	
Passive Restraint	\$7.31	Antilock Brakes	\$64.20
New Car	\$73.84	Electronic Stability Control	\$44.80

2017 Chevy Trk Colorado discounts		\$182.89	
Passive Restraint	\$4.43	Antilock Brakes	\$61.54

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Information as of March 16, 2019

## Summary

Named Insured(s)  
Valerie and Gregory Caruso

Policy number  
[REDACTED]

Your policy provided by  
**Allstate Fire and Casualty Insurance Company**

Policy period  
Beginning **February 26, 2019** through  
**August 26, 2019** at 12:01 a.m. standard time

Your policy changes are effective  
**March 17, 2019**

Your Allstate agency is  
**Phil Kelahan**  
1193 Hooksett Road  
Hooksett NH 03106  
(603) 629-9030  
PhilKelahan@allstate.com

Some or all of the information on your Policy Declarations is used in the rating of your policy or it could affect your eligibility for certain coverages. Please notify us immediately if you believe that any information on your Policy Declarations is incorrect. We will make corrections once you have notified us, and any resulting rate adjustments, will be made only for the current policy period or for future policy periods. Please also notify us immediately if you believe any coverages are not listed or are inaccurately listed.





### Coverage detail for 2017 Honda Accord

Coverage	Limits	Deductible	Premium
Automobile Liability Insurance		Not applicable	\$289.91
Bodily Injury	\$250,000 each person \$500,000 each occurrence		
Property Damage	\$100,000 each occurrence		
Automobile Medical Payments	\$5,000 each person	Not applicable	\$17.07
Auto Collision Insurance	Actual cash value	\$500	\$367.82
Auto Comprehensive Insurance	Actual cash value	\$500	\$69.72
Rental Reimbursement	up to \$30 per day for a maximum of 30 days	Not applicable	\$25.76
Towing and Labor Costs	\$100 each disablement	Not applicable	\$8.00
Sound System	<b>Not purchased*</b>		
Tape	<b>Not purchased*</b>		
<b>Total premium for 2017 Honda Accord</b>			<b>\$778.28</b>

\* This coverage can provide you with valuable protection. To help you stay current with your insurance needs, contact your Allstate agent to discuss coverage options and other products and services that can help protect you.

#### Rating information

- This vehicle is driven over 7,500 miles per year, 3-9 miles to work/school

### Coverage detail for 2017 Chevy Trk Colorado

Coverage	Limits	Deductible	Premium
Automobile Liability Insurance		Not applicable	\$175.89
Bodily Injury	\$250,000 each person \$500,000 each occurrence		
Property Damage	\$100,000 each occurrence		
Automobile Medical Payments	\$5,000 each person	Not applicable	\$10.36
Auto Collision Insurance	Actual cash value	\$500	\$377.94
Auto Comprehensive Insurance	Actual cash value	\$500	\$102.36
Rental Reimbursement	up to \$30 per day for a maximum of 30 days	Not applicable	\$25.76
Towing and Labor Costs	\$100 each disablement	Not applicable	\$8.00
Sound System	<b>Not purchased*</b>		

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# Valerie Caruso

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Certified school psychologist with over 30 years of public education experience, ranging from preschool to high school. Versatile evaluator with knowledge of and experience utilizing various assessments and techniques to assist in identifying appropriate eligibility categories. Collaborative leader, experienced in partnering with education teams, parents, and other stakeholders, to develop action plans that address student learning needs. Skilled in assessment and interpretation, report writing, staff consultation and training, and knowledge of special education policy and procedures.

## EXPERIENCE

**School Psychologist- Manchester School District, Manchester, NH**  
April, 2000 - Present

- Committee member for school-wide behavior and academic programs
- 21st Century after school program instructor

**Field Examiner- Pearson Assessments, San Antonio, TX;**  
**Academic Therapy Publications, Novato, CA**  
May, 2010 - Present

- Recruit candidates for various test norming research studies
- Schedule and arrange testing sites for testing
- Conduct testing; maintain security of test materials and return to the publisher in a timely manner.

**Adjunct Instructor-Hesser College: Department of Psychology, Manchester, NH**  
September, 2006-May, 2008

- Prepare and deliver lectures, examinations and projects for adult student learners
- Courses taught: Introduction to Psychology, Developmental Psychology and Abnormal Psychology.

## EDUCATION

- Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies (CAGS)  
Master of Science, School Psychology  
University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, CT (1987)
- Bachelor of Arts, Psychology  
National Dean's List (1983)  
Plymouth State College, Plymouth, NH

## PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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- 603-624-6359 jmilligan@mansd.org