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Denis Goulet
 Commissioner

June 4, 2021

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

REQUESTED ACTION

For inclusion on the Governor and Executive Council Consent Calendar, pursuant to MOP 1200, I.D., authorize the Department of Information Technology to pay the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO) (VC#171836), Lexington, Kentucky, the amount of \$9,000 for the Fiscal Year 2022 membership dues effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. **Source of funds: 100% Other Funds (The Agency Class 027 used to reimburse DoIT is 35% General Funds and 65% Other)**

Funds are anticipated to be available in the SFY 2022 operating budget, contingent upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds.

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01-03-03-030010-77030000- DoIT Central IT Services 026-500251 - Membership Fees	03030000	\$9,000

EXPLANATION

NASCIO is the premiere technical professional network and resource for state Chief Information Officers (CIO) and an effective advocate for information technology policies at all levels of government. NASCIO is comprised of state chief information officers, information resource executives from the fifty states, six United States territories, and the District of Columbia. State members are senior officials who have statewide, executive-level responsibility for information resource management. Associate members include other state officials and federal, local, and international government officials who are involved in information resource management. NASCIO's mission is to foster government excellence through quality business practices, information management, and technology policy. Its vision is government in which the public trust is fully served through the efficient and effective use of technology.

The dues are for an umbrella membership that provides for associate memberships at no additional cost for any other agency employees interested in participating in NASCIO activities, events, or committees. As the State of New Hampshire CIO, Denis Goulet will serve as New Hampshire's designated contact for the NASCIO membership.

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?

Founded in 1969, the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO) is a nonprofit, 501(c)3 association representing state chief information officers and information technology executives and managers from the states, territories, and the District of Columbia. DoIT has been a NASCIO member since 2007.

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

To our knowledge, there is no other organization that is geared specifically for state information technology professionals. States face unique challenges in managing their information technology that would not be addressed in a commercially oriented organization.

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

Every state in the United States is a member of NASCIO. The Department of Information Technology is the only agency in the State that holds a membership.

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

NASCIO has several levels of membership, depending upon the type of organization. Membership dues for any state, regardless of size or population, is \$9,000 per year. Under the DoIT membership, most of the NASCIO benefits are available to any identified employee of DoIT and any other State of New Hampshire agency in the Executive, Judicial, and Legislative branch of the government.

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

NASCIO's programs and services provide state and corporate members with vital resources and opportunities to share information, knowledge, and solutions. The membership enables State information technology professionals to tap into the knowledge, support, and experience of thousands of state technologists across the country.

On behalf of the state, NASCIO is involved in lobbying Congress and industry standards-setting committees. One of the greatest benefits of NASCIO membership is the opportunity to serve on

NASCIO's business and issues committees. Association publications, research reports, and multi-media kits, such as the NASCIO Fast Facts newsletter and issue focus reports are all available through NASCIO.

A summary of membership benefits include:

- Research, analysis and tools to leverage experience and knowledge
- Participation on committees such as Information Security, Enterprise Architecture, IT Governance and Service Reform and Privacy
- Professional recognition
- Biannual conferences
- Association publications
- Networking and learning forums
- Access to the SMART library (a clearinghouse of data on state government IT)
- Access to on-line services
- Listed on corporate member profile page

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

Knowledge transfer and collaborative research characterizes the focus of the NASCIO organization. The organization provides numerous research papers, newsletters, topical conference calls, member events, issue committees, and workgroups. These are all available to state members at no additional cost.

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

The membership is not required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams.

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.

One of the benefits of state membership and fully included as part of state dues is two registrations to NASCIO's Annual and Midyear Conferences. Event registration, a \$600 travel stipend, most meals, and hotel accommodations are included in the membership fee for attendees at both events.

NASCIO conferences provide a unique opportunity for state government and corporate members to discuss the issues facing the information technology field in the public and private sectors. Corporate members sit side-by-side with state attendees to discuss trends and build relationships. NASCIO educational programs are centered on policy issues, trends, best practices and information technology issues that affect the public and private sectors. By bringing together all interested parties, NASCIO members can map strategies, develop positions and act responsibly for the benefit of all involved.

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.)

Commissioner Goulet is currently the President of NASCIO.

There are currently thirty-three (33) DoIT employees who are directly involved in the activities of the organization.

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

The NASCIO membership has been an invaluable resource to DoIT. Without this renewal, we will not continue to benefit from the multitude of resources available from the organization, most of which are available over the phone or through the web. Given the vast number of publications, interactive forums, and advocacy activities, our NASCIO membership is a highly cost effective tool for keeping up with changes in the fast-paced information technology environment.

The Department of Information Technology respectfully requests approval of this professional membership request.

Respectfully submitted,



Denis Goulet
Commissioner

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INVOICE 1714

National Association of State Chief Information Officers



State of New Hampshire
Member Number: 2058
Department of Information Technology
27 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 3301
United States

Invoice # 1714
Invoice Date 05/20/2021
Invoice Due 06/30/2021

Amount Due	\$ 9,000.00
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Transactions

Description	Amount
U.S. Territory Membership Dues - Membership Term: July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022	\$ 9,000.00

Total Amount	\$ 9,000.00
Amount Paid	-\$ 0.00
Amount Due	\$ 9,000.00

Please remit payment to:

National Association of State Chief Information Officers
ACH Payment: Account # 10290654;
ABA # 042100146
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NASCIO qualifies as a tax-exempt organization pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. However, dues to NASCIO are not deductible as a charitable contribution for federal tax purposes, but may be deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense,