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

REQUESTED ACTION

For inclusion on the Governor and Council Consent Calendar, pursuant to MOP 1200, I. D., authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services, to pay The Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL), Silver Spring, MD (Vendor #170491-R001) in the amount of \$8,820 for annual membership dues, effective upon Governor and Council approval for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. 100% General Funds.

05-95-90-9030-79660000 Health and Social Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services, Bureau of Public Health Laboratories

State Fiscal Year	Class / Account	Job Number	Class Title	Total Amount
2023	026-500251	90059000	Organizational Dues	\$8,820.00
			Total	\$8,820.00

EXPLANATION

Approval of this request will enable the State continue to be a member of APHL and receive support in the Department's efforts to improve the quality and efficiency of laboratory practices and health outcomes.

Listed below are answers to standard questions required for Governor and Executive 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 American Public Health Association form the Committee of Laboratories in 1899. The organization was renamed the Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) in 1998. New Hampshire Public Health Laboratories became a member in 1952.

2. Is there any other organization that provides the same or similar benefits that your agency

belongs to?

No. This Association is unique and specific for public health laboratories.

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

All states are members of the Association of Public Health Laboratories. The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services, and Bureau of Public Health Laboratories is the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member of this Association.

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

The APHL Board of Directors determines the annual dues for States based on population.

5. What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership? The Association of Public Health Laboratories provides:

- a. Staff in Washington, DC to advocate for national issues of public health and public health laboratory significance. APHL legislative staff provide timely briefings to state laboratory officials on congressional activities, and non-partisan advocacy on public health issues, such as funding for laboratory emergency response and supply chain access to states during infectious disease outbreaks such as COVID-19.
- b. Technical support and assistance with grant applications for timely receipt of federal funds is critical to continuity of operations. APHL also provides supplemental funding for some priorities such as funding to implement new molecular testing methods for emerging diseases.
- c. Funding for trainings and national meetings as well as webinar training and exercises for a variety of public health topics including COOP plans, molecular testing and bioinformatics.
- d. Direct funding for travel and participation for laboratory staff through the APHL Emerging Laboratory Leadership Program.

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

Yes. APHL provides educational webinars at no additional cost to members and supports travel, hotels and all training costs associated with technical laboratory-specific educational trainings.

7. Is the membership required in order 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.

No

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.)

- a. Fengxiang Gao, Administrator, NH PHL; Voting Member
- b. Jill Power, Deputy Director; Committee Member
- c. Lucio Barinelli, Water Analysis Laboratory Program Manager; Committee Member
- d. Amanda Cosser; Biomonitoring Epidemiologist; Committee Member
- e. Christopher Benton; Microbiology Program Manager; Committee Member
- f. Michelle Day; Environmental Quality Manager; Committee Member
- g. Wendy Lamothe; IT Administrator; Committee Member
- h. Madhumita Chatterjee; Chemistry Program Manager; Committee Member

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

The State of New Hampshire would have limited technical training and would be less prepared for emergency response to disease outbreaks, pandemics and environmental contamination events. The workforce development services such as trainings, webinars, exercises offered by APHL are critical to keeping laboratory staff up to date on new methods and techniques in the field of laboratory science.

Respectfully submitted,



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Amy,

APHL membership dues for New Hampshire Public Health Laboratories for the July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 membership year will be \$8,820.00. This quote takes into account APHL's annual 5% dues increase for all Member Laboratory categories. This organizational membership will provide member benefits to the laboratory's Member Representative and 9 appointed Member-Associate positions. Questions about APHL's membership dues structure can be directed to membership@aphl.org.

Sincerely,

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