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

**REQUESTED ACTION**

The New Hampshire Department of Energy (Energy) requests **Retroactive** authority to continue its membership and participation in the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO), Vendor #170418, for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022, for an amount of \$4,106.76. 100% Federal Funds

Funding is available in accounting unit "Policy and Programs" as follows:

02-052-052-520010-18870000-026-500251	<u>FY2022</u>
Organizational Dues	\$4,106.76

**EXPLANATION**

This request is **Retroactive** because funding was not allocated for this membership until State Fiscal Year 2022. Approval of this request will enable Energy to pay annual membership dues to the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO). NASEO supports the energy policy, planning and program efforts of the 56 state energy offices, Territories, and the District of Columbia. NASEO facilitates regional discussions for states to share best practices on energy policies and programs; works on behalf of the states and Territories with many federal agencies such as the U.S DOE, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Department of Environmental Protection; and provides support for state's electric sector planning and access to the federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), as well as many other initiatives. A copy of the invoice is attached for your review.

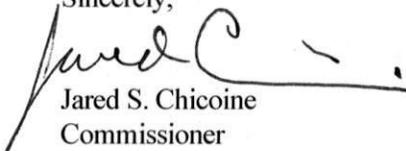
Listed below are answers to the standard questions required for Governor and Council organization dues and membership approval submissions:

1. **How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?** NASEO was formed in 1986 and New Hampshire has been a member since 1986.
2. **Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to?** There are no other national organizations that support state energy officials

3. **How many other states belong to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?** All 50 states, Washington DC, and 5 territories.
4. **How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc.)** There is a base amount of \$3733.42 paid by every state, with an additional \$186.67 paid per Congressional district in the state. With two Congressional districts, New Hampshire's rate comes to  $\$3733.42 + (\$186.67 \times 2) = \$4,106.76$
5. **What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?** New Hampshire receives regular updates on actions in Washington DC impacting funding and program requirements, educational resources for staff, technical expertise and advice on programs, and advocacy in Washington DC at the federal agencies.
6. **Are training or educational/ research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail.** Indirectly. Membership allows participation in a variety of learning opportunities, round tables, and panels via phone or platforms such as Zoom.
7. **Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? Explain.** 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.** No travel is included in this membership fee.
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?)** Membership is for the department as a whole, however the staff members that have the most interaction are Christopher Ellms, Joshua Elliott, Griffin Roberge, and Alexis Labrie.
10. **Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.** New Hampshire would lose access to the valuable resources that NASEO provides, such as educational resources for staff, and technical expertise and advice on programs.

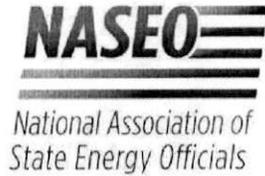
Your consideration of our request is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Jared S. Chicoine  
Commissioner

Attachments – NASEO Dues Invoice



NASEO Annual Membership Dues Invoice

INVOICE #: 2022-1033

DATE: June 7, 2021

TO:  
 Jared Chicoine  
 Director, Energy Division  
 New Hampshire Office of Strategic Initiatives  
 107 Pleasant Street, Johnson Hall - 3rd Floor  
 Concord, NH 03301

SEND CHECK PAYMENT TO:  
 NASEO  
 1300 North 17th Street, Suite 1275  
 Arlington, Virginia 22209

ACH/EFT/Wire PAYMENT:  
 PNC Bank  
 2601 North Clarendon Boulevard  
 Arlington, Virginia 22201  
 ABA#: 054000030  
 Account#: 5559867396

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please select the appropriate level of dues payment for your office and mail payment to the address above. Payments can also be submitted via ACH/EFT/Wire using the PNC Bank routing and account number above. To ensure proper posting, please send an email notification with your account number to: [accounting@naseo.org](mailto:accounting@naseo.org). Online credit card payments can be made at: <https://naseo.org/payments>. We are able to customize dues and meeting fee packages upon request. Contact Shemika Spencer at: [sspencer@naseo.org](mailto:sspencer@naseo.org) with any questions.

DESCRIPTION	DUES AMOUNT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FY'22 Member Dues (10/1/21-09/30/2022)	\$4,106.76
<input type="checkbox"/> FY'22 Member Dues, Plus One Year Meeting Fees (\$1,400.00) \$50.00 savings	\$5,506.76
<input type="checkbox"/> FY'22-23 Member Dues (10/1/21-09/30/2023) \$86.24 savings	\$8,213.52
<input type="checkbox"/> FY'22-23 Member Dues, Plus Two Years Meeting Fees (\$2,800.00) \$186.24 savings	\$11,013.52
<input type="checkbox"/> FY'22-24 Member Dues (10/1/21-09/30/2024) \$260.54 savings	\$12,320.28
<input type="checkbox"/> FY'22-24 Member Dues, Plus Three Years Meeting Fees (\$4,200.00) \$410.54 savings	\$16,520.28
<input type="checkbox"/> FY'22-25 Member Dues (10/1/21-09/30/2025) \$524.73 savings	\$16,427.04
<input type="checkbox"/> FY'22-25 Member Dues, Plus Four Years Meeting Fees (\$5,600.00) \$724.73 savings	\$22,027.04

\*Savings reflect estimated COLA dues increase.