



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

October 25, 2022



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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (Department) to pay calendar year 2023 membership dues to the American Water Works Association, (Vendor Code# 164391), Denver, CO in the amount of \$1,888.00, effective upon Governor & Council approval. 100% Federal Funds.

Funding is available in the account as follows:

	<u>FY 2023</u>
03-44-44-441018-47180000-026-500251	\$1,888.00
Dept Environmental Services, DWSRF Administration, Organizational Dues	

EXPLANATION

The New Hampshire Drinking Water Program has been a member of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) for nearly 18 years. AWWA is a professional organization formed in 1881 to improve water quality and supply while working with EPA and other water organizations assisting water providers to optimize system performance. AWWA unites state drinking water program administrators to the diverse water communities to advance public health, safety, the economy and environment.

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?

AWWA is a professional organization formed in 1881. Its mission is to provide solutions to effectively manage water, the world's most vital resource. AWWA's principal activities include providing events and education, resources and tools, professional development by receiving continuing education credits through courses, seminars, workshops, and conferences; providing publications for manuals of practice, books, and periodicals; and providing technical training opportunities to public water system operators and other professionals. AWWA's membership also includes over 4,300 utilities that supply approximately 80 percent of the nation's drinking water. AWWA helped to establish two distinguished organizations dedicated to safe water, the Water Research Foundation in 1966, and Water for People in 1991. This organization is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of the President, who acts as chair; President-

Elect; Immediate Past-President; Treasurer; the Chair of each Council; Chair of Water Research Foundation; one or more Directors elected by each of the 43 AWWA sections, six of whom also serve as Vice-Presidents; four Directors-at-Large; and the Executive Director, who serves as secretary. Staff, located in Denver, CO, manage the daily activities of the Association. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) has been a member for the past 18 years.

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

There is no other organization similar to the AWWA.

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

NHDES is the only NH state agency that is a member of AWWA. There are more than 51,000 members of AWWA that include all 50 states. AWWA is an umbrella organization for 43 sections, with each representing a specific geographic region. There are 37 of these sections within the United States. New England Water Works Association is the section for Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

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

State dues for AWWA are based on a five tier state-by-state breakdown. This five tier breakdown is based on a blend of population and number of public water systems for each state. New Hampshire's membership fee for the 2023 calendar year is \$1,888.

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

Membership provides New Hampshire with an avenue to learn about new developments and to have a voice discussion of important issues involving the State's 2400+ public water systems. AWWA's purpose and mission is by providing solutions to effectively managing public water systems for protecting public health, safeguarding the environment, strengthening public trust, share best management practices, and inspiring innovation; collect and make accessible to all state program administrators information and data to assist them in fulfilling their duties; promote and encourage the interchange of experience and information among state drinking water programs and public water systems; and collaborate with Federal, state, and other organizations to identify priority risks to drinking water and advancing policies to address them.

Additionally, AWWA through its regional agencies (NEWWA and NHWWA) facilitates training required for water system operators certified by NHDES. The organizations coordinate directly with NHDES to develop and administer training on all aspects of managing and operating water systems.

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

AWWA has developed a number of publications of interest to the drinking water community. As a member there are discounts on technical manuals. Other available resources are the Journal AWWA and white papers. Most can be readily located from the AWWA website at www.awwa.org. AWWA provides a variety of courses, seminars, and workshops each year on a variety of drinking water related topics that includes a membership discount. In addition, AWWA has created several topic specific blogs to offer members and others in the drinking water community more immediate access to news and information AWWA provides. Membership to AWWA includes a substantial amount of education and research at no additional cost. There are additional training opportunities that cost a small, membership discounted fee.

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

No. However, NHDES relies on AWWA and its regional organizations to provide training required by law for water system operator certification.

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.

Membership does not require travel and the organization increasingly uses webinars and other means to provide information to members. AWWA offers training and attendance discounts for specialty meetings and workshops that occur periodically with respect to public water systems and safe drinking water.

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.)

Brandon Kernen is the NHDES Drinking Water and Ground Water Bureau Administrator. He is a member of AWWA and other numerous committees and is on the Board of Directors for AWWA's New Hampshire chapter. In addition, Johnna McKenna participates in committee activities for NEWWA.

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

Without membership in AWWA, New Hampshire's ability to stay abreast of important up-to-date workshops, involvement and issues regarding public drinking water initiatives and regulations would be lost. Learning from and having working relationships with public water systems and other state drinking water programs would also be lost.

We respectfully request your approval for this item.



Robert R. Scott
Commissioner



Thank You For Your Membership!

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TOTAL:

\$1,888.00

TERMS: Due by Member

Term Begin Date



Item	Description	Quantity	Amount
AWWA - DUES_74	Partner Agencies & Inst. Membership Term 01/01/2023 to 12/31/2023	1	\$1,666.00
AWWA - NEW_SECTION	NEWWA, A Section of AWWA Membership Term 01/01/2023 to 12/31/2023	1	\$222.00
AWWA - NEW04A	Additional Active Member Membership Term 01/01/2023 to 12/31/2023	0	\$0.00
Subtotal			\$1,888.00
Tax Total			\$0.00

Total**USD \$1,888.00**

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Mail Check to (U.S. Funds Only):

Please include your invoice number on your check

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