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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Education, Division of Workforce Innovation, Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation to enter into an agreement with the Governor's Commission on Disability, Concord, NH (Vendor Code 207067) in an amount not to exceed \$180,000 to house the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) and its Program Assistant I, effective upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2025. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds to support this request are anticipated to be available in the accounts titled VR-Field Programs-Federal in FY2024 and FY2025, upon the availability and the continued appropriation of funds in the future operating 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>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>
06-56-56-565510-25380000- 085-588502	\$90,000	\$90,000
Inter Agency Transfer		

EXPLANATION

The 1992 Amendments to the Rehabilitation Act, Sec. 705 (a) require that the State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency establish a Statewide Independent Living Council in order to be eligible to receive federal financial assistance to provide independent living services to persons with severe disabilities. During negotiations with the Rehabilitation Services Administration of the US Department of Education, it was determined that the Governor's Commission on Disability was an appropriate entity in which to establish and house the Statewide Independent Living Council and its administrative support services. It was also determined that a part-time position for a

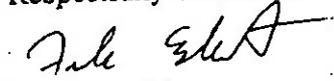
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Program Assistant I would be filled at the Governor's Commission on Disability to provide support for the Statewide Independent Living Council and facilitate the Council's responsibilities as outlined in Section 705 (a) of the Amendments of the Rehabilitation Act.

The agreement between the Division of Workforce Innovation's Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Governor's Commission on Disability establishes complete compliance with the requirements to provide services to persons with severe disabilities residing in the state, enabling these individuals to be more independent in their homes and communities.

Respectfully Submitted



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AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY
AND
DIVISION OF WORKFORCE INNOVATION, NEW HAMPSHIRE BUREAU OF VOCATIONAL
REHABILITATION
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Under this Agreement, the Governor's Commission on Disability (GCD) agrees to house the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) and to incorporate the SILC's Program Assistant I into its staff structure. In doing so, the GCD and New Hampshire Department of Education (NHED) (through the SILC and its Program Assistant I) will provide solid in-kind services to each other while providing an independent setting for the SILC and its Program Assistant I.

The GCD will assess an "Administrative Fee" (as delineated on Page 3 of this Agreement) of \$26,680 in FY2024 and \$27,058 in FY2025 to supplement the GCD's efforts to enhance independent living services and promote education and awareness with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Subject to payment by NHED to GCD, GCD will provide services for the payment of expenses related to mailings, teleconference call charges, lunches for all appropriate full Council and committee meetings, interpreter coordination and billing, purchase of any technology (e.g. including conventional computers, access technology, Zoom or other communications platforms, and all other appropriate and miscellaneous SILC-related expenses). NHED will pay GCD for all "Miscellaneous Expenses" (as listed on page 3 of this Agreement) up to \$31,694 for FY2024 and \$31,316 for FY2025. It is understood that the GCD will administratively process payments, which are the subject of the "Miscellaneous Expenses". "Miscellaneous Expenses" may be included on the GCD monthly invoice to NHED, accompanied by verifying invoice costs.

The GCD will arrange for the payment for the provision of support services for all full Council and committee meetings (interpreters, personal care attendants, readers, transportation, etc.) with copies of invoices and allied documentation, as available, to NHED and/or the SILC Chair.

The GCD will provide office space for the SILC Program Assistant I and allow for routine telephone calls, faxing, and copying.

The GCD will assist the SILC Program Assistant to secure meeting room space for the SILC's subcommittees on a space available basis.

General Job Responsibilities for Program Assistant I

The duties of the Program Assistant I include the following and may include other activities in support of SILC responsibilities:

- provide support to the SILC Chairperson in carrying out policies, programs, projects, and activities as recommended by the SILC;
- annually canvas disability related organizations, inviting potential new members;
- arrange meetings for full SILC and committees;
- take meeting minutes for full SILC and subcommittees when present or arrange for the taking of such minutes at these various meetings;
- maintain SILC membership list;
- Retrieve and update information and maintain a variety of documents on program participants in a computerized database or other tracking system;

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- Provide support to the SILC program in carrying out the development and monitoring of the state plan for independent living policies, programs, projects, and activities as recommended by the SILC;
- Order supplies and provide clerical support for the SILC;
- Arrange for provision of all minutes and their distribution as directed;
- Assist the SILC and the Designated State Unit (DSU) with reports as required;
- Manage and track membership terms and liaise with the appointing authority in the Governor's Office; and
- Upon failure to comply with any of these performance expectations to the satisfaction of the GCD, Designated State Entity, or SILC, may be subject to appropriate discipline, in consultation with the Human Resources affiliated with the GCD.

The Division of Workforce Innovation, New Hampshire Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, NH. Department of Education will provide the following:

- \$26,680 "Administrative Fee" upon receipt of quarterly invoices for state fiscal year 2024;
- \$27,058 "Administrative Fee" upon receipt of quarterly invoices for state fiscal year 2025;
- Up to \$31,694 Miscellaneous Expense upon receipt of invoice for expenses provided for state fiscal year 2024;
- Up to \$31,316 Miscellaneous Expense upon receipt of invoice for expenses provided for state fiscal year 2025.
- An amount for the salary of the Program Assistant I of \$31,626 for FY2024 and \$31,626 for FY2025, prorated as necessary and subject to any salary increases in the approved FY 2024/FY 2025 State of NH Budget, to be paid on a quarterly basis when invoices and reports are received. These figures are above and beyond any "Administrative Fee's and/or "Miscellaneous Expenses" referenced elsewhere in this Agreement;
- Make available copies of New Hampshire's State Plan for Independent Living to all New England SILC Chairpersons; and
- The DSE will undertake all other responsibilities required under Federal/State law, regulation, or sub-regulatory guidance.

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Christine Brennan, Deputy Commissioner
Department of Education

04/03/2023
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Approved by the Attorney General

4/7/2023
Date

Charles J. Sajd
Charles J. Sajd, Executive Director
Governor's Commission on Disability

03/28/2023
Date

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Commissioner of Education

04/03/2023
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Date 03/28/2023

SILC FY 2024 Expenses

Salary-Benefits:		
FY24 Salary (\$18.47)	27,853.00	26 Pay Periods (1508 hrs.)
FY24 Annual Leave	<u>1,385.00</u>	75 Hours
Subtotal:	29,238.00	
Benefits:	<u>2,388.00</u>	
Total:	<u>31,626.00</u>	

Administrative Fee:

Executive Director	\$ 8,659.00	for supervision (9%)
Accounting	4,528.00	for payroll/accounting (7.5%)
Benefits	7,493.00	for above payroll taxes
Telephone line	100.00	plus use of toll-free line
Copier share	900.00	plus supplies (paper, toner)
Rent share	<u>5,000.00</u>	(based on per staff person)
Subtotal	26,680.00	
Misc. Expenses	<u>31,694.00</u>	postage, calls, interpreter, etc.
Total	<u>\$58,375.00</u>	

SILC FY 2025 Expenses

Salary-Benefits:		
FY25 Salary (\$18.47)	27,853.00	26 Pay Periods (1508 hrs.)
FY25 Annual Leave	<u>1,385.00</u>	75 Hours
Subtotal:	29,238.00	
Benefits:	<u>2,388.00</u>	
Total:	<u>31,626.00</u>	

Administrative Fee:

Executive Director	\$ 8,659.00	for supervision (9%)
Accounting	4,528.00	for payroll/accounting (7.5%)
Benefits	7,811.00	for above payroll taxes
Telephone line	100.00	plus use of toll-free line
Copier share	900.00	plus supplies (paper, toner)
Rent share	<u>5,060.00</u>	(based on per staff person)
Subtotal	27,058.00	
Misc. Expenses	<u>31,316.00</u>	postage, calls, interpreters, etc.
Total	<u>\$58,374.00</u>	

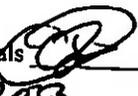
Total Payments for FY 2024:

Salary/Benefits	Cost
Administrative Fee:	\$31,626.00
Misc. Silc Expenses	26,680.00
	<u>31,694.00</u>
	\$90,000.00

Total Payments for FY 2025:

Salary/Benefits	Cost
Administrative Fee:	\$31,626.00
Misc. Silc Expenses	27,058.00
	<u>31,316.00</u>
	\$90,000.00

**Pay Scales effective 07.01.2022

Contractor Initials 
Date 03/28/2023