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The State of New Hampshire

Department of Environmental Services

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

June 13, 2023

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Environmental Services (DES) to **retroactively** pay Fiscal Year 2023 membership dues to the Northeast Waste Management Officials Association (VC #161803-B001), Boston, Massachusetts, in the amount of $4,000, upon Governor and Council approval. 100% Federal Funds

Funds are available in the following accounts:

	FY 2023
03-44-44-440010-7601-026-500251	$4,000
Dept. Environmental Services, PPG Carryover, Organizational Dues	

EXPLANATION

The Northeast Waste Management Officials Association (NEWMOA) is a non-profit, nonpartisan, regional interstate organization supporting the environmental agencies of the northeast States. NEWMOA focuses on the needs of State programs that address pollution prevention, toxics use reduction, sustainability, materials management, hazardous waste, solid waste, emergency response, waste site cleanup, and underground storage tanks. Membership provides substantial benefits to New Hampshire and its citizens. The requested action is for **retroactive** payment because the invoice was just received which is after the beginning of the fiscal year which began on October 1, 2022. NEWMOA relies on these dues to ensure its continued effective service to its member states and viability as an organization.

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?** The Northeast Waste Management Officials Association (NEWMOA) was formally established by the governors of the New England states in 1986. NHDES has been a member since that time.

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2. **Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to**? No.

3. **How many other state's belonging to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?** The six New England states, New York and New Jersey are members. NHDES is the sole New Hampshire agency that is a member.

4. **How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc)** The dues are comprised of a flat base fee, with an additional adjustment based upon population. The bulk of the Association's funding comes from federal grants.

5. **What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?** NEWMOA leads and administers numerous initiatives that promote interstate coordination to solve critical and emerging waste management problems. NEWMOA sponsors and provides numerous trainings and workshops annually focused on specific program areas of high interest. All workshops/trainings are offered free or at a significant discount to state member personnel. NEWMOA provides a steady flow of services and program information, works closely with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to ensure members are aware of current developments related to their programs, and coordinates the work of its member states with that of their federal counterparts. New Hampshire's membership in NEWMOA ensures that we can work in unison with our neighboring states to share information, efficiently implement our programs, articulate state program views on federal policy developments, and leverage our limited resources.

6. **Are training or educational/ research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail.** Yes. Access to all of the services described above is provided with membership. All collaborative meetings, and many workshops, webinars, and trainings are provided free of charge. Others are provided at a significant discount.

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.

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.** Yes. Three annual Board of Directors meetings are held, rotating through the 8 member states. The purpose of these meetings is to monitor progress of NEWMOA projects and to prioritize and direct the Association's activities. A nominal fee to offset facility costs is charged (typically $40/day). Details of travel are as follow:

Board Meeting (3X/year)	(Various Dates)	2 days	1-2 staff

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.**

Michael Wimsatt	Director, Waste Management Div.	Board Member
Kathy Black	Program Specialist, Pollution Prev.	Program Area Chair

10. **Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.** Waste Management Division staff are professional engineers, hydrogeologists, and scientists addressing the solid and hazardous waste issues confronting New Hampshire. NEWMOA's most important role is to assist States in learning from and working with other northeastern State peers. Loss of this cost-effective membership would significantly diminish the effectiveness of the Department's waste programs.

We respectfully request your approval.

Robert R. Scott
Commissioner

NEWMOA

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Invoice

Bill To
NH DES 29 Hazen Drive PO Box 95 Concord, NH 03302

Date	Invoice #
6/12/2023	B260NH.23

Federal ID #: 04-2901917

Terms	Project
NET 30 Days	B260

Description	Amount
2023 NEWMOA Dues	4,000.00

Please make Check Payable to Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association (NEWMOA)

For billing questions, please contact Lois Makina, 617-367-8558 x312 or Lmakina@newmoa.org

Total $4,000.00