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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Education, Division of Learner Support, Bureau of Adult Education to enter into a contract with Holy Cross Family Learning Center (VC#280545), Manchester, New Hampshire in an amount not to exceed \$236,911.30 to provide adult education and literacy programs as defined under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, effective upon Governor and Council approval from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. **35% Federal Funds, 65% General Funds.**

Funds to support this request are anticipated to be available in the accounts titled Adult Education-Federal and Adult Education-State in FY2024-FY2026 upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds in the future operating budget, with the ability to adjust encumbrances between Fiscal Years within the price limitation through the Budget Office, without further Governor and Council approval, if needed and justified.

Account #s	FY24	FY25	FY26
06-56-56-562010-40370000-072-500575 Grants Federal	\$26,826.80	\$27,631.60	\$28,460.55
06-56-56-562010-40390000-601-500931 State Fund Match	\$49,821.20	\$51,315.84	\$52,855.31
Total	\$76,648.00	\$78,947.44	\$81,315.86

EXPLANATION

Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was released on January 13, 2023 on the NH Department of Education's website and distributed to through the Department's communication system. All federal and state adult education grants are awarded through a competitive application process that is open to school districts, not-for-profits, and governmental agencies. Twenty-one proposals were received and reviewed using the proposal criteria in the RFP for evaluating the applications contained in the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act – Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (See Attachment A). Twenty-one grants will be awarded to eight private-not-for-profit organizations, ten

school districts and one governmental agency based on applications received from eligible organizations that met the criteria for funding. Two agencies submitted two separate applications to serve different regions of the state. The school districts will receive the awarded funds through the Grants Management System used by the Department.

Adult education and literacy programs are authorized under Ed 03 and in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, Title II, Adult Education and Family Literacy Act and provide educational opportunities below the secondary level for adults who lack a high school diploma or who lack the basic skills to function effectively in the workplace and in their daily lives. This includes foundational skills and English literacy instruction for individuals who may have earned a high school diploma or postsecondary credential in another country, but do not have the English language skills to be successful in postsecondary education, training and/or employment. The purpose of the program is to assist students in earning a high school credential and acquiring the skills and knowledge necessary to become productive workers, parents, and citizens and transition to postsecondary education, training and/or employment.

The Bureau of Adult Education provides educational services to approximately seven thousand adults each year. Holy Cross Family Learning Center began providing ESL classes on Manchester's west side more than twelve years ago to increase accessibility for the growing number of new Americans in the Manchester area Holy Cross, with only one paid staff person, utilizes a corps of volunteers to teach more than one hundred students each year.

Respectfully submitted,



Frank Edelblut
Commissioner of Education

Attachment A
Bid Summary Scoring Sheet
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

Name of bidders	***Proposed Price
The following list are applicants who met the minimum standards required under WIOA by providing demonstrated effectiveness:	
America's Youth Teenage Unemployment Reduction Network (dba My Turn)	\$849,055.84
Ascentria Community Services, Inc.	\$811,907.88
Derry SAU 10	\$216,166.73
Dover SAU 11	\$915,356.30
Exeter SAU 16	\$546,171.38
Governor Wentworth SAU 49	\$339,771.55
Holy Cross Family Learning Center	\$289,951.15
International Institute of New England	\$2,369,132.81
Keene SAU 29	\$448,607.86
Laconia SAU 30	\$287,419.44
Lebanon SAU 88	\$461,456.51
Littleton SAU 84	\$350,735.87
Nashua Adult Learning Center	\$1,778,984.87
NH Dept of Corrections	\$214,213.34
North Country Education Services	\$359,961.65
Plymouth SAU 48	\$148,436.15
Salem SAU 57	\$215,927.53
Second Start (Statewide Online)	\$309,090.91
Second Start (AEL)	\$811,900.00
Southern NH Services (English for New Americans) Manchester	\$658,703.04
Southern NH Services (Portsmouth)	\$540,777.23

***Proposed price may be considerably different from final negotiated price.

Reviewers	Title
Jeff B	Bureau Administrator for the NH Department of Education (NHED)
Manuela B	Training coordinator for NHED Vocational Rehabilitation
Heather C	MTSS-B Consultant with the NHED
Jennifer C	Admin Asst/Data Entry Pinkerton Academy's Choices in Education program
Karen D	Local office manager for NH Employment Security- WIOA partner
Emily F	Program Specialist IV for the Bureau of Educational Support, NHED
Eric F	Director of the Wilbur H. Palmer Career and Technical Education Center
William G	Program Specialist IV and Contract Manager for NHED Vocational Rehabilitation
Michelle L	Program Director for the Northumberland Adult Diploma Program
Janelle L	Administrator, Bureau of Special Education
Diane L	Education Consultant, Bureau of Career Development, NHED
Stacy M	Office of the Deputy Commissioner at the NHED
JoAnn M	Education Consultant in the Bureau of Special Education at the NHED
Kathleen M	English Language Arts Ed Consultant in the Bureau of Instruction at the NHED
Rebecca M	Administrative Assistant for the Londonderry Adult Diploma program
Linda M	Retired adult education program director
Yvette P	Education Consultant, Bureau of Special Education
Kelly T	Director of school counseling at Newfound Regional School District
Amy W	Dean of Alternative Programming for Bedford High School

All average scores above 500 were considered acceptable. All twenty-one proposals received will be awarded grants.

The RFP specified that the Bureau's preference is to fund one comprehensive center in each of the twelve regions of the state. The notable exception is Manchester due to the high volume of potential participants.

School department applications are administered through the Grants Management System.

Each contract will be presented to the Governor and Executive Council separately as they are completed.

Name of bidders - Average scores listed highest to lowest.	Average Score
Dover SAU 11 (Somersworth)	904.0
International Institute of New England (IINE) (Manchester)	820.6
Second Start (Statewide Online)	802.7
Derry SAU 10 (Salem)	768.0
Second Start AEL (Concord)	753.1
Ascentria Community Services, Inc. (Concord)	753.0
Nashua Adult Learning Center (Nashua)	751.0
Lebanon SAU 88 (Claremont)	733.3
Littleton SAU 84 (Littleton)	727.0
Governor Wentworth SAU 49 (Conway)	716.0
Exeter SAU 16 (Portsmouth)	698.3
Southern NH Services AEL (Portsmouth)	694.7
America's Youth Teenage Unemployment Reduction Network (dba My Turn) Manchester	661.7
Laconia SAU 30 (Laconia)	652.7
Southern NH Services - English for New Americans (ENA) (Manchester)	653.0
Keene SAU 29 (Keene)	634.3
NH Dept of Corrections (Corrections)	624.0
Plymouth SAU 48 (Laconia)	617.4
Holy Cross Family Learning Center (Manchester)	601.3
Salem SAU 57 (Salem)	575.0
North Country Education Services (Berlin)	568.0

Proposal Criteria in the RFP	Weight of Criteria
Organizational Capacity	100
Responsiveness to Regional Need	100
Serving the Most in Need	100
Service Delivery Format and Schedules	100
Proposed Curricula and Contextualized Instruction	75
State Workforce Board Alignment	75
Intensity, Quality and Best Practices of Program	100
Integration of Technology Services and Digital Systems	75
Meeting Program Outcomes	100
Reporting	75
Implementation Timeline	25
Budget	75
TOTAL	1000

Review Process

Scoring reviews were completed on April 13, 2023. The proposal review panel recommended all proposals for funding.

There were three steps in the review process.

1. A committee of three individuals reviewed three of the twenty-one proposals received. Reviewers used a prepared rubric to establish demonstrated effectiveness to determine the eligibility of the applicant in accordance with WIOA requirements and then to evaluate compliance with the requirements of the RFP and verify the qualifications of the vendors.

2. State Workforce Board Review

In accordance with WIOA, all applications were reviewed and accepted by the State Workforce Investment Board as will be indicated in the minutes of the July, 2023 meeting.

3. Geographic Distribution

The RFP specified that there be at least one comprehensive adult education program in each region. A complete list of regions served is available below.

Berlin	1	Littleton	1
Claremont	1	Manchester	4
Concord	2	Nashua	1
Conway	1	Portsmouth	2
Corrections	1	Salem	2
Keene	1	Somersworth	1
Laconia	2	Statewide	1
		Online	

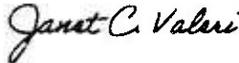
Notice: This agreement and all of its attachments shall become public upon submission to Governor and Executive Council for approval. Any information that is private, confidential or proprietary must be clearly identified to the agency and agreed to in writing prior to signing the contract.

AGREEMENT

The State of New Hampshire and the Contractor hereby mutually agree as follows:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. IDENTIFICATION.

1.1 State Agency Name Department of Education, Bureau of Adult Education		1.2 State Agency Address 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 20 Concord, NH 03301	
1.3 Contractor Name Holy Cross Family Learning Center		1.4 Contractor Address 438 Dubuque Street Manchester, NH 03102	
1.5 Contractor Phone Number 603-622-9250	1.6 Account Unit and Class See Exhibit C	1.7 Completion Date 6/30/2026	1.8 Price Limitation \$236,911.30
1.9 Contracting Officer for State Agency Sarah Wheeler		1.10 State Agency Telephone Number 603-271-6701	
1.11 Contractor Signature  Date: 5/19/2023		1.12 Name and Title of Contractor Signatory Janet Valeri Executive Director	
1.13 State Agency Signature  Date: 6/6/2023		1.14 Name and Title of State Agency Signatory Frank Edelblut, Commissioner of Education	
1.15 Approval by the N.H. Department of Administration, Division of Personnel (if applicable) By: _____ Director, On: _____			
1.16 Approval by the Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) (if applicable) By:  Elizabeth A. Brown On: 6/6/2023			
1.17 Approval by the Governor and Executive Council (if applicable) G&C Item number: _____ G&C Meeting Date: _____			

2. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED. The State of New Hampshire, acting through the agency identified in block 1.1 ("State"), engages contractor identified in block 1.3 ("Contractor") to perform, and the Contractor shall perform, the work or sale of goods, or both, identified and more particularly described in the attached EXHIBIT B which is incorporated herein by reference ("Services").

3. EFFECTIVE DATE/COMPLETION OF SERVICES.

3.1 Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, and subject to the approval of the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire, if applicable, this Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall become effective on the date the Governor and Executive Council approve this Agreement, unless no such approval is required, in which case the Agreement shall become effective on the date the Agreement is signed by the State Agency as shown in block 1.13 ("Effective Date").

3.2 If the Contractor commences the Services prior to the Effective Date, all Services performed by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date shall be performed at the sole risk of the Contractor, and in the event that this Agreement does not become effective, the State shall have no liability to the Contractor, including without limitation, any obligation to pay the Contractor for any costs incurred or Services performed.

3.3 Contractor must complete all Services by the Completion Date specified in block 1.7.

4. CONDITIONAL NATURE OF AGREEMENT.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations of the State hereunder, including, without limitation, the continuance of payments hereunder, are contingent upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds. In no event shall the State be liable for any payments hereunder in excess of such available appropriated funds. In the event of a reduction or termination of appropriated funds by any state or federal legislative or executive action that reduces, eliminates or otherwise modifies the appropriation or availability of funding for this Agreement and the Scope for Services provided in EXHIBIT B, in whole or in part, the State shall have the right to withhold payment until such funds become available, if ever, and shall have the right to reduce or terminate the Services under this Agreement immediately upon giving the Contractor notice of such reduction or termination. The State shall not be required to transfer funds from any other account or source to the Account identified in block 1.6 in the event funds in that Account are reduced or unavailable.

5. CONTRACT PRICE/PRICE LIMITATION/ PAYMENT.

5.1 The contract price, method of payment, and terms of payment are identified and more particularly described in EXHIBIT C which is incorporated herein by reference.

5.2 Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, and notwithstanding unexpected circumstances, in no event shall the total of all payments authorized, or actually made hereunder, exceed the Price Limitation set forth in block 1.8. The payment by the State of the contract price shall be the only and the complete reimbursement to the Contractor for all expenses, of whatever nature incurred by the Contractor in the performance

hereof, and shall be the only and the complete compensation to the Contractor for the Services.

5.3 The State reserves the right to offset from any amounts otherwise payable to the Contractor under this Agreement those liquidated amounts required or permitted by N.H. RSA 80:7 through RSA 80:7-c or any other provision of law.

5.4 The State's liability under this Agreement shall be limited to monetary damages not to exceed the total fees paid. The Contractor agrees that it has an adequate remedy at law for any breach of this Agreement by the State and hereby waives any right to specific performance or other equitable remedies against the State.

6. COMPLIANCE BY CONTRACTOR WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS/EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.

6.1 In connection with the performance of the Services, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county or municipal authorities which impose any obligation or duty upon the Contractor, including, but not limited to, civil rights and equal employment opportunity laws and the Governor's order on Respect and Civility in the Workplace, Executive order 2020-01. In addition, if this Agreement is funded in any part by monies of the United States, the Contractor shall comply with all federal executive orders, rules, regulations and statutes, and with any rules, regulations and guidelines as the State or the United States issue to implement these regulations. The Contractor shall also comply with all applicable intellectual property laws.

6.2 During the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of age, sex, sexual orientation, race, color, marital status, physical or mental disability, religious creed, national origin, gender identity, or gender expression, and will take affirmative action to prevent such discrimination, unless exempt by state or federal law. The Contractor shall ensure any subcontractors comply with these nondiscrimination requirements.

6.3 No payments or transfers of value by Contractor or its representatives in connection with this Agreement have or shall be made which have the purpose or effect of public or commercial bribery, or acceptance of or acquiescence in extortion, kickbacks, or other unlawful or improper means of obtaining business.

6.4. The Contractor agrees to permit the State or United States access to any of the Contractor's books, records and accounts for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with this Agreement and all rules, regulations and orders pertaining to the covenants, terms and conditions of this Agreement.

7. PERSONNEL.

7.1 The Contractor shall at its own expense provide all personnel necessary to perform the Services. The Contractor warrants that all personnel engaged in the Services shall be qualified to perform the Services, and shall be properly licensed and otherwise authorized to do so under all applicable laws.

7.2 The Contracting Officer specified in block 1.9, or any successor, shall be the State's point of contact pertaining to this Agreement.

8. EVENT OF DEFAULT/REMEDIES.

8.1 Any one or more of the following acts or omissions of the Contractor shall constitute an event of default hereunder ("Event of Default"):

- 8.1.1 failure to perform the Services satisfactorily or on schedule;
- 8.1.2 failure to submit any report required hereunder; and/or
- 8.1.3 failure to perform any other covenant, term or condition of this Agreement.

8.2 Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the State may take any one, or more, or all, of the following actions:

8.2.1 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and requiring it to be remedied within, in the absence of a greater or lesser specification of time, thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the notice; and if the Event of Default is not timely cured, terminate this Agreement, effective two (2) calendar days after giving the Contractor notice of termination;

8.2.2 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and suspending all payments to be made under this Agreement and ordering that the portion of the contract price which would otherwise accrue to the Contractor during the period from the date of such notice until such time as the State determines that the Contractor has cured the Event of Default shall never be paid to the Contractor;

8.2.3 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and set off against any other obligations the State may owe to the Contractor any damages the State suffers by reason of any Event of Default; and/or

8.2.4 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default, treat the Agreement as breached, terminate the Agreement and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both.

9. TERMINATION.

9.1 Notwithstanding paragraph 8, the State may, at its sole discretion, terminate the Agreement for any reason, in whole or in part, by thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the Contractor that the State is exercising its option to terminate the Agreement.

9.2 In the event of an early termination of this Agreement for any reason other than the completion of the Services, the Contractor shall, at the State's discretion, deliver to the Contracting Officer, not later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the date of termination, a report ("Termination Report") describing in detail all Services performed, and the contract price earned, to and including the date of termination. In addition, at the State's discretion, the Contractor shall, within fifteen (15) calendar days of notice of early termination, develop and submit to the State a transition plan for Services under the Agreement.

10. PROPERTY OWNERSHIP/DISCLOSURE.

10.1 As used in this Agreement, the word "Property" shall mean all data, information and things developed or obtained during the performance of, or acquired or developed by reason of, this Agreement, including, but not limited to, all studies, reports, files, formulae, surveys, maps, charts, sound recordings, video recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings, analyses, graphic representations, computer programs, computer printouts, notes, letters, memoranda, papers, and documents, all whether finished or unfinished.

10.2 All data and any Property which has been received from the State, or purchased with funds provided for that purpose under this Agreement, shall be the property of the State, and shall be returned to the State upon demand or upon termination of this Agreement for any reason.

10.3 Disclosure of data, information and other records shall be governed by N.H. RSA chapter 91-A and/or other applicable law. Disclosure requires prior written approval of the State.

11. **CONTRACTOR'S RELATION TO THE STATE.** In the performance of this Agreement the Contractor is in all respects an independent contractor, and is neither an agent nor an employee of the State. Neither the Contractor nor any of its officers, employees, agents or members shall have authority to bind the State or receive any benefits, workers' compensation or other emoluments provided by the State to its employees.

12. ASSIGNMENT/DELEGATION/SUBCONTRACTS.

12.1 Contractor shall provide the State written notice at least fifteen (15) calendar days before any proposed assignment, delegation, or other transfer of any interest in this Agreement. No such assignment, delegation, or other transfer shall be effective without the written consent of the State.

12.2 For purposes of paragraph 12, a Change of Control shall constitute assignment. "Change of Control" means (a) merger, consolidation, or a transaction or series of related transactions in which a third party, together with its affiliates, becomes the direct or indirect owner of fifty percent (50%) or more of the voting shares or similar equity interests, or combined voting power of the Contractor, or (b) the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Contractor.

12.3 None of the Services shall be subcontracted by the Contractor without prior written notice and consent of the State.

12.4 The State is entitled to copies of all subcontracts and assignment agreements and shall not be bound by any provisions contained in a subcontract or an assignment agreement to which it is not a party.

13. **INDEMNIFICATION.** The Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State, its officers, and employees from and against all actions, claims, damages, demands, judgments, fines, liabilities, losses, and other expenses, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees, arising out of or relating to this Agreement directly or indirectly arising from death, personal injury, property damage, intellectual property infringement, or other claims asserted against the State, its officers, or employees caused by the acts or omissions of negligence, reckless or willful misconduct, or fraud by the Contractor, its employees, agents, or subcontractors. The State shall not be liable for any costs incurred by the Contractor arising under this paragraph 13. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the State's sovereign immunity, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State. This covenant in paragraph 13 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

14. INSURANCE.

14.1 The Contractor shall, at its sole expense, obtain and continuously maintain in force, and shall require any subcontractor or assignee to obtain and maintain in force, the following insurance:

14.1.1 commercial general liability insurance against all claims of bodily injury, death or property damage, in amounts of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate or excess; and

14.1.2 special cause of loss coverage form covering all Property subject to subparagraph 10.2 herein, in an amount not less than 80% of the whole replacement value of the Property.

14.2 The policies described in subparagraph 14.1 herein shall be on policy forms and endorsements approved for use in the State of New Hampshire by the N.H. Department of Insurance, and issued by insurers licensed in the State of New Hampshire.

14.3 The Contractor shall furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or any successor, a certificate(s) of insurance for all insurance required under this Agreement. At the request of the Contracting Officer, or any successor, the Contractor shall provide certificate(s) of insurance for all renewal(s) of insurance required under this Agreement. The certificate(s) of insurance and any renewals thereof shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference.

15. WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

15.1 By signing this agreement, the Contractor agrees, certifies and warrants that the Contractor is in compliance with or exempt from, the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A ("*Workers' Compensation*").

15.2 To the extent the Contractor is subject to the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A, Contractor shall maintain, and require any subcontractor or assignee to secure and maintain, payment of Workers' Compensation in connection with activities which the person proposes to undertake pursuant to this Agreement. The Contractor shall furnish the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or any successor, proof of Workers' Compensation in the manner described in N.H. RSA chapter 281-A and any applicable renewal(s) thereof, which shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference. The State shall not be responsible for payment of any Workers' Compensation premiums or for any other claim or benefit for Contractor, or any subcontractor or employee of Contractor, which might arise under applicable State of New Hampshire Workers' Compensation laws in connection with the performance of the Services under this Agreement.

16. **WAIVER OF BREACH.** A State's failure to enforce its rights with respect to any single or continuing breach of this Agreement shall not act as a waiver of the right of the State to later enforce any such rights or to enforce any other or any subsequent breach.

17. **NOTICE.** Any notice by a party hereto to the other party shall be deemed to have been duly delivered or given at the time of mailing by certified mail, postage prepaid, in a United States Post Office addressed to the parties at the addresses given in blocks 1.2 and 1.4, herein.

18. **AMENDMENT.** This Agreement may be amended, waived or discharged only by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto and only after approval of such amendment, waiver or discharge by the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire unless no such approval is required under the circumstances pursuant to State law, rule or policy.

19. CHOICE OF LAW AND FORUM.

19.1 This Agreement shall be governed, interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire except where the Federal supremacy clause requires otherwise. The wording used in this Agreement is the wording chosen by the parties to express their mutual intent, and no rule of construction shall be applied against or in favor of any party.

19.2 Any actions arising out of this Agreement, including the breach or alleged breach thereof, may not be submitted to binding arbitration, but must, instead, be brought and maintained in the Merrimack County Superior Court of New Hampshire which shall have exclusive jurisdiction thereof.

20. **CONFLICTING TERMS.** In the event of a conflict between the terms of this P-37 form (as modified in EXHIBIT A) and any other portion of this Agreement including any attachments thereto, the terms of the P-37 (as modified in EXHIBIT A) shall control.

21. **THIRD PARTIES.** This Agreement is being entered into for the sole benefit of the parties hereto, and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or will confer any legal or equitable right, benefit, or remedy of any nature upon any other person.

22. **HEADINGS.** The headings throughout the Agreement are for reference purposes only, and the words contained therein shall in no way be held to explain, modify, amplify or aid in the interpretation, construction or meaning of the provisions of this Agreement.

23. **SPECIAL PROVISIONS.** Additional or modifying provisions set forth in the attached EXHIBIT A are incorporated herein by reference.

24. **FURTHER ASSURANCES.** The Contractor, along with its agents and affiliates, shall, at its own cost and expense, execute any additional documents and take such further actions as may be reasonably required to carry out the provisions of this Agreement and give effect to the transactions contemplated hereby.

25. **SEVERABILITY.** In the event any of the provisions of this Agreement are held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to any state or federal law, the remaining provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

26. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement, which may be executed in a number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties, and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings with respect to the subject matter hereof.

EXHIBIT A

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. The Contractor must comply with the following provisions:

- Exhibit D: Contractor Obligations
- Exhibit E: Federal Debarment and Suspension
- Exhibit F: Anti-Lobbying
- Exhibit G: Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract, Copy Rights and Confidentiality
- Exhibit H: Compliance with the provisions of the US Code of Federal Regulations 34 CFR 364 and the following US Circular if applicable: Office of Management and Budget (OBM) Circular A-110 "Uniform Administrative Non-Profit Organizations"
- Exhibit I: Attestation for the US Department of Education General Education Provisions Act (GEPA)
- Exhibit J: Buy American Statement in accordance with Section 502 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014

2. The Contractor must sign annual General Assurances from the NH Department of Education, Bureau of Federal Compliance and the Program Assurances included in Exhibit B: Scope of Services.

3. Federal Certification 2 CFR 200.415

Required certifications include: (a) To assure that expenditures are proper and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Federal award and approved project budgets, the annual and final fiscal reports or vouchers requesting payment under the agreements must include a certification, signed by an official who is authorized to legally bind the non-Federal entity, which reads as follows:

By signing this report, I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the report is true, complete, and accurate, and the expenditures, disbursements and cash receipts are for the purposes and objectives set forth in the terms and conditions of the Federal award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil or administrative penalties for fraud, false statements, false claims or otherwise. (U.S. Code Title 18, Section 1001 and Title 31, Sections 3729–3730 and 3801–3812).

EXHIBIT B

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The vision for Adult Education and Literacy Services in New Hampshire is a regional system of providers providing comprehensive services below the secondary level including adult basic education, high school equivalency preparation and English as a second language in order to prepare adults to transition successfully into postsecondary education, training and/or employment.

Holy Cross Family Learning Center in Manchester, NH will provide the following services:

Responsiveness to Regional Need

- The Contractor is responsible for identifying the educational needs of the region by using data from US Census's American Community Survey to target, recruit, and serve individuals without a high school diploma and English language learners.
- The Contractor is responsible for using NH Employment Security data and the NH Works Combined State Plan to identify regional economic needs and to incorporate preparation of individuals for sector initiatives, assisting individuals with transition into economic stability through employment and participation in the development of career pathways.
- The Contractor is responsible for using local resources to identify the social and cultural needs of the region and include programming to address the diverse needs of the population, provide soft skills training and foster the development of cultural competence.
- The Contractor is responsible for coordinating services between other adult education centers and community organizations to ensure the non-duplication of services; the capacity to serve the local need; the seamless transition of participants between educational levels; and the transition of participants into postsecondary education, training and/or employment.

Serving the Most in Need

- The Contractor is responsible for identifying, recruiting, and serving students who are most in need of adult education including individuals with low levels of literacy skills and English language learners, including those who may be above the Advanced ESL level, but still eligible for adult basic or secondary education activities.
- The Contractor is responsible for serving the needs of individuals with disabilities including physical, emotional, social, and learning disabilities.
- The Contractor is responsible for serving the needs of individuals with barriers to employment including displaced homemakers, low-income individuals, ex-offenders, and others.
- The Contractor must promote concurrent enrollment in programs and activities under WIOA Title I, Title III and Title IV.
- The Contractor will provide staff, or access to services provided by another adult education center through a formal agreement, for the following duties:
 - Program Director – general administration, budgeting, serve as the WIOA representative, liaison with local employers and other adult education centers.
 - Counselor – assist participants with barriers to attendance, liaison with community organizations, provide career counseling and transition planning services.

- Intake & Assessment Specialist – assist participants with the intake process, administer assessments in accordance with the publisher requirements, report assessment results.
- Data Entry Specialist – enter all intake, enrollment, assessment data, check for validity and accuracy, produce ad hoc reports, and required quarterly/annual reports, serve as a local expert for the data system.
- Coordinator of Volunteers – recruit and train volunteers, match volunteer tutors with participants unable to attend classes, orient and monitor participants including the development of an individual learning plan, provide instructional materials for participants/tutors, coordinate with local communities to provide space for tutoring outside of the center, coordinate volunteers in the classroom.
- Distance Learning Coordinator – assign and monitor participant who are unable to attend classes, assist instructors and tutors with distance learning, produce reports as needed, enter attendance data, provide training on contracted software to local staff and participants.
- The Contractor must identify whether the region has a demonstrated need for additional English language acquisition and civics education programs.

Service Delivery Format and Schedules

- The Contractor must have a delivery method, location(s), and schedule that enable individuals to attend and complete the program including year-round programming which may include short breaks between sessions. A minimum of 100 hours of instruction per year is recommended in order for participants to make sufficient progress.
- The Contractor must provide in-person instructional delivery that may also include hybrid or hyflex options.
- Open enrollment or managed enrollment and flexible scheduling are highly encouraged.
- The Contractor must be able to provide outreach/satellite services, or arrange access to, tutorial services for individuals in the region who are unable to attend regularly scheduled classes. Tutorial services should be provided through appropriately trained volunteers.
- The Contractor must have a plan for handling waiting lists.

Proposed Curricula and Contextualized Instruction

- The Contractor is required to provide a standards-based curriculum that is aligned with the College & Career Readiness Standards for Adult Education and/or the English Language Proficiency Standards published by the US Department of Education, Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education (OCTAE).
- The Contractor is required to provide contextualized instruction that includes the use of occupationally relevant materials.
- It is preferred that the Contractor incorporate OCTAE-endorsed instructional initiatives including curriculum review, EL institute, Teaching the Skills that Matter, Student Achievement in Reading, Teaching Excellence in Adult Literacy, the Employability Skill Framework, Power in Numbers, ESL Pro and other initiatives that may be released during the period of performance.
- The Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or members, may assume full political, religious, and citizenship responsibilities, but shall refrain from exploiting the instructional responsibility of his/her professional position. Material presented to students shall be relevant to the course and appropriate to the maturity and achievement level of the students. The Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or members will at all times strive to promote tolerance for the views and opinions of others and for the right of individuals to form and hold differing views and opinions. The Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or members, will encourage the student to study varying points of view and respect his/her right to form his/her own judgment.

Alignment with the State Workforce Plan

- The Contractor is required to align its program with the goals and mission of the NH Works Combine State Workforce Plan and contribute to the strategies outlined in the Plan including the use of data to inform program decisions and improve program performance.
- The Contractor is required to participate in state leadership activities including participation in adult education committees or advisory boards, membership in regional/national education consortia, and through attending professional development activities.
- The Contractor is required to coordinate with other local NH Works partners including participation or representation in partner meetings; establishing referral procedures; ensuring direct access to adult education services; and contributing to the development of career pathways.
- The Contractor must provide instruction delivered by well-trained instructors which may include evaluation through the OCTAE Teacher Effectiveness model and the Adult Education Teacher Competencies.

Intensity, Quality and Best Practices

- The Contractor must define sufficient intensity and quality and have a plan for how the program will meet that standard to enable participants to achieve substantial learning gains. The Bureau of Adult Education has established a full-time equivalent (FTE) as 60 hours of instruction per year.
- The Contractor must use instructional practices that include the essential components of reading at all levels.
- The Contractor must integrate workforce preparation activities for all students.
- The Contractor must base its instruction on best practices derived from the most rigorous research available and appropriate, including scientifically valid research and effective educational practice.

Integration of Technology Services and Digital Systems

- The Contractor must effectively use technology, services, and delivery systems, including distance education, in a manner sufficient to increase the amount and quality of learning.
- The Contractor must incorporate digital literacy instruction including digital resilience and digital citizenship for all students at all levels.
- The Contractor must include distance learning options, including technology-enhanced curricula, as a part of its delivery system including a policy for selecting appropriate students, facilitating distance learning, and a plan for how distance learning will be used. This includes the use of the state-wide Canvas instance by instructors and participants.
- The Contractor must incorporate the use of a variety of technology services in the classroom.

Meeting Program Outcomes

- The Contractor must pretest 100% of all enrolled students using a National Reporting System-approved assessment within 12 hours of enrollment.
- The Contractor must post-test a minimum of 48% of all enrolled students after an appropriate number of instructional hours as defined in the NH Assessment and Data Policy.
- The Contractor must conduct follow up surveys with all enrolled participants for whom data matching is unavailable as required by the National Reporting System to collect performance indicator data and measurable skills gains in accordance with National Reporting System requirements. A minimum of a 75% response rate is required.

- The Contractor must set program target rates and assess progress toward those targets on a quarterly basis in order to assist the State with meeting the performance outcomes set by the US Department of Education, Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education (OCTAE) as indicated below:

State Negotiated Targets

The State negotiated target performance with OCTAE every two years. Targets are based on the statistical adjustment model and are expected to reflect continuous improvement by increase each year.

Primary Indicators of Performance	2023 – 2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Employment in the Second Quarter after Exit	23.00%	TBA	TBA
Employment in the Fourth Quarter after Exit	21.00%	TBA	TBA
Median Earnings in the Second Quarter after Exit	\$6,500.00	TBA	TBA
Credential Attainment Rate	16.00%	TBA	TBA
Measurable Skill Gains			
For Adult Basic Education	29.5%	TBA	TBA
For English as a Second Language	30.0%	TBA	TBA

Reporting

- The Contractor is required to use the data system provided by the NH Bureau of Adult Education to collect data for federal reporting in accordance with the NH Data and Assessment Policy.
- A designated representative from the Contractor must be trained to use the data system. All data must be entered on a bi-weekly basis.
- The Contractor must analyze its program data on a quarterly basis and submit a quarterly report to the State, as well as provide an annual self-assessment summary to inform program decisions and set goals for improvement.
- The Contractor must request social security numbers, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552a, for all participants over the age of 18. The Contractor will aid students, who do not possess a social security number, in applying for a social security number. Students who fail to provide a social security number will be indicated in the data system in order to assist with National Reporting System (NRS) for Adult Education requirements such as student outcome follow and data matching purposes for federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act employment measures.

Event of Default

- Any one or more of the following acts or omissions of the Contractor shall constitute an event of default hereunder ("Event of Default"): failure to perform the Services satisfactorily or on schedule (to include failure to provide; failure to submit any report required hereunder; and/or failure to perform any other covenant, term, or condition of this Agreement. Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the new Hampshire Department of Education may take any one, or more, or all, of the following actions: give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and requiring it to be remedied within, in the absence of a greater or lesser specification of time, thirty (30) days from the date of the notice; and if the Event of Default is not timely remedied, terminate this Agreement, effective two (2) days after giving the Contractor notice of termination; give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and suspending all payments to be made under this Agreement and ordering that the portion of the contract price which would otherwise accrue to the Contractor during the period from the date of such notice until such time as the State determines that the Contractor has cured the Event of Default shall never be paid to the Contractor; set off against any

other obligations the State may owe to the Contractor any damages the State suffers by reason of any Event of Default; and/or treat the Agreement as breached and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both.

EXHIBIT C

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Budget

	FY24	FY25	FY26	Total
Salaries	\$51,500.00	\$53,045.00	\$54,636.35	\$159,181.35
Purchased Property Services	\$1,680.00	\$1,730.40	\$1,782.31	\$5,192.71
Other Purchased Property Service	\$5,100.00	\$5,253.00	\$5,410.59	\$15,763.59
Supplies	\$11,200.00	\$11,536.00	\$11,882.08	\$34,618.08
Other Objects	\$200.00	\$206.00	\$212.18	\$618.18
Indirect Costs	\$6,968.00	\$7,177.04	\$7,392.35	\$21,537.39
Total	\$76,648.00	\$78,947.44	\$81,315.86	\$236,911.30

Limitation on Price:

1. Annual funding amounts disbursed through this contract agreement shall be determined based on actual WIOA federal awards for the delivery of adult education and literacy services and state funds received, which may be less or more than estimated but may not exceed in the aggregate the total maximum amount authorized via this contract agreement.
2. The NHED reserves the right to increase and/or decrease contract funds subject to continued availability of Federal Funds, satisfactory performance of services, and approval by the Governor and Executive Council.
3. The Contractor must have written authorization from the NHED prior to using contract funds to purchase any property or equipment with a cost in excess of \$250.00 and with a useful life beyond one-year and shall maintain an inventory of property and equipment either purchased or leased with funds made available through this contract.
4. The Bureau of Adult Education reserves the right to request ad hoc financial and/or participant status reports in the event further information is needed to evaluate program effectiveness as deemed reasonable and necessary by the NHED and/or the State of New Hampshire.
5. The Contractor is solely responsible for paying to the NHED any disallowed costs associated with the misappropriation of Federal Funds and/or costs expended on individuals who were erroneously determined to be eligible for WIOA services. Disallowed costs may not be paid with Federal Funds, regardless of the funding source.
6. Line items in this budget may be adjusted, one to the other, of the indicated amount but in no instance can the total budget exceed the price limitation. The Contractor must receive Department of Education approval prior to transferring from one line to another.

Funding Source:

Funds are anticipated to be available in the accounts titled Adult Education-Federal and Adult Education-State in FY24 – FY26 upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds in the future operating budget, with the ability to adjust encumbrances between fiscal years within the price limitation through the Budget Office, without further Governor and Council approval, if needed and justified.

	FY24	FY25	FY26
06-56-56-562010-40370000-072-500575 Grants Federal	\$26,826.80	\$27,631.60	\$28,460.55
06-56-56-562010-40390000-601-500931 State Fund Match	\$49,821.20	\$51,315.84	\$52,855.31

Method of Payment:

Payment will be made upon the submittal of monthly invoices that are received by the 10th day of the following month submitted through the NHED Grants Management System. The final invoice is due within 45 days of the end of the program year.

EXHIBIT D

CONTRACTOR OBLIGATIONS

Contracts in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold (currently set at \$250,000) must address **administrative, contractual, or legal remedies** in instances where the contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

Reference:

2 C.F.R. § 200.326 and 2 C.F.R. 200, Appendix II, required contract clauses.

The contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the contractor's actions pertaining to this contract.

The Contractor, certifies and affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq., apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

Breach

A breach of the contract clauses above may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. § 5.12.

Fraud and False Statements

The Contractor understands that, if the project which is the subject of this Contract is financed in whole or in part by federal funds, that if the undersigned, the company that the Contractor represents, or any employee or agent thereof, knowingly makes any false statement, representation, report or claim as to the character, quality, quantity, or cost of material used or to be used, or quantity or quality work performed or to be performed, or makes any false statement or representation of a material fact in any statement, certificate, or report, the Contractor and any company that the Contractor represents may be subject to prosecution under the provision of 18 USC §1001 and §1020.

Environmental Protection

(This clause is applicable if this Contract exceeds \$150,000. It applies to Federal-aid contracts only.)

The Contractor is required to comply with all applicable standards, orders or requirements issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857 (h)), Section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations (40 CFR Part 15) which prohibit the use under non-exempt Federal contracts, grants or loans of facilities included on the EPA List of Violating Facilities. Violations shall be reported to the FHWA and to the U.S. EPA Assistant Administrator for Enforcement.

Procurement of Recovered Materials

In accordance with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. § 6962), State agencies and agencies of a political subdivision of a state that are using appropriated Federal funds for procurement must procure items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired in the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; must procure solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and must have established an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

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EXHIBIT E

FEDERAL DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

- a. By signature on this Contract, the Contractor certifies its compliance, and the compliance of its Sub-Contractors, present or future, by stating that any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, principal investor, project director, manager, auditor, or any position of authority involving federal funds:
 1. Is not currently under suspension, debarment, voluntary exclusion, or determination of ineligibility by any Federal Agency;
 2. Does not have a proposed debarment pending;
 3. Has not been suspended, debarred, voluntarily excluded or determined ineligible by any Federal Agency within the past three (3) years; and
 4. Has not been indicted, convicted, or had a civil judgment rendered against the firm by a court of competent jurisdiction in any matter involving fraud or official misconduct within the past three (3) years.
- b. Where the Contractor or its Sub-Contractor is unable to certify to the statement in Section a.1. above, the Contractor or its Sub-Contractor shall be declared ineligible to enter into Contract or participate in the project.
- c. Where the Contractor or Sub-Contractor is unable to certify to any of the statements as listed in Sections a.2., a.3., or a.4., above, the Contractor or its Sub-Contractor shall submit a written explanation to the NHED. The certification or explanation shall be considered in connection with the NHED's determination whether to enter into Contract.
- d. The Contractor shall provide immediate written notice to the NHED if, at any time, the Contractor or its Sub-Contractor, learn that its Debarment and Suspension certification has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

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EXHIBIT F
ANTI-LOBBYING

The Contractor agrees to comply with the provisions of Section 319 of Public Law 101-121, Government wide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying, and 31 U.S.C. 1352, and further agrees to have the Contractor's representative, execute the following Certification:

The Contractor certifies, by signing and submitting this contract, to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, that:

- a. No federal appropriated funds have been paid or shall be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence any officer or employee of any State or Federal Agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal amendment, or modification of any Federal contract grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- b. If any funds other than federally appropriated funds have been paid or shall be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal Agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit the "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities" form in accordance with its instructions

<https://www.gsa.gov/forms-library/disclosure-lobbying-activities>

- c. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making and entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31 and U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.
- d. The Contractor also agrees, by signing this contract that it shall require that the language of this certification be included in subcontracts with all Sub-Contractor(s) and lower-tier Sub-Contractors which exceed \$100,000 and that all such Sub-Contractors and lower-tier Sub-Contractors shall certify and disclose accordingly.
- e. The NHED shall keep the firm's certification on file as part of its original contract. The Contractor shall keep individual certifications from all Sub-Contractors and lower-tier Sub-Contractors on file. Certification shall be retained for three (3) years following completion and acceptance of any given project.

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EXHIBIT G
RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE UNDER A CONTRACT, COPY
RIGHTS AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement

Contracts or agreements for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work shall provide for the rights of the Federal Government and the recipient in any resulting invention in accordance with 37 CFR part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the NHED.

Any discovery or invention that arises during the course of the contract shall be reported to the NHED. The Contractor is required to disclose inventions promptly to the contracting officer (within 2 months) after the inventor discloses it in writing to contractor personnel responsible for patent matters. The awarding agency shall determine how rights in the invention/discovery shall be allocated consistent with "Government Patent Policy" and Title 37 C.F.R. § 401.

Confidentiality

All Written and oral information and materials disclosed or provided by the NHED under this agreement constitutes Confidential Information, regardless of whether such information was provided before or after the date on this agreement or how it was provided.

The Contractor and representatives thereof, acknowledge that by making use of, acquiring or adding to information about matters and data related to this agreement, which are confidential to the NHED and its partners, must remain the exclusive property of the NHED.

Confidential information means all data and information related to the business and operation of the NHED, including but not limited to all school and student data contained in NH Title XV, Education, Chapters 186-200.

Confidential information includes but is not limited to, student and school district data, revenue and cost information, the source code for computer software and hardware products owned in part or in whole by the NHED, financial information, partner information (including the identity of NHED partners), Contractor and supplier information, (including the identity of NHED Contractors and suppliers), and any information that has been marked "confidential" or "proprietary", or with the like designation. During the term of this contract the Contractor agrees to abide by such rules as may be adopted from time to time by the NHED to maintain the security of all confidential information. The Contractor further agrees that it will always regard and preserve as confidential information/data received during the performance of this contract. The Contractor will not use, copy, make notes, or use excerpts of any confidential information, nor will it give, disclose, provide access to, or otherwise make available any confidential information to any person not employed or contracted by the NHED or subcontracted with the Contractor.

Ownership of Intellectual Property

The NHED shall retain ownership of all source data and other intellectual property of the NHED provided to the Contractor in order to complete the services of this agreement. As well the NHED will retain copyright ownership for any and all materials, patents and intellectual property produced, including, but not limited to, brochures, resource directories, protocols, guidelines, posters, or reports. The Contractor shall not reproduce any materials for purposes other than use for the terms under the contract without prior written approval from the NHED.

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EXHIBIT H

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE US CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS 34 CFR 364 and the FOLLOWING US CIRCULAR AS APPLICABLE

STATEMENT of ACCEPTANCE of Special Provisions

The organization will comply with the provisions of the US Code of Federal Regulations 34 CFR 364 and the following US Circular, if applicable: Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-110 "Uniform Administrative Non-Profit Organizations."

Superintendent of Schools or
Chief Officer of Agency:

Janet C. Valeri

Signature:

Local Director of Project:

Janet C. Valeri

Signature

Date Signed: March 20, 2023

EXHIBIT I

**GENERAL EDUCATION PROVISIONS ACT (GEPA) Sec. 427 Attestation –
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT, TITLE II – ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY**

This attestation outlines the steps that Holy Cross Family Learning Center will ensure be taken should the Adult Education application be funded.

The purpose of this requirement is to assist the United States Department of Education in implementing its mission to ensure equal access to education and to promote educational excellence.

If funded, the following steps will be taken to ensure equitable access to and equitable participation in the project or activity to be conducted with federal adult education assistance by addressing the access needs of students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries in order to overcome barriers to equitable participation, including barriers based on gender, race, color, national origin, disability and age.

The Act highlights six types of barriers that can impede equitable access or participation: gender, race, national origin, color, disability, or age. Based on local circumstances, determine whether these or other barriers may prevent students, teachers, etc., from such access or participation in the federally-funded project or activity. Please describe the steps to be taken to comply with the GEPA requirements.

Volunteers and staff at Holy Cross Family Learning Center, by nature of our mission to educate the immigrant and refugee population of the Greater Manchester area, encourage participation in our services, both with our students and our volunteers. This includes all genders, races, color, disability, and ages, as well as all national Origins. We pride ourselves on our work with diverse populations and would not be able to provide our services without such an eclectic student body.

Project Director: (Name and Title) Janet C. Valeri, Executive Director

Signature of Project Director: *Janet C. Valeri* Date: 5/20/23

EXHIBIT J

BUY AMERICAN ACT STATEMENT

PURCHASE OF AMERICAN-MADE EQUIPMENT AND PRODUCTS.— In the case of any equipment or product that may be authorized to be purchased with financial assistance provided using funds made available under title I or II or under the Wagner-Peyser Act (29 U.S.C. 49 et seq.), it is the sense of Congress that entities receiving the assistance should, in expending the assistance, purchase only American-made equipment and products.

This statement is provided in accordance with Section 502 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act of 2014.

State of New Hampshire

Department of State

CERTIFICATE

I, David M. Scanlan, Secretary of State of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby certify that HOLY CROSS FAMILY LEARNING CENTER is a New Hampshire Nonprofit Corporation registered to transact business in New Hampshire on May 21, 2012. I further certify that all fees and documents required by the Secretary of State's office have been received and is in good standing as far as this office is concerned.

Business ID: 671469

Certificate Number: 0006101686



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,
I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed
the Seal of the State of New Hampshire,
this 31st day of January A.D. 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David M. Scanlan".

David M. Scanlan
Secretary of State

Certificate of Authority # 1

(Corporation, Non-Profit Corporation)

Corporate Resolution

I, Christine Windler, hereby certify that I am duly elected Clerk/Secretary/Officer of
(Name)
Holy Cross Family Learning Center. I hereby certify the following is a true copy of a vote taken at
(Name of Corporation)

a meeting of the Board of Directors/shareholders, duly called and held on May 19, 2023,
at which a quorum of the Directors/shareholders were present and voting.

VOTED: That Jasnet C. Valeri, Executive Director (may list more than one person) is
(Name and Title)

duly authorized to enter into contracts or agreements on behalf of

Holy Cross Family Learning Center with the State of New Hampshire and any of
(Name of Corporation)

its agencies or departments and further is authorized to execute any documents
which may in his/her judgment be desirable or necessary to effect the purpose of
this vote.

I hereby certify that said vote has not been amended or repealed and remains in full force
and effect as of the date of the contract to which this certificate is attached. This authority
remains valid for thirty (30) days from the date of this Corporate Resolution. I further certify
that it is understood that the State of New Hampshire will rely on this certificate as evidence that
the person(s) listed above currently occupy the position(s) indicated and that they have full
authority to bind the corporation. To the extent that there are any limits on the authority of any
listed individual to bind the corporation in contracts with the State of New Hampshire, all such
limitations are expressly stated herein.

DATED: May 23, 2023

ATTEST:

Christine Windler
(Name & Title) Chairperson

Certificate of Authority # 2

(Corporation, Non-Profit Corporation)

Corporate Bylaws

I, Christine Windler, hereby certify that I am duly elected Clerk/Secretary/Officer of
(Name)

Holy Cross Family Learning Center. I hereby certify the following is a true copy of the
(Name of Corporation)

current Bylaws or Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation and that the Bylaws or
Articles of Incorporation authorize the following officers or positions to bind the

Corporation for contractual obligations Christine Windler, Board Chairperson
(list officer titles or position)

I further certify that the following individuals currently hold the office or positions
authorized: Janet C. Valeri, Executive Director
(list individuals holding positions authorized)

I further certify that it is understood that the State of New Hampshire will rely on this
certificate as evidence that the person listed above currently occupies the position indicated
and that they have full authority to bind the corporation. This authority shall remain valid
for thirty (30) days from the date of this certificate.

DATED: May 23, 2023

ATTEST:

Christine Windler
(Name & Title)

Chairperson

Mission Statement

Holy Cross Family Learning Center is a place where people of diverse cultures from the City of Manchester, New Hampshire, come together to initiate or to continue their education. As part of this learning, they participate in helping to develop the Center as a place where family values are strengthened, community building is fostered, literacy is nourished, academic performance is raised, and diversity respected and celebrated. HCFLC seeks to respond to the needs of the growing immigrant and refugee population of the Greater Manchester area especially on Manchester's West Side.

Holy Cross Family Learning Center
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2022

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
101 Citizens Bank - New Account	0.00
102 St. Marys - Checking	44,201.48
103 Savings	20,729.55
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 64,931.03
Accounts Receivable	
140 Accounts Receivable	0.00
235 Accrued receivables	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 0.00
Other Current Assets	
110 Petty Cash	304.48
130 Prepaid Rent	3,900.00
135 Prepaid Payroll Expenses	0.00
136 Prepaid Insurance	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 4,204.48
Total Current Assets	\$ 69,135.51
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 69,135.51
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable (A/P)	1,926.02
Total Accounts Payable	\$ 1,926.02
Other Current Liabilities	
205 Payroll Liabilities	36.95
210 Funds Received	0.00
220 Accounts Payable	0.00
230 Deferred revenue - rent	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 36.95
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 1,962.97
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,962.97
Equity	
300 Opening Balance Equity	170.00
320 Temp. Restricted Net Assets	3,900.00
330 Unrestricted Net Assets	61,102.60
Net Income	1,999.94
Total Equity	\$ 67,172.54
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 69,135.51

Holy Cross Family Learning Center
Profit and Loss
July 2021 - June 2022

	Total
Income	
401 Interest Income	21.75
4010 Government Funding	83,256.95
4010.1 City of Manchester	15,600.00
4040 General Donations	13,897.82
420 Miscellaneous Income	0.03
Total Income	\$ 112,776.55
Gross Profit	\$ 112,776.55
Expenses	
5001 Executive Director	42,738.52
5005 Teacher Assistants	3,055.00
5012 Rent	15,600.00
5013 Heat	1,942.66
5014 Telephone/Internet	2,496.40
5016 Electric PSNH	4,879.07
5019 Office Expenses	2,415.74
5020 Computer equipment	14,638.81
5026 Health Stipend	6,500.00
5027 Payroll Taxes	
5027.2 ER OASDI	2,649.93
5027.3 ER Medicare	619.74
5027.4 ER FUI	41.98
5027.6 NH Admin Contribution	21.03
Total 5027 Payroll Taxes	\$ 3,332.68
5028 Payroll Processing Fees	1,060.95
5030 Workers Compensation Insurance Expense	300.91
5031 Dues and subscriptions	2,486.00
5032 Website design	7,000.00
535 Postage	458.87
560 Bank Fees	32.00
565 Liability Insurance	1,839.00
Total Expenses	\$ 110,776.61
Net Operating Income	\$ 1,999.94
Net Income	\$ 1,999.94

Holy Cross Family Learning Center

Board of Directors 2022-2023

Christine Windler, Chairwoman
Trust Attorney - Bisson, Cronin & Zalinsky



Kelly Murphy, Treasurer
Managing Director - BMT Consults



Jeanne Boucher, CSC
Retired Payment Processing Coordinator - SNHU



MaryAnn Christie
Parish Nurse- Catholic Medical Center



Susan Duffy
Retired Teacher - Manchester School District



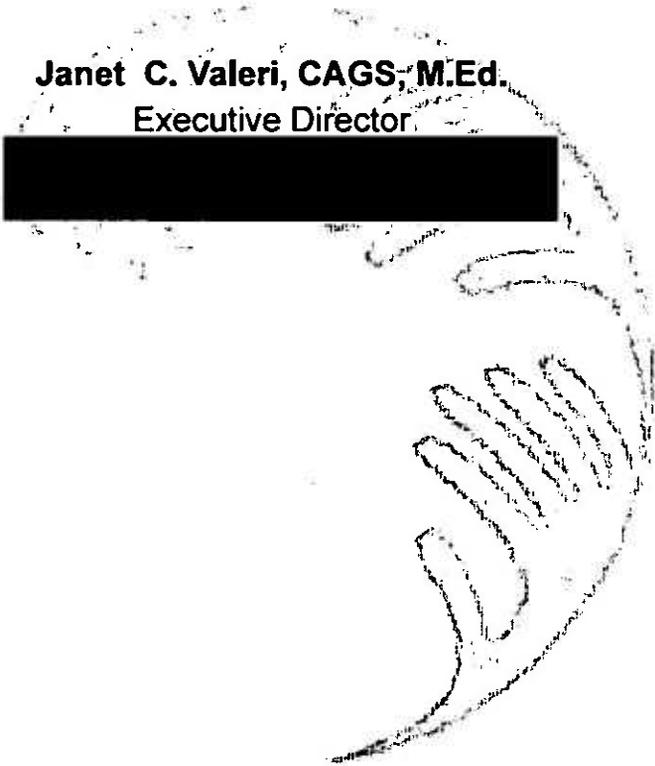
Georgia Henley
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SUMMARY:

Certification in New Hampshire and Massachusetts as a School Superintendent and School Principal

Leadership of a non-profit adult education learning center, aimed at teaching immigrants and refugees English, Civics and a pathway to Citizenship

Proven ability to raise student achievement and teacher leadership in elementary schools

Proven ability to increase attendance rates and decrease behavior referrals

Proven ability to reduce special education referrals and identifications

Leadership at Amherst Street School resulting in removal of school improvement status

Year-long Superintendency internship in Merrimack, NH under the supervision of Marge Chiafery

Nine years of administrative experience as an Elementary School Principal in buildings designated as Schools in Need of Improvement

Two years of administrative experience as an Elementary Assistant Principal with split responsibilities between two schools

C.A.G.S. in Leadership & Learning from Rivier College in 2003 with a 4.00 GPA

Thirteen years of teaching experience in the Nashua School District

Five years as a staff developer/workshop consultant in the area of Visual Mathematics and Everyday Mathematics for the Nashua School District and other Districts

EXPERIENCE:

2017-Present	Holy Cross Family Learning Center <i>Executive Director</i>	Manchester, NH
2008-2017	Ledge Street School <i>Principal</i>	Nashua, NH
2010-2017	Statewide Consortium on Educator Effectiveness	Concord, NH

Task Force I and II Member

2016-Present	Rivier University Education Advisory Council <i>Nashua School District</i>	Nashua, NH
2004-2008	Amherst Street School <i>Principal</i>	Nashua, NH
2002-2004	Mt. Pleasant /Broad Street School <i>Assistant Principal</i>	Nashua, NH
1989-2002	Mt. Pleasant Elementary School <i>Classroom teacher</i> Grade three teacher from 1989-1992 Grade five teacher from 1992-1997 Grade five/six looping teacher from 1997-2001 Grade six teacher from 2001-2002	Nashua, NH

EDUCATION:

2006-2007	Rivier University <i>Certification as a School Superintendent</i> <i>G.P.A. 4.00</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">o 350+ hour internship under the direction of Marge Chiaferi, Superintendent of Schools and Deborah Woelflein, Assistant Superintendent	Nashua, NH
2000-2003	Rivier University <i>C.A.G.S. in Leadership and Learning</i> <i>Certification as a School Principal</i> <i>G.P.A. 4.00</i>	Nashua, NH
1988-1992	Fitchburg State College Fitchburg, MA <i>M.Ed. Elementary Education</i> <i>G.P.A. 3.92</i>	
1984-1988	Fitchburg State College Fitchburg, MA <i>B.S.Ed. Elementary Education/Psychology</i> <i>G.P.A. 3.51 Magna Cum Laude</i>	

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Leadership of an inner city (82% Free/Reduced Lunch Count) elementary school with a student population of 500 children and a staff of 97 adults

- Leadership at Amherst Street School, resulting in the removal of School in Need of Improvement status (2008)
- Task Force I and II member of Statewide Consortium on Educator Effectiveness (2010-present)
- Nashua School District Committee Membership
 - Curriculum and Professional Development Committee (2010-2017)
 - Observation and Evaluation Committee (2010-2017)
 - Superintendent's Cabinet (2011-2017)
 - Math Steering Committee (2010-2017)
 - Math Curriculum Unit Writing Team (2011- 2017)
 - Race to the Top District Writing Team (2012)
 - Principal Evaluation Team (2010)
- Training in and implementation of Instructional Consultation
- Implementation of The Leader in Me approach
- Strategic Planning Coordinator for the Nashua School District (2008-2009)
- Implementation of Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports behavior system at Ledge Street and Amherst Street School
- Implementation of Response to Intervention model and service as the only pilot elementary school for the State of New Hampshire (2006-2008)
- Management of Title I funds (\$1.5 million) as well as School Improvement grant monies (ranging from \$10,000-\$150,000)
- Awardee of the Sr. Mary Jane Benoit Award for Outstanding Educator of the Year at Rivier College, 2009
- Inclusion in *Who's Who Among Professional Women*, 2010
- New Hampshire State-Level Awardee of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, 2001 & 2002
- Accredited consultant for SRA/McGraw Hill Publishers and Visual Mathematics
- Memberships in National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, New Hampshire Teachers of Mathematics, International Reading Association and Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development