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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 Safety, Division of Motor Vehicles, to pay membership dues for an amount not to exceed \$40,200.00 to the International Registration Plan (IRP), Inc. (VC# 170876-B001). Effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2025: 100% Agency Income (Cost of Collections).

Funding is available the SFY2024 and SFY2025 operating budgets with the authority to adjust between fiscal years through the Budget Office if needed and justified.

02-23-23-233015-31090000 - Dept. of Safety – DMV – International Registration	<u>SFY 2024</u>	<u>SFY 2025</u>
026-50025! Organizational Dues – Membership Fees	\$14,800.00	\$25,400.00

EXPLANATION

This membership enables the DMV to access the IRP and Clearing House systems through September 30, 2025. This organization provides to all member jurisdictions the ability to collect registration fees and perform audits on behalf of the other member jurisdictions and to distribute registration fees collected to the other member jurisdictions through a central clearinghouse. This central clearinghouse eliminates the requirement of providing over 50 individual checks to other jurisdictions each month. As a member of IRP and the automated clearinghouse, New Hampshire is automatically notified of any changes in registration fees in other jurisdictions and conversely changes in New Hampshire registration fees are submitted to the clearinghouse and changes are automatically updated in all other jurisdictions. FY2025 will be the first year of Ballot 445 implementation where the IRP Annual Dues Structure will have a base fee of \$10,000 and power units fee of \$15,400 based on a 10,001 - 15,000 bracket.

RSA 260:73 states that the Commissioner is authorized to execute all documents and perform all other acts necessary to enter into and carry out the provisions of a multi-jurisdictional Commercial Vehicle International Registration Plan.

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?* In 1973 an IRP pilot program was implemented and in 1994, IRP, Inc. was created. NH joined IRP in 1993.
2. *Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to?* No.

3. *How many other states belong to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?* The 48 contiguous US states, the District of Columbia (DC), and ten Canadian provinces are members of IRP. The DMV is the only NH State agency belonging to IRP, Inc.
4. *How is the due structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc.)* It is based on commercial power units plus a base fee starting in FY25.
5. *What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?* IRP, Inc. serves as a central repository for plan-related and jurisdiction-specific information coordinating the peer review and dispute resolution processes; managing a forum for IRP committees and task forces to address specific IRP issues; communicating IRP updates such as fee changes and registration extensions; and operating the Clearinghouse for efficient transfer of data and funds.
6. *Are training or educational/research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail.* The IRP, Inc. annual dues include access to a website offering education and training opportunities through the use of free webinars and certificate program.
7. *Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? Explain.* The 48 contiguous US states, DC, and ten Canadian provinces participate in the plan, which authorizes registration of over 2.0 million commercial vehicles.
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.* IRP, Inc. funded attendance of one person from each jurisdiction at the IRP Annual Meeting.
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.)* Jeffrey Oberdank, Administrator, Bureau of Registration, who is the voting member, and five (5) employee members are involved with the organization.
10. *Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.* NH would not be able to process, register, or collect the proper registration fees for IRP commercial vehicles, including NH commercial vehicles.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert L. Quinn
Commissioner of Safety



International Registration Plan, Inc.

May 24, 2023

Arthur:

Please see the following information concerning the FY2024 and FY2025 for IRP:

The jurisdiction dues for FY2024 have not changed and will be \$14,800.

FY2025 will be the first year of the implementation of Ballot 445 the IRP Annual Dues Structure. The base fee is \$10,000 and the amount based on New Hampshire's power units (10,001 – 15,000-unit bracket) is \$15,400. As long as the Power Units for New Hampshire does not increase above 15,000 units it should stay at the same rate. Currently, it is at 11,777 power units, so I do not expect to see that much of an increase. The total for FY2025 will be \$25,400.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Best Regards,

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