



February 12, 2024

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Business and Economic Affairs, Office of Outdoor Recreation Industry Development to **Retroactively** renew a membership with the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (VC # 389461), located in New York, NY, in the amount of \$5,000 for national networking opportunities and the chance to promote outdoor recreation at the federal level for the period January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, effective upon approval of the Governor and Executive Council through December 31, 2024. **100% Federal Funds.**

Funding is available in account, Office of Outdoor Recreation, as follows:

	<u>FY 2024</u>
03-22-022-220010-30780000-026-500251 Membership Fees	\$5,000

EXPLANATION

This item is submitted as a **Retroactive** item due to the timing of receipt of the invoice and an accept and expend for additional grant funds. The Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (ORR) is a national coalition of outdoor recreation trade associations which promotes the growth of the outdoor recreation economy and activities. The Office of Outdoor Recreation Industry Development (ORID) has been a member since 2022. They educate decision makers and the public on balanced policies that conserve public lands and waterways and enhance infrastructure to improve the experience and quality of life of outdoor enthusiasts. Their priorities are to foster collaboration between the federal government and the industry, remove barriers to support investments, secure access to high-quality experiences outdoors for all Americans and conserve lands and waters for future generations.

ORID will be able to participate in organization meetings, have access to data and will be able to help influence ORR priorities and strategies. ORR supports Rural Economic development programs tailored to grow outdoor recreation, supporting job growth and recreation investments. ORID will have the opportunity to network with other state members, business organizations, trade associations and nonprofit entities.

Listed below are answers to standard questions required for Governor and Executive Council organization dues and membership approval submissions:

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1. How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization? *The Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (ORR) was formed in February 2018 by the merger of the American Recreation Coalition and the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable. The Office of Outdoor Recreation Industry Development (Office) would be renewing the current membership and has been a member since 2022.*
2. Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to? *No, the Office has no other similar memberships.*
3. How many other states belong to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member? *Seven other states are currently members. The Office would be the only New Hampshire state agency member.*
4. How is the dues structure established? *State membership dues are a flat \$5,000 annual fee.*
5. What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership? *State membership benefits include participation in organization meetings, access to ORR data, influence on ORR priorities and strategies, a rotating ORR Board seat, the opportunity to work with their team on Rural Economic development programs tailored to states and national recreation growth, to make connections and coordinate with federal land and water agency leadership and networking opportunities.*
6. Are training or educational research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail. *Educational materials on rural economic development, the economic impact of outdoor recreation, workforce development at no additional cost.*
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, the membership is not required to receive any federal grants to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams.*
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. *No travel is included with this membership fee.*
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.) *The Director of the Office of Outdoor Recreation Industry Development will be directly involved with the organization.*
10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization. *By not participating in this organization, the Office would lose out on valuable opportunities to engage with public and private partners in the outdoor recreation space at the national and state level, as well as the opportunity to sustainably grow the state's economy through outdoor recreation, especially in rural communities.*

Respectfully Submitted,



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Commissioner

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Invoice

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INVOICE #	DATE	TOTAL DUE	DUE DATE	TERMS	ENCLOSED
2024-111	02/01/2024	\$5,000.00	02/06/2024	Due on receipt	

DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
	State Membership	State Membership FY 2024 1/1/24-12/31/24	1	5,000.00	5,000.00

Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (ORR), is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) publicly-supported organization and donations to ORR may be deducted as charitable contributions.

BALANCE DUE

\$5,000.00

EFT payments may be sent:

