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

REQUESTED ACTION

For inclusion on the Governor and Council Consent Calendar. Pursuant to MOP 1200, I. D., authorize the Department of Education (NHED), Bureau of Career Development, to pay the FY25 Membership dues to the National Association of State Directors of the Career Technical Education Consortium, DBA Advance CTE, Silver Spring, MD, (VC # 170451) the amount of \$6,662.00 effective upon Governor and Council approval for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. General Funds 75%, and Federal Funds 25%.

Funding is available in the following accounts in FY 2025 as follows:

06-56-56-562010-40270000 CTE Voc Ed-State

Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Amount
2025	026-500251	Organizational Dues	\$5,000.00
Sub Total			\$5,000.00

06-56-56-562010-40260000 CTE Voc Ed-Federal

Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Amount
2025	026-500251	Organizational Dues	\$1,662.00
Total			\$6,662.00

EXPLANATION

The Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act requires increased rigor as well as documentation of pathways that include strong linkages to postsecondary education. Program competencies must align with business and industry to include 21st century skills to ensure students are college and career ready.

The National Association of State Directors of the Career Technical Education Consortium (DBA Advance CTE) reports to its members, and provides feedback to lawmakers from its members, around the continuously developing legislation as it relates to the Federal Perkins Act. Publications and professional development offered by Advance CTE are available to states should they require technical assistance. The organization is the "CTE voice" especially in small states like New Hampshire.

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?

Advance CTE (The National Association of State Directors of the Career Tech Education Consortium) was established 104 years ago, in 1920, and New Hampshire has been a member for over 27 years.

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?

All states are encouraged to become Advance CTE members; annually their membership fluctuates between 45 and 50 states. The NH Department of Education, Bureau of Career Development, is the sole state agency known to be a member of this organization.

4. How is the dues' structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc.)

It is a set fee for each state based upon population.

5. What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?

Advance CTE was established to represent state leaders from secondary, postsecondary, and adult career technical education (CTE) across the nation. The consortium, through leadership, advocacy, and partnerships, supports innovative CTE systems that prepare individuals to succeed in education and their careers and works to position the United States to flourish in a global, dynamic economy.

The consortium also supports visionary state leadership, cultivates best practices, and speaks with a collective voice on national policy to promote academic and technical excellence that ensures a career ready workforce. Members and the CTE community are provided with vital tools, resources, and timely information required to support high-quality CTE.

Advance CTE hosts a range of events and provides information and resources throughout the year to serve the CTE community. Advance CTE news, views, and events keep CTE interests on the forefront in Washington D.C. and across the nation.

6. Are training or educational/ research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail.

Yes, benefits include exchanged Research & Information, Marketing & Promotional Materials, Professional Development, Government Policies, and State News on CTE. Other benefits include Custom Reports and Comparative Capabilities for all CTE Profiles, CTE & Career Cluster Brand Identity Programs, authorized user agreements and guidelines, along with Digital

Artwork for CTE and Career Cluster Logos. Also provided with the membership is Marketing for the CTE Works campaign.

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.

NO

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.)

Jeffry Beard, State CTE Director - Member

Diane Lewis, Education Consultant II - Member

Chrissy Vander Hook, Senior Program Coordinator & OCR MOA Coordinator - Member

Stephanie Gray-Lemay, Education Consultant II - Member

Nicole Levesque, Program Specialist IV - Member

10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.

Negative impact includes, but is not limited to:

- *Reduced or non-existing communication regarding upcoming legislation.*
- *Loss of regular communication around critical issues and topics impacting New Hampshire at both the State and local levels.*
- *Loss of collaboration with other state directors and CTE leaders across the nation will also negatively impact NH.*
- *Loss of receiving timely notifications of materials available to states for marketing of CTE programs, professional development events and procedure updates.*
- *Forfeiture of an effective liaison between NH Department of Education, Career Development Bureau, and United States Department of Education, as well as legislators on Capitol Hill.*

Respectfully submitted,



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INVOICE 2025-0024

DATE 07/01/2024

DUE DATE 07/31/2024

DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Seat 1 (Jeff Beard) State Membership Seats (5 Included) Additional seats are \$75 per seat.	1	0.00	0.00
Seat 3 (Diane Lewis) State Membership Seats (5 Included) Additional seats are \$75 per seat.	1	0.00	0.00
Seat 4 (Nicole Levesque) State Membership Seats (5 Included) Additional seats are \$75 per seat.	1	0.00	0.00
Seat 5 (Chrissy Vander Hook) State Membership Seats (5 Included) Additional seats are \$75 per seat.	1	0.00	0.00
Seat 6 (Stephanie Gray-Lemay) State Membership Seats (5 Included) Additional seats are \$75 per seat.	1	0.00	0.00
State Membership Dues	1	6,662.00	6,662.00

Invoice updated on 5/3/2024

TOTAL DUE \$6,662.00