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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

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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 Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services, to make unencumbered payments to the providers listed in Attachment A in an amount not to exceed $91,503 for proficiency testing in the Public Health Laboratories, effective upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2026. Source of Funds: 74% Federal Funds, 23% General Funds and 3% Other Funds (Water Lab Fees).

Funds are available in the following accounts for State Fiscal Year 2025 and are anticipated to be available in State Fiscal Year 2026, upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds in the future operating budget, with the authority to adjust encumbrances between state fiscal years through the Budget Office, if needed and justified. *See attached fiscal details.*

EXPLANATION

The purpose of this request is for the Department's Public Health Laboratories to participate in a proficiency testing program to confirm the accuracy of testing performed in the laboratory. The proficiency testing program is conducted in accordance with the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of the Federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CLIA), the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Institute, the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) standards 17025:2017, which accredits and certifies the Public Health Laboratories to perform laboratory testing on clinical, animal, and environmental samples and specimens.

The proficiency testing program is transactional in nature, there are no direct services provided to clients or to the Department. The following testing is performed to comply with the relevant standards and organizations that have oversight:

1. Samples requiring testing are sent to the Public Health Laboratories, upon request.
2. The Public Health Laboratory tests the samples using standard procedures and equipment.
3. The Public Health Laboratory sends the samples to the issuing proficiency agency.
4. The proficiency agency reviews the test, compares the results to other participants and provides a grade to the Public Health Laboratory.

Proficiency testing program providers are laboratories, businesses, and organizations that have been approved under the CLIA regulations or other federal agencies to provide proficiency-testing programs for the scope of testing performed at the Public Health Laboratories. They are selected based on their ability

to achieve ISO/IEC 17043 accreditation and may specialize in only a single proficiency or a group of proficiencies. There is no single source for all proficiency materials that are required by the Public Health Laboratories. Federal agencies have identified and approved the proficiency testing program providers on the attached list, to provide specific proficiency testing for the Public Health Laboratories. The Department is requesting to make unencumbered payments to these providers as necessary, rather than creating contracts, due to the high volume and time sensitive nature of each request.

Should the Governor and Council not authorize this request, the Public Health Laboratories will not be able to comply with licensing regulations and test for infectious diseases, foodborne pathogens, and biological and chemical agents, among other analyses.

Areas served: Statewide

Source of Funds: ALN #93.070, FAIN #NU88EH001327, ALN #93.103, FAIN #U19FD007070, and ALN #93.323, FAIN #NU50CK000522, ALN#93.069 FAIN# NU90TP922018, ALN 93.136 FAIN NU17CE10211.

In the event that Federal Funds become no longer available, additional General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully Submitted,

FOR

Lori A. Weaver
Commissioner

05-95-90-903010-8280 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS: PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION, BUREAU OF LABORATORY SERVICES, BIOMONITORING GRANT
100% FEDERAL FUNDS

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Job Number	Total Amount
2025	020-500239	Current Expenses	90082800	$2,637
2026	020-500239	Current Expenses	90082800	$2,900
		SubTotal:		$5,537

05-95-90-903510-1114 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS: PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION, BUREAU OF EMERG PREP RESPONSE & RECOV , PH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
65% FEDERAL FUNDS, 35% GENERAL FUNDS

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Job Number	Revised Budget
2025	020-500239	Current Expenses	90077404	$8,773
2025	020-500239	Current Expenses	90077402	$472
2026	020-500239	Current Expenses	90077404	$9,651
2026	020-500239	Current Expenses	90077402	$520
		SubTotal:		$19,416

05-95-90-903010-7966 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS: PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION, BUREAU OF LABORATORY SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORIES
66% FEDERAL FUNDS, 28% GENERAL FUNDS, 5% OTHER FUNDS

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Job Number	Revised Budget
2025	020-500239	Current Expenses	90059000	$15,556
2025	020-500239	Current Expenses	90187700	$7,961
2026	020-500239	Current Expenses	90059000	$17,111
2026	020-500239	Current Expenses	90187700	$8,757
		SubTotal:		$49,385

05-95-90-903010-1901 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES. DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS: PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION, BUREAU OF LABORATORY SERVICES, ELC CARES, COVID-19
100% FEDERAL FUNDS

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Job Number	Revised Budget
2025	020-500239	Current Expenses	90183538	$1,275
2026	020-500239	Current Expenses	90183538	$1,402
		SubTotal:		$2,677

05-95-90-902010-5040 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES. DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS: PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION, BUREAU OF FAMILY HEALTH & NUTRITION, OPIOID SURVEILLANCE
100% FEDERAL FUNDS

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Job Number	Revised Budget
2025	020-500239	Current Expenses	90050403	$3,300
2026	020-500239	Current Expenses	90050403	$3,630
		SubTotal:		$6,930

05-95-90-903010-8276 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES. DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS: PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION, BUREAU OF LABORATORY SERVICES, FOOD EMERGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK
100% FEDERAL FUNDS

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Job Number	Revised Budget
2025	020-500239	Current Expenses	90069025	$3,599
2026	020-500239	Current Expenses	90069025	$3,959
		SubTotal:		$7,558
		TOTALS		$91,503

Attachment A
Bureau of Laboratory Services
Listing of Proficiency Vendors

Vendor #	Name & address	SFY 25 Estimate	SFY 26 Estimate	Funding Source	$ Assigned SFY 2025	$ Assigned SFY 2026	WAL/PHL
163228 B001	**Absolute Standards, Inc.** 44 Rossotto Dr. Hamden, CT 06514-1335	$3,151.50	$3,466.65	PHL General Funds	$3,151.50	$3,466.65	WAL
171105 B001	**RTI International** 3040 Cornwalls Rd., Research Triangle Park, NC 27709	$3,300.00	$3,630.00	OD2A	$3,300.00	$3,630.00	PHL
169137 B001	**LGC** Jennifer Sgaraglio LGC PT Customer Service Rep, North America API Group – LGC Group 1159 Business Park Drive Traverse City, MI 49686 jsgaraglio@foodpt.com apigroup@lgcgroup.com (855-366-3781 Ext. 3026 (voice) (231-668-9700 (International) 877-779-5984 (Direct Fax) 855-900-5084 (General Fax) http://www.foodpt.com	$6,657.20	$7,322.92	FDA LFFM Micro PHL General Funds	$3,599.20 $3,058.00	$3,959.12 $3,363.80	PHL
170659 B001	**Assoc of American Pesticide Control Officials (AAPCO)** 2414 Elm Drive White Bear Lake, MN 55110	$770.00	$847.00	PHL General Funds	$770.00	$847.00	WAL
168674 B001	**College of American Pathologists (CAP)** 325 Waukegan Road Northfield, IL 60093-2750 847-832-7000 800-323-4040	$12,439.52	$13,683.47	PHL General Funds PHEP Bio HIV Funds	$10,734.36 $472.23 $1,232.92	$11,807.80 $519.45 $1,356.22	PHL
168748 B001	**Environmental Resources Assoc (ERA)** 6000 W. 54th Ave Arvada, CO 80002	$3,351.70	$3,686.87	PHL General Funds	$3,351.70	$3,686.87	WAL
176511 B001	**Insti Natl Desante Publique (INSPQ)** David Bisson, M.Sc. Chemist Programs coordinator External Quality Assessment Schemes and Reference Materials *Centre de toxicologie / INSPQ* 945, Avenue Wolfe Québec, Qc, G1V 5B3 418-650-5115 poste 4649 David.Bisson@inspq.qc.ca www.inspq.qc.ca/ctq/PAQE	$1,171.50	$1,288.65	Biomonitoring	$1,171.50	$1,288.65	PHL

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171536 B001	**Organic Standard Solutions Int'l** PO Box 30712 Charleston, SC 29407	$8,773.18	$9,650.50	PHEP Chem	$8,773.18	$9,650.50	PHL
169351 B001	**PESTICIDE RESIDUE CHECK SAMPLE PROGRAM** State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Bureau of Laboratory Services 2601 Agricultural Dr., STE 150 P. O. Box 783 Madison, WI 53718 (608) 224-4821 (608) 224-4837 FAX Bill to: **Wisconsin Department of Agriculture (WDATCP)** Accounts Receivable Po Box 93423 Milwaukee WI 53293-0423	$110.00	$121.00	PHL General Funds	$110.00	$121.00	WAL
177724 B003	**WSLH Proficiency Testing** 2601 Agriculture Drive Madison, WI 53718 Proficiency Testing Coordinator Amanda.Weiss@slh.wisc.edu 800-462-5261 x51	$2,346.30	$2,580.93	Biomonitoring federal funds PHL General Funds	$541.20 $1,805.10	$595.32 $1,985.61	PHL
164454 B001	**Wadsworth Center – D 218B** Trace Elements Laboratory Biggs Laboratory New York State Department of Health Albany, NY 12201 (518) 402-5563 (office) Bill to: Health Research, Inc. Riverview Center 150 Broadway, Sutie 560 Menands, NY 12204-2719	$924.00	$1,016.40	Biomonitoring	$924.00	$1,016.40	PHL
176001 R001	**FDA NELEOM Shellfish** ThermoFisher Scientific, Remel PO Box 14428 Lenexa, KS 66215-3594	$275.00	$302.50	PHL General Funds	$275.00	$302.50	WAL
171184 R001	**NSI Lab Solutions** 7212 ACC Blvd. Raleigh, NC 27617 nsilabsolutions@antylia.com	$302.50	$332.75	PHL General Funds	$302.50	$332.75	WAL
	Total	**$43,572.40**	**$47,929.64**		**$43,572.39**	**$47,929.64**	

Total for Contract **$91,502.03**