The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

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May 1, 2024

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to enter into a **SOLE SOURCE** agreement with the Strafford Regional Planning Commission (VC# 155570-B001), Rochester, NH, for a total of $6,548, for the *5-Year Update to the New Hampshire Coastal Flood Risk Summary* project, effective as of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026, upon Governor and Council approval. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds are available in the following account.

	FY 2025
03-44-44-442010-6363-102-500731	$6,548

Dept. Environmental Services, Coastal Resilience Infrastructure, Contracts for Program Services

EXPLANATION

NHDES requests approval of a **SOLE SOURCE** agreement with the Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC). This agreement is **SOLE SOURCE** because the SRPC is the only entity that provides municipal planning services to and has established trusted relationships with all five (5) of its member coastal zone municipalities (i.e., Durham, Dover, Madbury, Newmarket, Rollinsford). In addition, SRPC was part of the Advisory Group for the 2019-2020 Coastal Flood Risk Summary. As a result, SRPC is uniquely positioned and qualified to ensure that the needs of its member coastal zone municipalities are met in the update of coastal flood risk science and guidance for New Hampshire.

The purpose of this agreement is to (1) update the New Hampshire Coastal Flood Risk Summary (NHCFRS), in accordance with the requirements of RSA 483:-B:22, and (2) implement inclusive engagement and training to enable use of the NHCFRS. The RSA requires NHDES to convene an Advisory Group of representatives from certain state agencies, and other agencies and organizations, as appropriate, to supervise updates to the 2014 Coastal Risk and Hazard Commission Science and Technical Advisory Panel report, *Sea-Level Rise, Storm Surges, and Extreme Precipitation in Coastal New Hampshire, Analysis of Past and Projected Trends*, at least every five years. This project will result in an updated, externally reviewed, and published New Hampshire Coastal Flood Risk Science report & New Hampshire Coastal Flood Risk Guidance report and associated materials. Additionally, the target audiences in the 17 NH Coastal Zone communities will be engaged and trained to enable use of the NHCFRS.

In the event federal funds become no longer available, general funds will not be requested to support this program. While this agreement is under the $10,000 threshold, it requires G&C approval because SRPC has received more than $10,000 total for other projects to date. The agreement has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General as to form, execution, and content.

We respectfully request your approval.

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

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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 New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services		1.2 State Agency Address 29 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03302-0095	
1.3 Contractor Name Strafford Regional Planning Commission		1.4 Contractor Address 150 Wakefield Street, Ste 12, Rochester, NH 03867	
1.5 Contractor Phone Number 603-994-3500	1.6 Account Unit and Class 03-44-44-442010-6363-102-500731	1.7 Completion Date June 30, 2026	1.8 Price Limitation $6,548
1.9 Contracting Officer for State Agency Jennifer Gilbert, Environmental Program Manager		1.10 State Agency Telephone Number 603-559-0029	
1.11 Contractor Signature Date: 4/19/24		1.12 Name and Title of Contractor Signatory Jennifer Czysz, Executive Director	
1.13 State Agency Signature Date: 5/2/24		1.14 Name and Title of State Agency Signatory Robert R. Scott, Commissioner	
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: Melissa Fales On: 5/6/2024			
1.17 Approval by the Governor and Executive Council *(if applicable)* G&C Item number: G&C Meeting Date:			

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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.

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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.

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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.

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Exhibit A
Special Provisions

Federal Funds paid under this agreement are from a Contract Agreement to the State from the US Department of Commerce (DOC), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration under CFDA # 11.419. All applicable requirements, regulations, provisions, terms and conditions of this Federal Contract Agreement are hereby adopted in full force and effect to the relationship between this Department and the Contractor.

In addition to the General Provisions of Paragraph 1 through 25, the following provisions as required by federal regulations apply to this Agreement:

I) ***Nondiscrimination.*** The Contractor shall comply with 15 CFR part 8 which prohibits discrimination under any program or activity receiving DOC assistance on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender or handicap, and 15 CFR part 20 which prohibits discrimination based on age.

II) ***Financial management***. *The Contractor shall comply with 2 CFR part 200 Subpart D* and the specific standards regarding financial reporting, accounting records, internal control, budget control, allowable cost, source documentation, and cash management outlined therein.

III) ***Allowable costs***. All costs charged to this Agreement shall be eligible, necessary, and reasonable for performing the tasks outlined in the approved project scope of services. The costs, including match, shall be incurred during the period of performance of the project, and shall be allowable, meaning that the costs must conform to specific federal requirements detailed in *2 CFR part 200 Subpart E*.

IV) ***Matching funds***. All matching funds contributed by the Contractor shall conform to the same laws, regulations, and Contract conditions as the federal funds in the Agreement and referenced in *2 CFR part 200 Subpart E*.

V) ***Property Management.*** The Contractor shall comply with the property management and procedures detailed in 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart D.

VI) ***Debarrment and Suspension.*** The Contractor shall comply with 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart C. By signing and submitting the Agreement, the Contractor certifies that they have not been debarred or suspended by a government agency. The Contractor will not make any award or permit any award (subcontract) at any tier to any party which is debarred or suspended or is otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, "Debarment and Suspension.

VII) ***Procurement.*** When purchasing goods or services with contract or match funds, the Contractor shall comply with procurement regulations as detailed in 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart D which include procurement standards, competition, methods of procurement, contract cost and price, agency review, bonding requirements, and contract provisions.

a. Assignment of Subcontracts. The Contractor shall not assign, or otherwise transfer any interest in this contract without the prior written consent of the Contract Owner and the State.

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b. Subcontracts. The Contractor shall:

i. Ensure that every subcontract includes provisions for compliance with Federal and State standards applicable to the contract;

ii. Ensure that every subcontract includes any clauses required by Federal statute and executive orders and their implementing regulations; and

iii. Ensure that subcontractors are aware of requirements imposed upon them by State and Federal statutes and regulations.

VIII) ***Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises.*** The Contractor shall comply with the terms of 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart D, which requires that organizations conduct a competitive procurement process making a good faith effort to utilize goods and services provided by disadvantaged businesses.

IX) ***New Restrictions on Lobbying: Interim Final Rule.*** The Contractor shall comply with the terms of 15 CFR part 28 and 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart E which prohibit the use of federal Contract funds to influence (or attempt to influence) a federal employee, and requires the submission of Standard Form LLL ("Disclosure of Lobbying Activities") if *non*federal funds have been used to influence (or attempt to influence) a federal employee.

X) ***Drug-Free Workplace.*** The Contractor shall comply with the terms of 2 CFR part 1329 which require that as a condition of the Agreement, certification that they maintain a drug-free workplace. By signing and submitting the Agreement, the Contractor e certifies that he or she will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity associated with the Agreement.

XI) ***Bonding requirements.*** The Contractor shall comply with 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart D for construction or facility improvement contracts or subcontracts exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold (currently $150,000), the minimum requirements shall be as follows:

a. A bid guarantee from each bidder equivalent to five percent of the bid price. The "bid guarantee" shall consist of a firm commitment such as a bid bond, certified check, or other negotiable instrument accompanying a bid as assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of his bid, execute such contractual documents as may be required within the time specified.

b. A performance bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A "performance bond" is one executed in connection with a contract to secure fulfillment of all the contractor's obligations under such contract.

c. A payment bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A "payment bond" is one executed in connection with a contract to assure payment as required by law of all persons supplying labor and material in the execution of the work provided for in the contract.

XII) ***Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA).*** The Contractor shall comply with the terms of the FFATA by providing NHDES with their Unique Entity Identifier number, and all applicable Executive Compensation Data information as required under the FFATA. The UEI number is EH6DCUZCN8K3.

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Exhibit B
Scope of Services

Project Title: 5-Year Update to the New Hampshire Coastal Flood Risk Summary

Project Goal: The goals of this project are to (1) update the New Hampshire Coastal Flood Risk Summary (NHCFRS), in accordance with the requirements of RSA 483:-B:22, and (2) implement inclusive engagement and training to enable use of the NHCFRS. The RSA requires NHDES to convene an Advisory Group of representatives from certain state agencies, and other agencies and organizations, as appropriate, to supervise updates to the 2014 Coastal Risk and Hazard Commission Science and Technical Advisory Panel report, Sea-Level Rise, Storm Surges, and Extreme Precipitation in Coastal New Hampshire, Analysis of Past and Projected Trends, at least every five years.

Period of performance: July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026

Task 1: Coastal Flood Risk Summary Advisory Group | July 2024 to December 2025 (Years 1 and 2). SRPC will participate in the Coastal Flood Risk Summary Advisory Group and attend five, two-hour meetings at the NHDES Coastal Program's office. As an Advisory Group member, SRPC will be responsible for reviewing and providing feedback on the Summary's Science and Guidance reports.

Task 2: Development of the Update to the Guidance for Using Scientific Projections Report | March to June 2025 (Years 1 and 2). SRPC will participate in the development of the update to the Guidance report as part of the Development Team, which will include staff from NHDES, NHSG/UNHCE, and RPC. Tasks will include: offering insights into how current guidance has been working and what could help make it more useful; developing ideas based on experience working with their region's municipalities on current guidance, review other ideas, and come to a consensus with Team members on how to update the Guidance report; and participate virtually in at least two meetings with Team members.

Task 3: Development and Implementation of Engagement and Training Plan | June 2025 to June 2026 (Years 2 and 3). SRPC will participate in the development of an inclusive engagement and training plan in partnership with NHDES, NHSG/UNHCE, and RPC that will be used to guide the communications and trainings on the Summary update. SRPC will also participate in the implementation of the inclusive engagement and training plan in partnership with NHDES, NHSG/UNHCE, and RPC with the objective of supporting the 17 NH Coastal Zone communities. SRPC will contribute to the planning, publicizing, and implementing of at least three training events.

Criteria for measuring accountability:

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Contractual costs of $6,548 is requested for NHDES to execute a contract with SRPC, sole source, to participate in Advisory Groups meetings, participate in the Guidance Development with other project partners to update the Guidance report, and develop and implement the project's engagement and training plan with other project partners. Expenses will include: (1) personnel and indirect costs for two staff persons, and (2) travel for one SRPC staff to attend Advisory Group meetings. SRPC will report to NHDES quarterly to ensure progress.

Funding credit and ADA Compliance:

All final work products and outreach materials shall include the NOAA, NHDES and NHCP logos and shall state that "This project was funded, in part, by NOAA's Office for Coastal Management under the Coastal Zone Management Act in conjunction with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Coastal Program." All final work products must meet the applicable Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Title II Regulations to the extent practicable and shall be guided by best practices outlined in the Revised Section 508 Standards of the Rehabilitation Act and the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG). At minimum, final work products shall include sans-serif fonts, underlined and descriptive text links, color best practices, captions for audio and video content, headers in tables, images with alt text, gender-neutral text, and consideration of the Plain Writing Act. Examples of final work products and outreach materials include, but are not limited to, project reports, press releases, newsletter articles, websites, videos and signage.

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Exhibit C
Method of Payment and Contract Price

The State shall pay to the Contractor the total reimbursable program costs in accordance with the following requirements:

Reimbursement requests for program costs shall be made by the Contractor using a payment request form as supplied by the State, which shall be completed and signed by the Contractor. The payment request form shall be accompanied by proper supporting documentation in the amount of each requested disbursement. Documentation of reimbursable costs may include invoices for supplies, equipment, services, contractual services, and a report of personnel, travel and indirect costs. For projects that demonstrate progress solely through the submission of interim progress reports, payments shall be made upon receipt, review and approval of the interim progress report and accompanying payment request form. Payments shall be made to the Contractor no more frequently than monthly.

The total reimbursement shall not exceed the grant award of $6,548.

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CERTIFICATE OF VOTE

I, Peter Nelson., hereby certify that I am duly elected Secretary/Treasurer of Strafford Regional Planning Commission. I hereby certify the following is a true copy of a vote taken at a meeting of the Strafford Regional Planning Commission's Executive Committee, duly called and held on August 19, 2023, at which a quorum of members was present and voting.

> **VOTED**: That the Executive Director, or in his/her absence, the Acting Executive Director, be authorized to file applications with federal, state and local governmental units, and other agencies and organizations to implement Strafford Regional Planning Commission's work program, and to execute agreements to receive funds for such purposes.

The following person has been appointed to and now occupies the office specified in the vote above: Executive Director Jennifer Czysz

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 Certificate of Vote. 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: April 19, 2024

ATTEST:

Peter Nelson

Peter Nelson, Vice Chair, Strafford Regional Planning Commission

State of New Hampshire, County of Strafford

On this the 19 day of April 2024, before me, Peter Nelson personally appeared, who acknowledged himself to be the Vice Chair of the Strafford Regional Planning Commission, being authorized so to do, execute the foregoing instrument for the purpose therein contained.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal.

Notary Public

(seal)

Megan E. Taylor-Fetter

State of New Hampshire

Notary Public - Justice of the Peace

My Commission Expires March 3, 2026

Primex³
NH Public Risk Management Exchange

CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE

The New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange (Primex³) is organized under the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 5-B, Pooled Risk Management Programs. In accordance with those statutes, its Trust Agreement and bylaws, Primex³ is authorized to provide pooled risk management programs established for the benefit of political subdivisions in the State of New Hampshire.

Each member of Primex³ is entitled to the categories of coverage set forth below. In addition, Primex³ may extend the same coverage to non-members. However, any coverage extended to a non-member is subject to all of the terms, conditions, exclusions, amendments, rules, policies and procedures that are applicable to the members of Primex³, including but not limited to the final and binding resolution of all claims and coverage disputes before the Primex³ Board of Trustees. The Additional Covered Party's per occurrence limit shall be deemed included in the Member's per occurrence limit, and therefore shall reduce the Member's limit of liability as set forth by the Coverage Documents and Declarations. The limit shown may have been reduced by claims paid on behalf of the member. General Liability coverage is limited to Coverage A (Personal Injury Liability) and Coverage B (Property Damage Liability) only, Coverage's C (Public Officials Errors and Omissions), D (Unfair Employment Practices), E (Employee Benefit Liability) and F (Educator's Legal Liability Claims-Made Coverage) are excluded from this provision of coverage.

The below named entity is a member in good standing of the New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange. The coverage provided may, however, be revised at any time by the actions of Primex³. As of the date this certificate is issued, the information set out below accurately reflects the categories of coverage established for the current coverage year.

This Certificate is issued as a matter of information only and confers no rights upon the certificate holder. This certificate does not amend, extend, or alter the coverage afforded by the coverage categories listed below.

Participating Member:	*Member Number:*	*Company Affording Coverage:*
Strafford Regional Planning Commission 150 Wakefield Street, Suite 12 Rochester, NH 03867	562	NH Public Risk Management Exchange - Primex³ PO Box 23 Hooksett, NH 03106-9716

Type of Coverage	*Effective Date (mm/dd/yyyy)*	*Expiration Date (mm/dd/yyyy)*	*Limits - NH Statutory Limits May Apply, If Not:*	
X **General Liability (Occurrence Form)**	7/1/2023	7/1/2024	Each Occurrence	$ 2,000,000
Professional Liability (describe)			General Aggregate	$ 10,000,000
☐ Claims Made ☐ Occurrence			Fire Damage (Any one fire)	
			Med Exp (Any one person)	
X **Automobile Liability** Deductible Comp and Coll: $1,000	7/1/2023	7/1/2024	Combined Single Limit (Each Accident)	$2,000,000
Any auto			Aggregate	$10,000,000
X **Workers' Compensation & Employers' Liability**	1/1/2024	1/1/2025	X Statutory	
			Each Accident	$2,000,000
			Disease – Each Employee	$2,000,000
			Disease – Policy Limit	
X **Property (Special Risk includes Fire and Theft)**	7/1/2023	7/1/2024	Blanket Limit, Replacement Cost (unless otherwise stated)	Deductible: $1,000

Description: Proof of Primex Member coverage only. Pollution and hazardous waste related liabilities, expenses and claims are excluded from coverage in the coverage document.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER:		Additional Covered Party		Loss Payee	Primex³ – NH Public Risk Management Exchange
					By: *Mary Beth Purcell*
State of NH Department of Environmental Services 29 Hazen Dr. PO Box 95 Concord, NH 03302					Date: 4/16/2024 mpurcell@nhprimex.org Please direct inquires to: **Primex³ Claims/Coverage Services** **603-225-2841 phone** **603-228-3833 fax**

Attachment A
Budget Estimate
Strafford Regional Planning Commission

Item	Federal	Non-Federal	*Match Type (C/K)	Total
Personnel	$2,995			$2,995
Fringe				
Equipment				
Travel	$135			$135
Supplies				
Sub-Contractual				
Construction				
Other				
Indirect	$3,418			$3,418
TOTALS	**$6,548**			**$6,548**

* Match Type: Indicate "C" is cash match; "K" if in-kind