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

REQUESTED ACTION

The New Hampshire Department of Energy (Department) requests authority to continue its membership and participation in the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO), Vendor #170418, for an amount of \$4,685.75, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval for the period October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds.**

Funding is available in account State Energy Program, Organizational Dues, as follows:

	<u>FY 2025</u>
02-52-52-520510-33520000-026-500251 Organizational Dues	\$4,685.75

EXPLANATION

Approval of this request will enable the department to pay annual membership dues to the National Association of State Energy officials (NASEO). NASEO support the energy policy, planning and program efforts of the 56 state energy offices, territories, and the District of Columbia. NASEO facilitates regional discussions for states to share best practices on energy policies and programs; works on behalf of the States and Territories with many federal agencies, such as the US Department of Energy, US Department of Homeland Security, and the Environmental Protection Agency; and provides support for the state’s electric sector planning and access to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), as well as other initiatives. NASEO has been instrumental in assisting the state in planning for and operationalizing funds from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). A copy of the invoice is attached for your review.

1. **How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?** NASEO was formed in 1986 and New Hampshire has been a member since 1986.
2. **Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to?** There are no other national organizations that support state energy officials.
3. **How many other states belong to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?** All 50 states, Washington DC, and 5 territories.
4. **How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc.)** There is a base amount of \$4,259.77 paid by every state, with an additional \$212.99 paid per Congressional district in the state. With two Congressional districts, New Hampshire’s rate comes to \$4,259.77 + (\$212.99 X 2) = \$4,685.75 Elements of the dues are indexed to inflation and

rounded up or down to the whole penny where needed.

5. **What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?** New Hampshire receives regular updates on actions in Washington DC impacting funding and program requirements, educational resources for staff, technical expertise and advice on programs, and advocacy in Washington DC at the federal agencies.
6. **Are training or educational/ research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail.** Indirectly. Membership allows participation in a variety of learning opportunities, round tables, and panels via phone or platforms such as Zoom.
7. **Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? Explain.** Membership is not required to receive any federal grants or required in order 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 in 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?)** Membership is for the department as a whole, however the staff members that have the most interaction are Christopher Ellms, Joshua Elliott, Ashley Hamilton, Tyler Minnich, Michael Angiulo, and Paige Relf.
10. **Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.** New Hampshire would lose access to the valuable resources that NASEO provides, such as educational resources for staff, and technical expertise and advice on programs.

Your consideration of our request is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jared S. Chicoine". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Jared S. Chicoine
Commissioner

Attachment: NASEO invoice



NASEO Annual Membership Dues Invoice

INVOICE #: 2025-0033

DATE: June 10, 2024

TO:

Josh Elliott
Director, Division of Policy and Programs
New Hampshire Department of Energy
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301

SEND CHECK PAYMENT TO:

NASEO
1300 North 17th Street
Suite 1275
Arlington, Virginia 22209

ACH/EFT/Wire PAYMENT:

Bank of America
2601 North Clarendon Boulevard
Arlington, Virginia 22201
ABA#: 051000017
Account#: 004353998276

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please select the appropriate level of dues payment for your office and mail payment to the address above. Payments can also be submitted via ACH/EFT/Wire using the Bank of America routing and account number above. To ensure proper posting, please send an email notification with your account number to: financing@naseo.org.

Online credit card payments can be made at: <https://naseo.org/payments>. We are able to customize dues and meeting fee packages upon request. Contact Shemika Spencer at: sspencer@naseo.org with any questions.

DESCRIPTION	DUES AMOUNT
<input type="checkbox"/> FY'25 Member Dues (10/01/2024-09/30/2025)	\$4,685.75
<input type="checkbox"/> FY'25 Member Dues, Plus One Year Meeting Fees (\$1,450.00)	\$6,135.75
<input type="checkbox"/> FY'25-26 Member Dues (10/01/2024-09/30/2026)	\$168.69 \$9,371.49
<input type="checkbox"/> FY'25-26 Member Dues, Plus Two Years Meeting Fees (\$2,900.00)	\$12,271.49

*Savings reflect estimated COLA dues increase.