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# State of New Hampshire

## Banking Department

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August 30, 2024

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

### REQUESTED ACTION

The New Hampshire Banking Department (NHBD) respectfully requests authority to continue its membership and participation in the Conference of State Bank Supervisors (CSBS), Vendor Number 170735, in the amount of \$41,230, effective upon Governor and Council approval **retroactive** for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. **100% Other Funds (Assessment Fees).**

Funds to support this request are available in account, Banking and Consumer Credit Division, as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>
010-072-072-720010-20460000-026-500251	Organizational Dues	\$27,476.50
010-072-072-720510-20430000-026-500251	Organizational Dues	<u>\$13,753.50</u>
	Total	\$41,230.00

### EXPLANATION

This request is **retroactive** due to how the dues are calculated. The CSBS invoices NHBD after Fiscal Year End closes as final numbers are used in the calculation to determine the amount of dues, as explained in more detail below. The CSBS assists the 50 state banking departments in many areas of operation, regulation, and education. These include, but are not limited to, pooling multi-state resources, coordinating supervisory issues, tracking federal bank regulatory proposals and rule-making activities, and filing comments on behalf of the state banking departments. Also, CSBS provides quality education for state examiners and other regulatory personnel within the NHBD. The educational opportunities offered by CSBS are uniquely tailored to the specific needs of the state banking departments and are not replicated by the federal agencies.

<sup>7</sup>The NHBD's involvement has been very positive and has greatly assisted the agency in meeting its stated objectives for the state banking system and New Hampshire consumers.

The following are the standard organization dues and membership questions and answers for Governor and Council approval.

1. How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?

CSBS was founded in 1902. CSBS is the professional association of state officials responsible for chartering, regulating, and supervising the nation's state-chartered banks and state-licensed branches and agencies of foreign banks.

Its mission is to maintain the state system as the charter of choice for financial institutions, protect and advance our nation's dual banking system, and promote efficient and effective supervision. It represents the interests of all state bank supervisors before US Congress and acts as a liaison between state agencies and the other banking regulatory agencies. NHBD has been a member since 1914.

In addition to the services it provides to support the regulation of banks, CSBS supports the regulation of consumer credit companies, especially the mortgage banker, broker and servicer companies licensed by the NHBD. CSBS offers invaluable training to the NHBD Consumer Credit Division (CCD) and supports regulators' positions with Congress in the consumer finance area.

In 2008, CSBS created the Nationwide Multi-State Licensing System (NMLS), the sole system of licensure of state-licensed mortgage companies for 58 state agencies and the sole system of licensure of state-licensed mortgage loan originators for 59 state and territorial agencies. Over half of the states also manage additional license types through the system for the businesses they regulate. The NMLS is also the system of record for the registration of depositories, subsidiaries, and mortgage loan originators of the depositories pursuant to the SAFE Mortgage Licensing Act.

In addition, CSBS operates the State Examination System (SES). The SES creates a more comprehensive and efficient examination process by facilitating the communication between regulatory agencies and licensed or chartered companies. Further, the SES enables the sharing of information between regulators about the examination process, allowing New Hampshire to leverage other state's examination resources to improve the efficiency of the exam. The Banking Department also uses SES to track consumer complaints.

2. Is there any other organization that provides the same or similar benefits to which your agency belongs?

CSBS is the only organization dedicated to the defense and promotion of the state banking charter.

In the Consumer Credit arena, there are three much smaller and much less influential organizations, American Association of Residential Mortgage Regulators (AARMR), National Association of Consumer Credit Administrators (NACCA) and Money Transmitter Regulators Association (MTRA), that promote states' interests in specific areas of financial industry regulation. Dues to these bodies are minimal and allow us to obtain some training and to interact with other states on specific regulatory problems in industries such as money transmitter organizations and consumer finance/automobile lending companies.

3. How many other states belong to this organization, and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?

CSBS is the nationwide organization of financial regulators from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands.

NHBD is the sole member of the State of New Hampshire due to the purpose of this organization.

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

CSBS membership is on a fiscal year basis (July 1 – June 30); “Supervisory Dues,” are calculated based on the portion of each state banking agency’s budget dedicated to the regulation of insured depository institutions (banks only) and then indexed to an inflation calculation each year. “Non-Depository Dues,” are calculated based on the portion of each state banking agency’s budget dedicated to the regulation of non-bank institutions, including mortgage lenders, brokers and servicers, consumer credit, non-depository trusts, debt collectors, and money service businesses. The department’s budget is separated into two divisions: Banking Division, which regulates depository banks, credit unions, and non-depository trusts companies; and Consumer Credit Division, which regulates debt adjusters, mortgage bankers, brokers, money transmitters, sales finance companies, small loan lenders, and retail sellers. Since the Banking Division regulates non-depository trusts, a portion of the Non-Depository Dues is allocated to the Banking Division.

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

Membership allows interaction with other state and federal agencies and to have representation in challenging situations. CSBS provides educational/developmental opportunities, organizes communication sessions for the collective group of members, represents the interests of state financial regulators to federal and state policymakers and regulatory agencies, and offers accreditation programs. Membership promotes greater collaboration with our sister states. Also, serving on CSBS sponsored committees gives us insight into emerging issues and problem company concerns, which helps keep small states as New Hampshire informed.

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

Educational/research materials include conferences, schools and programs, informational webinars, teleconferences, numerous publications, press releases, and facts/figures. CSBS holds numerous teleconferences throughout the year where members/participants phone in from around the country; discussion topics include circumstances that collectively impact the regulatory system and allow participants to share and gain important information. There are some training costs that CSBS membership does not cover – these are more fully described in the following paragraphs.

CSBS offers an online training module. Since this module’s introduction in 2010, NHBD examiners have completed hundreds of online trainings. Research materials are provided for each training module free of charge. NHBD participated in numerous online webinars during the fiscal year.

7. Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? Explain.

The answer to this question is currently “no” relative to NHBD’s Banking Division.

CCD regulates non-bank mortgage companies (brokers, bankers and servicers). In 2009, the Federal SAFE Act required all mortgage loan originators (MLOs) to be licensed in the states where they originate mortgages. If a state failed to provide a licensing scheme, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), whose duties have now been taken over by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), would license and regulate that state’s MLOs. New Hampshire participates, along with all the other states, in the CSBS developed Nationwide Multi-State Licensing System (NMLS) to license mortgage companies and originators. The states were also required by the SAFE Act to have a system of regulation and examination in place that is to be judged by the CFPB as “adequate” for regulating this industry. The benchmark to be used is the “accreditation” of the agency by CSBS. We need to be members of CSBS to keep this required accreditation.

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.

Generally, no; however, the membership fee allows participation in some CSBS-sponsored classes where CSBS covers the tuition and travel costs. NHBD personnel generally attend district meetings (held twice annually, currently through teleconferencing) and participate in other conferences or training events via remote technologies.

9. Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? (Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members, and officers of the organization.)

The Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, Director of the Banking Division, Director of Trust Supervision, as well as Trust Supervision and Banking Division examiners are directly involved with CSBS. The Director of Consumer Credit, CCD examiners and licensing personnel are directly involved with CSBS. All Banking Department staff participate in training opportunities from CSBS. Several Banking Department staff members across all divisions at the Banking Department are involved in various CSBS working groups and committees. The Commissioner is a member of the NMLS Policy Committee for CSBS. The Director of Trust Supervision is a committee member of the Non- Depository Trust Working Group. Members of our legal team occasionally serve on working group committees.

CSBS is governed by a set of corporate bylaws and a Board of Directors, which is composed of 20 supervisors. The individual states are represented on the Board by six elected Officers and District Chairmen from five geographic districts, appointed committee chairs, and two at large members. The Board of Directors has supervision, control and direction of the affairs of the Conference, its affiliates, its committees and publications, and shall determine its policies and actively prosecute its objectives.

Regulator members include all 50 state regulatory departments plus those of several territories. Regulators are the voting members of CSBS.

The CSBS Bankers Advisory Board provides the Board of Directors with the industry’s perspective and works within the banking industry to promote common goals. The chairman of the Bankers Advisory Board is an ex-officio non-voting member of the Board of Directors.

**Affiliated Entities:**

In 1984, CSBS helped create the Education Foundation of State Bank Supervisors (EFSBS). The membership of EFSBS is the same as CSBS, and the two entities interact extensively. The purposes of EFSBS are to fund and direct the education and training efforts of the professional development staff of CSBS.

In 2006, the Conference of State Bank Supervisors and the American Association of Residential Mortgage Regulators formed the State Regulatory Registry, LLC, a limited liability corporation, to oversee the development and operations of a nationwide licensing system and database for the residential mortgage industry. The SRR Board of Managers reports to the CSBS Board of Directors and is responsible for all policy matters governing NMLS.

**Standing Committees:**

CSBS has many standing committees, including but not limited to the Executive Committee, Nominating Committee, Legislative Committee, Regulatory Committee, Personnel and Compensation Committee, and State Supervisory Processes Committee.

**10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the state if the agency did not belong to this organization.**

To effectively fulfill its mission, NHBD must continue to interact and partner with other regulators at the state and federal levels. This is a key and lasting characteristic of the financial institution's regulatory system. CSBS facilitates this interaction relative to banks; the National Association of State Credit Union Supervisors (NASCUS) accomplishes a similar mission relative to credit unions. Regulation and supervision are not stagnant – it evolves and changes, often-times to a significant degree. Consistency is imperative.

Discontinuing NHBD's membership would result in the following, detrimental impacts:

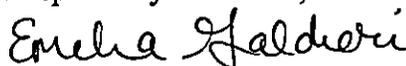
- ability to defend NHBD's interests, particularly on a national scale, would be significantly reduced;
- loss of mechanism for collective communications with our peers (regulators from other states);
- loss of the efficient facilitation of examinations through the SES;
- loss of centralized information source regarding current and emerging regulatory issues; and
- loss of training/developmental/information sharing opportunities.

In summary, NHBD would undoubtedly become more isolated and would lose efficiencies and effectiveness in its ability to regulate its chartered and licensed institutions.

A copy of the invoices are attached for your review.

Your consideration of our request is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



Emelia A. Galdieri  
Bank Commissioner

Enclosure



INVOICE

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Invoice #            INV4984  
Date                 8/8/2024  
Account #           5747

**BILL TO**

New Hampshire Banking Department  
53 Regional Drive  
Suite 200  
Concord NH 03301

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
2024 Supervisory Dues for the period 7/1/2024 through 6/30/2025	\$14,923.00

Total	\$14,923.00
Amount Paid	\$0.00
Amount Open	\$14,923.00

*For billing inquiries, please send an email to [accounting@csbs.org](mailto:accounting@csbs.org)*

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INVOICE

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Date                         8/8/2024  
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New Hampshire Banking Department  
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DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
2024 Non-depository Dues for the period 7/1/2024 through 6/30/2025	\$26,307.00

Total	\$26,307.00
Amount Paid	\$0.00
Amount Open	\$26,307.00

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