



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services



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Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

August 29, 2025

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
 and the Honorable Council
 State House
 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to amend a **SOLE SOURCE** contract (PO# 1097314) with Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM) (VC# 161746-B001), Boston, Massachusetts for services related to the analysis and reporting of economic impacts for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) "Climate Pollution Reduction Grant" program by (1) extending the project completion date to August 31, 2027 from January 31, 2026, (2) increasing the contract amount by \$112,500 to \$255,500 from \$143,000, and (3) revising the Scope of Services to include additional tasks, effective upon Governor and Council approval through August 31, 2027. The original agreement was approved by the Governor & Council on December 20, 2023, Item #114 and amended on June 26, 2024, Item #5-I, and on December 18, 2024, Item 90. 100% Federal Funds.

Funding is available in the following account with the authority to adjust encumbrances in each of the State fiscal years through the Budget office, if needed and justified. Funding for FY2028 is contingent upon continued appropriation and availability of funds.

	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	<u>FY 2028</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
03-44-44-443010-5639-102-500731	\$70,000	\$20,000	\$22,500	\$112,500
Dept. of Environmental Services, AIR IRA Grant – Pollution Reduc, Contracts for Program Services				

EXPLANATION

NHDES requests approval of this amendment to provide additional time and funding to complete existing and supplemental tasks to the agreed upon scope of services. A copy of the amended original agreement is attached. This amendment is **SOLE SOURCE** because NESCAUM is uniquely qualified and experienced to perform the analysis and reporting necessary for this comprehensive work. NHDES needs to perform the additional tasks proposed in this amendment in order to meet the next deliverable in the CPRG Planning Grant program, which is the submission of the "Voluntary Emissions Reduction Resource Guide" to the EPA by December 1, 2025.

NHDES is in the position of needing this amendment largely due to the departure of a key staff individual who was previously assigned to lead the project. NHDES believes this contract amendment would use less funds than the cost of immediately hiring a new state employee. There also would be timing issues with onboarding and training a new employee before the next deliverable deadline of December 1, 2025 whereas NESCAUM is familiar with this project and is able to complete the deliverable on time.

The purpose of the original agreement was for NESCAUM to assist NHDES with the required economic analysis aspects of the federally funded \$3 million CPRG Planning Grant. The subsequent amendments have kept the work progressing forward by providing for continuity with existing partners. This amendment is necessary to provide additional funding and adjust the scope of services since the project requires additional economic

analyses for the statewide benefits of reducing air emissions along with a separate workforce analysis on New Hampshire's ability to implement those voluntary reductions.

NHDES successfully submitted the first of three deliverables to the EPA on March 1, 2024. Its successful completion and NHDES's commitment to submit a subsequent comprehensive plan as the second deliverable enabled NHDES to participate in a multistate (ME, NH, MA, RI, CT) application for \$450 million in CPRG implementation funding to accelerate adoption of heat pumps across the region. NHDES would not have received funding through the New England Heat Pump Accelerator (NEHPA) program if it was not for its timely submission of the first deliverable to the EPA for the CPRG Planning Grant.

The purpose of submitting the Voluntary Emissions Reduction Resource Guide as the second deliverable to the EPA is so that NHDES can help New Hampshire communities adopt these practices on a voluntary basis. This resource guide does not mandate any actions but rather highlights other state plans and programs so that New Hampshire communities can have the choice in benefiting from this resource guide's adoption. By submitting this resource guide to EPA, NHDES will be best positioned to offer technical assistance and outreach to New Hampshire's communities by providing sound and accurate data with the support from NESCAUM and other partners.

To date, \$102,875.62 of the original agreement amount of \$143,000 has been spent. Total amended project costs are \$255,500. NHDES will provide 100% of the project costs through the federal grant. If federal funds become no longer available, general funds will not be requested to support the project.

The amendment has been approved by the Office of Attorney General as to form, substance, and execution.

We respectfully request your approval.


Robert R. Scott
Commissioner

**AMENDMENT #3
TO CONTRACT
BETWEEN
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
AND
NORTHEAST STATES FOR COORDINATED AIR USE MANAGEMENT (NESCAUM)**

ECONOMIC IMPACT AND BENEFIT ANALYSIS FOR THE NH COMPREHENSIVE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

WHEREAS in 2023, NHDES has entered into a Sole Source Agreement with the Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM) in the amount of \$60,000 for provision of an economic analysis on the benefits of reducing air emissions along with other air pollutants in low income and disadvantaged communities which was approved by Governor and Council on December 20, 2023, as Item 114.

WHEREAS in 2024, NHDES executed a Sole Source Amendment 1 to the Agreement to extend the agreement completion date from June 30, 2024, to June 30, 2025, which was approved by Governor and Council on June 26, 2024, as Item 51.

WHEREAS in 2024, NHDES executed a Sole Source Amendment 2 to the Agreement by (1) extending the project completion date to January 31, 2026 from June 30, 2025, (2) increasing the contract amount by \$83,000 to \$143,000 from \$60,000, and (3) revising Exhibit B Scope of Services to include additional tasks. All of which was approved by Governor and Council on December 18, 2024, as Item 90.

NOW THEREFORE, amend the original agreement between NHDES and NESCAUM as approved by the Governor and Council on December 20, 2023, as Item #114 and amended on June 26, 2024, as Item 51, and amended on December 18, 2024, as Item 90 in the following manner to provide an additional \$112,500 to continue ongoing work and to allow for an air emissions projection analyses on both near term (2026-2030) and long term (2026-2050) implementation scenarios, along with providing a final quality assurance and quality control check on the final data analyses for the plan's air emissions reduction measures, and to provide final editing and stylization to the document as well. All while extending the end date of the Agreement to August 31, 2027.

Change section 1.7 (Completion Date) in the General Provisions of the Agreement to read: August 31, 2027

Change section 1.8 (Price Limitation) in the General Provision of the Agreement to read: \$255,500.

Replace Exhibit B.1 Dated: October 22, 2024 Scope of Services with Exhibit B.2 Dated: August 22, 2025 Scope of Services, which is incorporated herein by reference which allows for an air emissions projection analyses on both near term (2026-2030) and long term (2026-2050) implementation scenarios, along with providing a final quality assurance and quality control check on the final data analyses for the plan's air emissions reduction measures, and to provide final editing and stylization to the document as well.

Revise Exhibit C METHOD OF PAYMENT first sentence to read: 1) Payments under this contract are not to exceed \$255,500 for the services provided by the contractor pursuant to Exhibit B.2 Dated: August 22, 2025 Scope of Services.

All other conditions outlined in the contract shall remain in effect.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

By: 
Robert R. Scott, Commissioner
Department of Environmental Services

NORTHEAST STATES
FOR COORDINATED AIR USE
MANAGEMENT (NESCAUM)

By: 
Name: Katharine Deuel
NESCAUM

Approval by OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL:
As to form, substance, and execution

Date: 8/29/2025 By: 

Approval by Governor and executive council:

Date: _____ By: _____

EXHIBIT B.2.

Dated: August 22, 2025

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Project Title: Economic Impact Analysis for the New Hampshire Climate Pollution Reduction Grants

Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN): 00AD1353

(Awarded August 18, 2023)

CFDA Number and Name: 66.046, Climate Pollution Reduction Grants

This Scope of Services describes activities that have been agreed to between the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) and Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM) for analysis of economic benefits associated with the implementation of recommended actions of a Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP).

This Contract will become effective upon approval by the Governor and Council through August 31, 2027.

For the purposes of this Contract, NHDES and NESCAUM agree to the following:

1. NHDES shall assign the appropriate staff to coordinate this project with NESCAUM.
2. NESCAUM shall provide a state-wide benefit analyses, low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDAC) benefit analyses, and workforce planning analysis from emission reduction measures developed in response to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grants No. 00A01353. Such analyses shall meet the requirements of the Federal program.
3. NESCAUM shall, using a methodological approach, identify and develop key economic performance indicators to be used in economic impact analyses of the CCAP and document all assumptions, methodology and data sources utilized.
4. NESCAUM shall provide analyses of the economic impacts on the whole state of New Hampshire, LIDACs, and others as identified by NHDES, that would occur should actions developed for the CCAP be implemented. Such analysis shall include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Analysis of the projected economic impacts on various communities from implementation of measures identified in the CCAP.
 - b. Analysis of anticipated workforce shortages that could prevent NHDES from achieving the goals described in the CCAP and identify potential solutions and partners at the state, regional, and/or local level that are equipped to help address those challenges.
5. NESCAUM shall provide GHG emissions projection analyses on both a near-term (2026-2030) and long term (2026-2050) implementation scenario, through NHDES approved modeling applications for the CCAP's GHG emission reduction measures along with a business as usual scenario for each sector.

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6. NESCAUM shall provide quality assurance and quality control on the final data analysis for the CCAP's GHG emission reduction measures, including consistency of near-term (2026-2030) and long term (2026-2050) targets and timelines according to EPA program guidance.
7. NESCAUM shall assist NHDES in providing final editing of the CCAP, ensuring the CCAP complies with EPA report requirements and NHDES publication guidelines, consistency of data and language throughout the entire document, and contribute graphics to stylize brand aesthetics and illustration of data throughout the final version of the CCAP.

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Date: 8/22/25



August 25, 2025

To Whom it May Concern:

I, Glenn Keith, hereby verify as the NESCAUM Treasurer that the NESCAUM Board approved by motion on September 19, 2012 that the NESCAUM Executive Director and Deputy Director are authorized to sign binding contracts on behalf of NESCAUM.

Sincerely,

Glenn Keith
Director, Air and Climate Programs, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
Treasurer, NESCAUM



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services



Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

November 21, 2024

APPROVED G & C
DATE 12/18/2024
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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

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Funding is available in the following account with the authority to adjust encumbrances in each of the State fiscal years through the Budget office, if needed and justified. Funding for FY2026 is contingent upon continued appropriation and availability of funds.

	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
03-44-44-443010-5639-102-500731	\$52,500	\$30,500	\$83,000
Dept. of Environmental Services, AIR IRA Grant – Pollution Reduc, Contracts for Program Services			

EXPLANATION

NHDES requests approval of this amendment to provide additional time and funding to complete supplemental tasks to the agreed upon scope of services. A copy of the amended original agreement is attached. This amendment is **SOLE SOURCE** because NESCAUM is uniquely qualified and experienced to perform the analysis and reporting necessary for this in-depth work. In addition, the additional tasks proposed in this amendment build on the existing tasks which are already in progress. Switching to another vendor would be both financially and logistically impractical.

The purpose of the original contract was for NESCAUM to assist NHDES with the low income and disadvantaged communities economic analysis aspects of the federally funded \$3 million Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG). This amendment is needed as the project will require additional economic analysis for the statewide benefits of reducing air emissions along with a separate workforce analysis on New Hampshire's ability to implement those reductions. These additional requirements are required elements to complete the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan which is due December 1, 2025, and the Status Report which is due August 15, 2027. NHDES successfully submitted the first of three deliverables to the EPA on March 1, 2024. Its successful completion and our commitment to submit a subsequent comprehensive plan enabled NH to participate in a multistate (ME, NH, MA, RI, CT) application for \$450 million in CPRG funding for consumer rebates to install energy efficient heat pumps across the five states, awarded November 1, 2024.

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and the Honorable Council
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To date, \$54,801.99 of the original agreement amount of \$60,000 has been spent. Total amended project costs are \$143,000 NHDES will provide 100% of the project costs through the federal grant. If federal funds become no longer available, general funds will not be requested to support the project.

The amendment has been approved by the Office of Attorney General as to form, substance, and execution.

We respectfully request your approval.

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Robert R. Scott
Commissioner



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services



Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

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June 7, 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 amend a **SOLE SOURCE** contract (PO# 1097314) with Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM), Boston, Massachusetts (VC# 161746-B001) by extending the end date to June 30, 2025 from June 30, 2024, to allow additional time to provide an economic analysis on the benefits of reducing air emissions in low income and disadvantaged communities upon Governor and Council approval. The original agreement was approved by Governor & Council on December 20, 2023, Item #114. This is a no cost time extension. 100% Federal Funds.

EXPLANATION

This time extension is needed as the project has required a compressed timeframe and has not allowed all the planned services by the Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM) to be performed as expected. NHDES successfully submitted the first of three deliverables to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) by submitting the Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) on March 1, 2024. The second deliverable will be the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) which will be due to the EPA in August of 2025. The purpose of this contract has been for NESCAUM to assist NHDES with a required economic analysis of the benefits of the reduction measures. NHDES will use that economic analysis in the development of the CCAP. To date, \$22,595 of the \$60,000 budget has been spent.

The amendment has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General as to form, substance, and execution.

We respectfully request your approval.

Robert R. Scott
Commissioner



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
11/1/2024

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, LLC 145 Otis Street Northboro MA 01532		CONTACT NAME: PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): 800-333-7234 FAX (A/C, No): 781-586-8244 E-MAIL ADDRESS: GGB.Natck.CSR24CL@ajg.com	
INSURED North East States Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM) (NESCAUM) 89 South Street, Suite 602 Boston MA 02111		INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE INSURER A : Arbella Protection Insurance Company NAIC # 41360 INSURER B : Twin City Fire Insurance Company 29459 INSURER C : INSURER D : INSURER E : INSURER F :	

COVERAGES **CERTIFICATE NUMBER: 499118725** **REVISION NUMBER:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

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DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

CERTIFICATE HOLDER **CANCELLATION**

Evidence of coverage	SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.
	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE 



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services



Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

December 1, 2023

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

APPROVED G & C

DATE 12-20-2023

ITEM # 114

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to enter into a **SOLE SOURCE** contract with Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM), Boston, Massachusetts (VC# 161746-B001) totaling \$60,000 for services related to the analysis and reporting of economic impacts, effective upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2024. 100% Federal Funds.

Funding is available in the account as follows:

03-44-44-443010-5639-102-500731

FY 2024

\$60,000

Dept. of Environmental Services, AIR IRA Grant – Pollution Reduc, Contracts for Program Services

EXPLANATION

Under the federal Inflation Reduction Act the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) awarded New Hampshire a \$3 million Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) to create an updated Climate Action Plan. An additional \$4.6 billion in competitive implementation grants will be made available to eligible entities who file a Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) by March 1, 2024. The PCAP must include a preliminary economic analysis of the benefits to low income and disadvantaged communities from reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants. NHDES is proposing this sole source contract with Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM) to conduct this analysis because NESCAUM has done similar analyses for other New England states, has regional data readily available, and is able to complete this analysis for New Hampshire by March 1, 2024. As a regional non-profit association of northeast states, NESCAUM is uniquely qualified to perform this work and NHDES believes that the rates in this contract are below market rates for this type of analysis. The PCAP will provide guidance for effective use of future implementation grants which could support a wide range of projects such as consumer incentives for energy efficiency improvements to homes and buildings, vehicle electrification, and implementation of the next generation of electrical grid technology.

This agreement has been approved as to form, substance, and execution by the Office of the Attorney General. In the event that Federal funds become no longer available General funds will not be requested to support this program.

We respectfully request your approval.

Robert R. Scott
Commissioner

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