



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

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November 18, 2025

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (Department) to pay calendar year 2026 membership dues to the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators (ASDWA), (Vendor Code#173216-B001), Arlington, VA in the amount of \$11,175.00, effective upon Governor & Council approval. 100% Federal Funds.

Funding is available in the account as follows:

| | <u>FY 2026</u> |
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| 03-44-44-442010-2010-026-500251 Dept Environmental Services, Safe Drinking Water Act PPG, Organizational Dues | \$9,000.00 |
| 03-44-44-441010-4718-026-500251 Dept Environmental Services, DWSRF Administration, Organizational Dues | \$2,175.00 |

EXPLANATION

The New Hampshire Drinking Water Program has been a member of ASDWA for more than two decades. ASDWA is a professional organization formed in 1984 to address a growing need for state drinking water program administrators to have national representation. ASDWA has co-regulator status with EPA.

Listed below are answers to standard questions required for Governor and Council organization dues and membership approval submissions:

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

ASDWA is a professional organization formed in 1984. ASDWA's principal activities include representing states on Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) implementation issues; keeping Congress informed on key issues related to drinking water, including appropriations, new legislation, contaminants of concern, and program efficiency and effectiveness; informing states about Federal and state drinking water activities; and providing technical training opportunities to the states. ASDWA is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of a state program administrator from each of the 10 United States Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA) regions, the President, the President-Elect (who may also represent a region), and the Past President. The ASDWA Executive Director serves on the Board as an *ex officio* member. Staff, located in Arlington, VA, manage the daily activities of ASDWA. The Department has been a member for more than two decades.

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

There is no other organization for Safe Drinking Water Act Programs.

3. How many other state's belonging to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?

The Department is the only New Hampshire state agency that is a member of ASDWA. ASDWA members are the drinking water program administrators in the 50 states, territories, the Navajo Nation, and the District of Columbia.

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

State dues for ASDWA are based on a five tier state-by-state breakdown. This five tier breakdown is based on a blend of population and number of public water systems for each state. New Hampshire's membership fee for the 2026 calendar year is \$11,175.

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

Membership provides New Hampshire with an avenue to learn about new developments and to have a voice discussion of important issues affecting the State's 2400+ public water systems. ASDWA has become a respected voice for state primacy agents with Congress, EPA, and other professional organizations. ASDWA's purpose is to support states in their efforts to protect public health through the provision of safe drinking water; collect and make accessible to all state program administrators information and data to assist them in fulfilling their duties; encourage the interchange of experience and information among state drinking water programs; promote responsible, reasonable, and feasible drinking water program requirements at the state and Federal levels; and provide advice, counsel, and expertise to organizations and entities having an interest in drinking water, including Congress, EPA, and other Federal, state, and local organizations.

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

ASDWA has developed a number of publications of interest to the drinking water community. Most can be readily downloaded from the ASDWA website at www.asdwa.org. ASDWA sponsors a variety of webinars each year on a variety of drinking water related topics. In addition, ASDWA has created several

topic specific blogs to offer members and others in the drinking water community more immediate access to news and information from ASDWA.

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

No.

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.

Membership does not require travel and the organization increasingly uses webinars to provide information to members. Typically, a staff person does attend the annual technical conference and the policy meeting, often representing position on the implementation of federal requirements under the Safe Drinking Water Act. When serving on the Board, New Hampshire is partially funded to attend Board meetings. ASDWA also offers training funds for specialty meetings that occur periodically on data management, security, small system compliance, and surface water treatment optimization.

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.)

Brandon Kernan is the Department's Drinking Water and Ground Water Bureau Administrator. He is a member of several numerous committees. In addition, Johnna McKenna participates in the Security Committee.

10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.

The greatest negative impact if New Hampshire were no longer a member would be the loss of early involvement in the development of federal drinking water initiatives and new regulations. Learning from and having working relationships with other state drinking water programs would also be lost.

We respectfully request your approval for this item.



Robert R. Scott
Commissioner



INVOICE

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Invoice No#: B3545
Invoice Date: Nov 3, 2025
Reference: FEIN# 87-0416731
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\$11,175.00 USD
AMOUNT DUE

BILL TO

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| # | ITEMS & DESCRIPTION | QTY/HRS | PRICE | AMOUNT(\$) |
|---|---|---------|--------------|------------------------|
| 1 | 2026 Membership Dues for the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators | 1 | \$11,175.00 | \$11,175.00 |
| | | | Subtotal | \$11,175.00 |
| | | | TOTAL | \$11,175.00 USD |

NOTES TO CUSTOMER

PLEASE RETURN A COPY OF THIS INVOICE WITH PAYMENT

Submit Payment to:
Association of State Drinking Water Administrators
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All major credit cards accepted.