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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health to make unencumbered payments to the providers listed in Attachment A in an amount not to exceed \$94,230 for laboratory proficiency testing for the Public Health Laboratories, effective July 1, 2026, upon Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2028. Source of Funds: 44% Federal Funds, 51% General Funds and 5% Other Funds (Water Lab Fees).

Funds are available in the following accounts for State Fiscal Year 2027 and are anticipated to be available in State Fiscal Year 2028, upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds in the future operation budget, with the authority to adjust amounts between state fiscal years through the Budget Office, if needed and justified.

See attached fiscal details.

EXPLANATION

The purpose of this request is for the Department's Public Health Laboratories to participate in a proficiency testing program to confirm the accuracy of testing performed in the laboratory. The proficiency testing program is conducted in accordance with the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of the Federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CLIA), the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Institute, the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) standards 17025.2017, and the National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP), which accredits and certifies the Public Health Laboratories to perform laboratory testing on clinical, animal, and environmental samples and specimens.

The following procedure is performed to comply with the relevant standards and organizations that have oversight:

1. Samples requiring testing are sent to the Public Health Laboratories, upon request.
2. The Public Health Laboratory tests the samples using standard procedures and equipment.
3. The Public Health Laboratory sends the samples to the issuing proficiency agency.
4. The proficiency agency reviews the test, compares the results to other participants, and provides a grade to the Public Health Laboratory.

The proficiency testing program providers are laboratories, businesses, and organizations that have been approved under the CLIA regulations or other federal agencies to provide proficiency testing programs for

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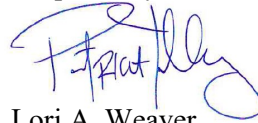
the scope of testing performed at the Public Health Laboratories. They are selected based on their ability to achieve ISO/IEC 17043 accreditation and may specialize in only a single proficiency or a group of proficiencies. There is no single source for all proficiency materials that are required by the Public Health Laboratories, so the Department engages with a number of relevant parties to achieve its needs. Federal agencies have identified and approved the proficiency testing program providers on the attached list, to provide specific proficiency testing for the Public Health Laboratories. The Department is requesting to make unencumbered payments to these providers as necessary, rather than creating contracts, due to the high volume and time sensitive nature of each request.

Should the Governor and Council not authorize this request, the Public Health Laboratories will not be able to comply with licensing regulations or test for infectious diseases, foodborne pathogens, and biological and chemical agents, among other analyses.

Area served: Statewide

Source of Funds: 44% Federal Funds, 51% General Funds and 5% Other Funds (Water Lab Fees).

Respectfully Submitted,



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for:

**05-95-90-903510-1114 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS: PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION, BUREAU OF EMERG PREP RESPONSE & RECOV , PH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
100% Federal Funds**

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Job Number	Revised Budget
2027	020-500239	Current Expenses	90077404	\$7,631
2027	020-500239	Current Expenses	90077402	\$503
2028	020-500239	Current Expenses	90077404	\$8,394
2028	020-500239	Current Expenses	90077402	\$554
		SubTotal:		\$17,081

**05-95-90-903010-7966 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS: PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION, BUREAU OF LABORATORY SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORIES
92% General Funds, 8% Other Funds (Water Lab Fees)**

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Job Number	Revised Budget
2027	020-500239	Current Expenses	90059000	\$12,966
2027	020-500239	Current Expenses	90187700	\$12,013
2028	020-500239	Current Expenses	90059000	\$14,263
2028	020-500239	Current Expenses	90187700	\$13,216
		SubTotal:		\$52,459

**05-95-90-904510-3167 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES. DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS: PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION, BUREAU OF PREVENTION & WELLNESS, OPIOID SURVEILLANCE
100% FEDERAL FUNDS**

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Job Number	Revised Budget
2027	020-500239	Current Expenses	90050403	\$3,300
2028	020-500239	Current Expenses	90050403	\$3,630
		SubTotal:		\$6,930

**05-95-90-903010-8276 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES. DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS: PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION, BUREAU OF LABORATORY SERVICES, FOOD EMERGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK
100% FEDERAL FUNDS**

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Job Number	Revised Budget
2027	020-500239	Current Expenses	90069025	\$8,457
2028	020-500239	Current Expenses	90069025	\$9,303
		SubTotal:		\$17,760
		TOTALS		\$94,230

SFY-2027:	\$44,870
SFY-2028:	\$49,360
	<u>\$94,230</u>

Attachment A
Bureau of Laboratory Services
Listing of Proficiency Vendors

Vendor #	Name & address	SFY 27 Estimate	SFY 28 Estimate	Funding Source	WAL/PHL
163228 B001	Absolute Standards, Inc. 44 Rossetto Dr. Hamden, CT 06514-1335	\$1,598	\$1,758	PHL General Funds	WAL
171105 B001	RTI International 3040 Cornwalls Rd., Research Triangle Park, NC 27709	\$3,300	\$3,630	OD2A	PHL
169137 B001	LGC API Group – LGC Group 1159 Business Park Drive Traverse City, MI 49686	\$8,457	\$9,303	LFFM	PHL
170659 B001	Assoc of American Pesticide Control Officials (AAPCO) 2414 Elm Drive White Bear Lake, MN 55110	\$220	\$240	PHL General Funds	WAL
168674 B001	College of American Pathologists (CAP) 325 Waukegan Road Northfield, IL 60093-2750	\$12,265 \$503	\$13,491 \$554	PHL General Funds PHEP Bio (LPX)	PHL
168748 B001	Environmental Resources Assoc (ERA) 6000 W. 54th Ave Arvada, CO 80002	\$7,176	\$7,893	PHL General Funds	WAL
171536 B001	Organic Standard Solutions Int'l PO Box 30712 Charleston, SC 29407	\$7,631	\$8,394	PHEP Chem	PHL
169351 B001	PESTICIDE RESIDUE CHECK SAMPLE PROGRAM State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Bureau of Laboratory Services 2601 Agricultural Dr., STE 150 P. O. Box 783 Madison, WI 53718	\$1,540	\$1,697	PHL General Funds	WAL
177724 B003	WSLH Proficiency Testing 2601 Agriculture Drive Madison, WI 53718	\$702 \$671	\$772 \$738	PHL General Funds (Rabies) PHL WAL GF (legionella)	PHL WAL
176001 R001	FDA NELEOM Shellfish ThermoFisher Scientific, Remel PO Box 14428 Lenexa, KS 66215-3594	\$477	\$526	PHL General Funds	WAL
171184 R001	NSI Lab Solutions 7212 ACC Blvd. Raleigh, NC 27617	\$330	\$364	PHL General Funds	WAL
Total		\$44,870	\$49,360		

Total for Contract \$94,230