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March 12, 2026

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

REQUESTED ACTION

For inclusion on the Governor and Council Consent Calendar, pursuant to MOP 1200, I.D., authorize the Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) to pay the annual membership dues to the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) (VC# 167180-B001) in the amount of \$7,725, effective upon Governor and Council approval for the period of July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. **100% General Funds.**

Funding is available in account, Director of HSEM, as follows:

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FY2027
\$7,725

EXPLANATION

These membership dues provide the Department with continued access to NEMA’s information-sharing and networking, best practices, lessons learned, national reports, and professional relationships with emergency management leaders across the states. NEMA is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization and certifies annually that it is not a lobbying entity. NEMA provides national reports on information related to State emergency management organizational structures, budgets, staffing levels, disaster assistance funding, and more. This information is used by State Directors to build support planning and decision-making with Governors’ offices and State legislatures.

Professional relationships built through NEMA are invaluable during times of emergencies and disasters. NEMA works to ensure State emergency management Directors can provide input into national policy and program development to ensure the needs, concerns, and viewpoints of the States are considered. NEMA regularly provides input into the development of grant guidance at Federal Emergency Management Agency/Department of Homeland Security (FEMA/DHS) to ensure maximum flexibility for States in the use of Federal funds in order to meet State-specific priorities.

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?* NEMA has been in existence since 1974; New Hampshire Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management has been a member since June 2003.

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2. *Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to?* NEMA is the only organization that brings together State emergency management Directors under one umbrella.
3. *How many other states belong to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire agency that is a member?* 49 states, 8 U.S. Territories, and the District of Columbia belong to NEMA; the New Hampshire Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management is the only State of New Hampshire agency that is a member.
4. *How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc.)* The New Hampshire membership fee of \$7,725 is for the State Director of Emergency Management State-Member).
5. *What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?* The benefits of NEMA membership are policy and program training and support, peer networking, committees, conferences, forum, educational opportunities, NEMA publications, access to research and policy initiatives, discounted fees for products and services, access to members-only areas of the website, and membership directory.
6. *Are training or educational/research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail.* Emergency Manager Training is offered yearly at the Emergency Management Institute (EMI). The target audience includes state directors and deputy state directors who have been in their positions fewer than three years; EMI provides reimbursement of travel costs to attendees. This training educates emergency management professionals on current best practices for policy implementation. NEMA serves as an information-sharing and support network for state directors and senior staff. NEMA offers professional development and training so that emergency management professionals may continue honing their skills.
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.* Training is held once per year; the costs are paid for except for meals. Travel would include two (2) people. NEMA sponsors two national policy forums each year where state emergency management directors hear the latest information available on national policies and programs that will impact their agencies. This is completed through direct delivery from Federal agency leads. There are also various committees; every state director is assigned to a committee. These committees meet once or twice a year outside conferences due to the number and complexity of issues. Meetings are also frequently held via conference call.
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).* The Director or his/her designee. The State Director or designee is a voting member.
10. *Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.* The New Hampshire Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management benefits from this membership because NEMA serves as a vital emergency management information and assistance resource. NEMA provides national leadership and comprehensive emergency management through strategic partnerships, innovative programs, and collaborative policy positions. NEMA administers the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), a nationally adopted mutual aid agreement that is law in all 50 states. Through EMAC, states are able to share resources with one another during times of emergency/disaster.

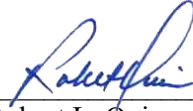
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Through NEMA membership our agency has access to provide input and feedback to NEMA for enhancement of mutual aid through EMAC. If we did not belong to NEMA, we would not have a voice in the collective input of the rest of the State/Territorial emergency managers into Federal legislation or policies in all the areas of emergency management. We would also not have immediate access to the activities of other States or the networking that allows us to know the individuals at the other end of a phone call or email to ask for information/assistance and/or to provide it. The New Hampshire Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management rely on the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) to provide us with all the needed information.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert L. Quinn", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert L. Quinn
Commissioner of Safety



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Item	Account	Cost
2027 Membership Dues		
2027 State Member Annual Dues (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027)	40010-10981	\$7,725
	Subtotal	\$7,725
	Total Due:	\$7,725

Please make checks payable to NEMA. Enclose one copy of this notice for proper credit.

To pay by credit card online:

Log on to your NEMA Account and select My Dues Renewal

To submit payment via electronic funds transfer:

NEMA uses Traditional Bank, Mt. Sterling, KY

Routing number: 042101514

Account number: 103543

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