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May 20, 2026

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

REQUESTED ACTION

The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, New Hampshire State Library, requests renewal of a membership with the Council of State Libraries in the Northeast (COSLINE) (VC #154755) in the amount of \$3,000 effective upon Governor and Council approval for the period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. **100% Federal Funds.**

Funds are available in account Federal Library Programs, as follows:

03-035-035-343010-25540000-026-500251- Organizational Dues

FY 2027
\$3,000

EXPLANATION

New Hampshire State Library (State Library) is requesting permission to renew its membership with the Council of State Libraries in the Northeast (COSLINE), an independent organization of state libraries. The State Library has been a member of COSLINE since its inception and has included the expense in its budget approved by the legislature.

Following is a completed questionnaire developed for organizational dues and membership requests. A copy of the invoice is also attached.

1. **How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?** COSLINE has been in existence for 40 years and the State Library is a charter member.
2. **Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to?** No, COSLINE is the only regional association for state libraries in the Northeast.
3. **How many other states belong to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?** 13 Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic states are all members. No other New Hampshire state agency is a member of COSLINE.
4. **How is the dues structure established?** All members pay \$3,000 annually.
5. **What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?** COSLINE is one of the three national regional organizations that serve state libraries, offering a range of valuable member benefits outlined elsewhere in this questionnaire. A key advantage of membership is the opportunity to cost-share the federally required independent evaluation of each state library's IMLS

five-year plan. This evaluation, due in 2027, is a requirement for maintaining eligibility for IMLS federal funding.

6. **Are training or educational/ research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail.** Membership in COSLINE provides free access to a national peer network through an electronic listserv, offering quick insight into state-level programs, emerging issues, and innovative solutions. It is also the only organization that offers professional development specifically for state library staff, including technology consultants, special services librarians, and library consultants.
7. **Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams?** Membership is not required to receive federal grants or to participate in licensing or certification exams. However, it does provide access to additional IMLS funding for regional initiatives and enables economical cost-sharing for required federal reporting.
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.** COSLINE covers lodging for the state librarian or designee to attend its annual meeting, held in a different member state each year. It also funds conference participation for State Library staff attending specialized professional development seminars and workshops.
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.** Each State Library is a voting member of the organization; State Librarians may also serve as officers or on the Board of Directors.
10. **Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.** Without COSLINE membership, the State Library would lose access to cost-sharing for the federally required IMLS five-year plan evaluation, resulting in significantly higher expenses and potential risk to continued federal funding eligibility. The agency would also forfeit specialized professional development and the only regional peer network dedicated to state library staff, limiting its ability to stay current with best practices and emerging issues. Additionally, New Hampshire would lose representation and collaboration within the regional consortium of 13 states, reducing opportunities for shared initiatives and additional IMLS regional funding.

Respectfully submitted,


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INVOICE

Invoice Date	4/24/2026
Invoice Number	0019232
Due Date	5/24/2026
Customer Number	9808500
Customer PO	

To:
 New Hampshire State Library
 20 Park Street
 Concord, NH 03301-6316 United States

Subscriptions

Subscription for New Hampshire State Library

Item	Quantity	Price	Total
COSLINE Membership Dues Subscription Term: 7/1/2026 - 6/30/2027	1	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

Total: \$3,000.00
Tax Total: \$0.00
Shipping Total: \$0.00
Grand Total: \$3,000.00
Payment / Credit: \$0.00
Balance: \$3,000.00

REMITTANCE

REMITTANCE INSTRUCTIONS

Please note that all payments are due in USD

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