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September 17, 2026

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to MOP 1200, I. (D), authorize the Department of Safety, Division of State Police to retroactively pay annual membership dues of \$9,925, to SEARCH Group, Inc. (VC#173580-P001), Sacramento, CA, for the period of October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027, effective upon Governor and Council approval. **100% Revolving Funds.**

Funding is available in account, Criminal Records, as follows:

02-23-23-234010-40190000-026-500251 Organizational Dues

FY 2027
\$9,925

EXPLANATION

This request is **Retroactive** because the invoice for the 2027 services was not received by the Department until September 1, 2026. Upon receipt of the invoice, the Department immediately prioritized the request and began the required approval process. Retroactive approval was unavoidable because the Department did not receive the invoice in sufficient time to obtain the required approvals prior to the start of the service period.

This request is for payment of annual membership dues to SEARCH Group, Inc., the National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics, a non-profit membership organization created by and for the states. The annual dues support two membership group meetings each year, and cover travel expenses for SEARCH members from dues-paying states to attend the SEARCH Winter Membership Group Meeting, held annually in January, and the Annual SEARCH Membership Group Meeting, held annually in July.

The SEARCH Membership Group serves as a national forum through which the states identify and communicate their justice information management needs and priorities and provide leadership on justice information-sharing issues. Through member participation and development, SEARCH offers the critical services of membership interaction, research and information sharing, best practices and tools, and education and outreach.

Continued participation by the New Hampshire State Police Criminal Records Administrator provides the Division of State Police and the State of New Hampshire access to national expertise, resources, best practices, and collaboration with other states on justice information management and information-sharing issues. This participation also supports engagement with partners throughout the justice information-sharing community, including local, state, and federal agencies, regulatory entities, national associations, and other stakeholders.

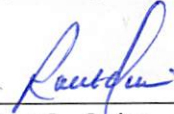
To make New Hampshire the safest state in the Nation with the highest quality of life for all.

1. *How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?* SEARCH has been in existence since 1969 and the New Hampshire State Police has been a member since 1972.
2. *Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to?* No
3. *How many other states belong to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?* Each state has a single representative in the group and historically the Department of Safety, Division of State Police, Criminal Records Unit Administrator has been the member appointed by the Governor. All 50 states, the District of Columbia and the territories have representation as a member.
4. *How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc)* Standard fee for all states.
5. *What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?* The SEARCH Membership Group is the national venue through which the states articulate their justice information management needs and priorities and provide thoughtful leadership on justice information sharing issues. Through Member participation and development, SEARCH offers the critical services of Membership Interaction, Research and Information Sharing, Best Practices and Tools and Education and Outreach. SEARCH's Purpose is to: Improve the administration of justice through the effective application and responsible deployment of information and identification technologies; Develop and promote constitutionally balanced and effective law and policy governing the use and management of justice information and identification technologies; Enhance the efficiency, effectiveness, and quality of decision-making and information management through policy analysis, training, technical assistance, and systems development and Inform and improve policy and practice in the administration of justice through evidence-based research and data.
6. *Are training or educational/ research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail.* Yes, all inclusive with the membership.
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.* Yes, the membership fee covers the travel for the member to attend The SEARCH Membership Group meetings which are typically twice a year. The Winter Meeting occurs in January or February, and our Annual Meeting occurs in July. Members convene to share successes and solve mutual challenges, identify areas of need, and determine new directions and approaches to improving justice information sharing. SEARCH Members bring their collective experiences to these discussions by thoughtfully engaging from both a local and a national perspective.

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 Department of Safety-Division of State Police-Criminal Records Unit Administrator gubernatorially appointed is the sole member directly involved with this organization and is considered a voting member.

10. *Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.* The state would miss out on having a voice in critical national legislation that directly impacts the state as well as new initiatives, and workflow opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Robert L. Quinn
Commissioner of Safety

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INVOICE

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INVOICE	NH 2027 Member Dues
DATE	09/01/2026
TERMS	Net 30
DUE DATE	10/01/2026

DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
	SEARCH Membership Dues	2027 Membership Dues	1	9,925.00	9,925.00

BALANCE DUE

\$9,925.00

Ways to pay

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View and pay