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October 2, 2015

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 4:8, authorize New Hampshire Employment Security (NHES) to accept a donation from the Virginia Employment Commission in the form of payment for travel-related expenses for an NHES employee to attend the 2015 Monitor Advocate and State Workforce Agencies Conference in Leesburg, VA. The value of the donation is \$1,573.17.

EXPLANATION

A donation of \$1,573.17 will be made to NHES for the purpose of funding travel-related expenses for the Monitor Advocate of the NHES Employment Services Bureau to attend the 2015 Monitor Advocate and State Workforce Agencies Conference. The Conference provided updated information on the Monitor Advocate role in the Workforce System, updates on H2A and H2B application processing, and Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Program changes under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The Conference was held on September 15 -18, 2015 (a copy of the agenda is attached).

Your consideration of our request is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

George N. Copadis
Commissioner

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**MSFW Monitor Advocate and FLC Coordinator
Annual Conference Agenda
September 15 – 18, 2015**

Tuesday, Sept. 15 – Foreign Labor Certification Focused

Plenary Sessions		
8:00 – 8:15am	Welcome & Opening Ceremony	
8:15 – 9:15am	The State of OFLC H-2A/H-2B Programs: Recent Trends and New Developments	
9:15 – 10:30am	H-2A/H-2B Programs: Overview of Regulatory Requirements & Adjudication Process	
10:30 – 10:45am	<i>Break</i>	
Breakout Sessions	H-2A Program Track	H-2B Program Track
10:45 – 12:00pm	Conducting Prevailing Wage & Practice Surveys	Determining Prevailing Wages Under the 2015 Wage Final Rule
12:00 – 1:00pm	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
1:00 – 3:00pm	Agricultural Clearance Order Requirements, Positive Recruitment, & Referrals of U.S. Workers	New Requirements for Advertising & Recruiting U.S. Workers Under the 2015 IFR
3:00 – 3:15pm	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>
3:15 – 4:30pm	SWA Practices & Lessons Learned from 2015 Filing Season	CNPC Lessons Learned from 2015 Filing Season
Plenary Sessions		
4:30 – 5:00pm	Day 1: Major Takeaways & Open Question Forum	

Wednesday, Sept. 16 – Foreign Labor Certification and Monitor Advocate Focused

Plenary Sessions	
8:00 – 8:30am	Welcome & Opening Remarks
8:30 – 10:00am	Trafficking in Persons (EEOC)
10:15 – 12:00pm	Wage Hour Enforcement: Investigations Process, FLC/MSPA Requirements, & Surety Bonds
12:00 – 1:00pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1:15 – 2:15pm	OSHA Workshop
2:15 – 3:15pm	H-2A/H-2B Audit Examinations: Overview of Adjudication Process & Outcomes

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Plenary Sessions (continued)

3:15 – 3:20pm	<i>Break</i>
3:20 – 4:45pm	Acceptance and Processing of Agricultural Job Orders (ARS and H2 Programs), Assurances and Contents of Job Offer
4:45 – 5:00pm	Open Dialogue/ Reflection

Thursday, Sept. 17 – Monitor Advocate Focus

Plenary Sessions

8:00 – 9:30am	Outreach Strategies and Monitor Advocate Best Practices
9:30 – 9:45am	<i>Break</i>
9:45 – 11:00am	Pre-Occupancy Housing Inspections
11:00 – 11:05am	<i>Break</i>
11:05 – 12:15pm	Field Checks (Small Panel Presented by WHD and SMA)
12:15 – 1:15pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1:15 – 2:45pm	State Monitor Advocate Onsite Reviews
2:45 – 3:00pm	<i>Break</i>
3:00 – 4:30pm	Complaint System and Apparent Violations
4:30 – 4:50pm	Open Dialogue/ Reflection
4:50 – 5:00pm	Closing Remarks

Friday, September 18 – Regional Monitor Advocate "Boot Camp"

Group Sessions

8:30 – 8:45am	Opening Remarks
8:45 – 9:45am	Group Activity – Networking/Best Practices, etc.
9:45 – 10:45am	RMA Reviews
10:45 – 11:00am	<i>Break</i>
11:00 – 11:45am	How to Provide TA
11:45 – 12:30pm	<i>RMA's Determine TBA</i>