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Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
And the Honorable Executive Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Retroactive

Authorize the Department of Education, Division of Higher Education to pay the annual membership dues to the State Higher Education Executive Officers Association (SHEEO), Vendor Code 167113, in the amount of \$4,035, effective upon Governor and Council approval. 54% General Funds, 46% Other Funds.

Funding is available in the accounts titled Higher Education Commission and Administration Fees, as follows:

06-56-56-566510-86790000-026-500251	Organizational Dues	\$2,197
06-56-56-566510-67770000-026-500251	Organizational Dues	\$1,838

EXPLANATION

The State Higher Education Executive Officers Association is a national association established to help its members and states develop and sustain excellent systems of higher education. It (1) Organizes conferences to advance and disseminate knowledge about effective state policies and practices; (2) Maintains regular systems of communication among its members and provides ready access to relevant studies and publications; (3) Serves as a liaison between the states and the federal government; (4) Alerts members to emerging national and international policy issues; (5) Draws on the expertise of its members to advocate state and national policies to strengthen postsecondary education; (6) Represents the perspective of state higher education leaders on national, federal and international education initiatives; (7) Analyzes and synthesizes higher education policy issues and publishes reports to inform the field; and (8) Implements projects to enhance higher education in the states. It is important that New Hampshire continues to be involved with this association in order to keep abreast of current and emerging higher education matters.

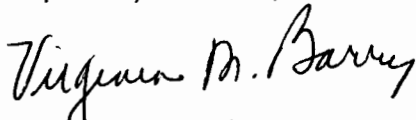
Listed below are answers to standard questions required for Governor and Council organization dues and membership approval submissions:

1. How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization? ***The State Higher Education Executive Officers has been in existence since 1954. The Higher Education Commission has been a member since 1976.***

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? **49 states and Puerto Rico belong to this organization; the University System of New Hampshire shares in the New Hampshire membership and pays one half of the total cost.**
4. How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc.) **The dues are determined on a sliding scale based on the size of the higher education appropriations in each state.**
5. What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?
SHEEO (1) Organizes conferences to advance and disseminate knowledge about effective state policies and practices; (2) Maintains regular systems of communication among its members and provides ready access to relevant studies and publications; (3) Serves as a liaison between the states and the federal government; (4) Alerts members to emerging national and international policy issues; (5) Draws on the expertise of its members to advocate state and national policies to strengthen postsecondary education; (6) Represents the perspective of state higher education leaders on national, federal and international education initiatives; (7) Analyzes and synthesizes higher education policy issues and publishes reports to inform the field; and (8) Implements projects to enhance higher education in the states. SHEEO is currently organizing a national Commission on the Regulation of Postsecondary Distance Education. It has placed members on negotiated rule-making panels for the U.S. Department of Education, a past director of the Commission served in that capacity.
6. Are training or educational/research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail. **Yes. Members have access to SHEEO Peer Collaboration Network services and the ability to ask questions of other members around the country. Attending conferences is also a privilege of membership, but registration fees apply.**
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. **No, however, in some cases SHEEO has received grants for special purpose meetings that have included travel reimbursement for participants, but this is not part of the membership fee.**
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 of the Division of Higher Education – Higher Education Commission is a voting member of the association.**

10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization. ***New Hampshire would not have access to a valuable and efficient source of information to keep abreast of federal policy issues. The Agency would not have the benefit of frequent communication and collaboration with other state agencies with similar responsibilities. The Agency would lose an important opportunity for its voice to be heard in deliberations by this leading national organization that often shapes federal policy positions.***

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments



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SHEEO Annual State Dues, Fiscal Year 2016
(October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016) \$4035

Remittance Information:

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State Higher Education Executive Officers
Fiscal Year 2016 Dues Schedule (5% increase)

State	Average of FY15, FY14, and FY13 Appropriations (Dollars in Thousands)	Class	Dues	Notes
Alabama	1,438,100	5	20,577	
Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education	379,005	2	6,650	a
University of Alaska System	379,005	2	6,650	a
Arizona	879,830	4	18,992	
Arkansas	1,002,681	4	18,992	
California	10,600,679	5	20,577	
Colorado	699,607	3	15,433	
Connecticut Board of Regents for Higher Education	1,025,461	4	11,395	a
Connecticut Office of Higher Education	1,025,461	4	11,395	a
Delaware	223,564	2	11,084	
District of Columbia	-	1	6,725	
Florida	3,830,238	5	20,577	
Georgia	2,770,665	5	20,577	
Hawaii	541,551	3	15,433	
Idaho	378,722	2	11,084	
Illinois	4,197,607	5	20,577	
Indiana	1,642,313	5	20,577	
Iowa	819,498	4	18,992	
Kansas	789,864	4	18,992	
Kentucky	1,179,706	4	18,992	
Louisiana	1,143,499	4	18,992	
Maine	269,994	2	11,084	
Maryland	1,723,151	5	20,577	
Massachusetts	1,353,361	5	20,577	b
Minnesota Office of Higher Education	1,375,191	5	12,346	a
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities	1,375,191	5	12,346	a
Mississippi	969,345	4	18,992	
Missouri	972,512	4	18,992	
Montana	223,369	2	11,084	
Nebraska	688,314	3	15,433	
Nevada	486,296	3	15,433	
New Hampshire Division of Higher Education Higher Education Commission	105,926	1	4,035	a
University System of New Hampshire	105,926	1	4,035	a
New Jersey	1,983,194	5	20,577	
New Mexico	862,711	4	18,992	
New York	5,287,617	5	20,577	
North Carolina	3,698,379	5	20,577	
North Dakota	387,731	2	11,084	
Northern Marianas Colleges	-	1	2,242	
Ohio	2,096,342	5	20,577	
Oklahoma	1,049,263	4	18,992	
Oregon	635,405	3	15,433	
Pennsylvania Department of Education Office of Postsecondary and Higher Education	1,645,446	5	12,346	a
Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education	1,645,446	5	12,346	a
Puerto Rico	-	1	6,725	
Rhode Island	168,043	1	6,725	b
South Carolina	929,912	4	18,992	
South Dakota	207,170	2	11,084	
Tennessee	1,540,720	5	20,577	
Texas	6,702,972	5	20,577	
Utah	811,622	4	18,992	
Vermont State Colleges	91,221	1	4,035	a
University of Vermont	91,221	1	4,035	a
Virginia	1,767,770	5	20,577	
Washington	1,508,138	5	20,577	
West Virginia	522,399	3	15,433	
Wisconsin	1,157,187	4	18,992	
University of Wyoming	370,014	2	6,650	a
Wyoming Community College Commission	370,014	2	6,650	a
TOTAL			872,563	

Source: State Support for Higher Education Database (SSDB)

- a) In states with two members, each agency pays 60% of class fee.
- b) State changed class this year.