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

#### REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to Chapter 224:315, Laws of 2011, Reclassification of Positions, and RSA 21-I:56 I, Reclassification of Positions, the Division of Personnel, Department of Administrative Services requests waiver approval of the attached classification decisions effective upon Governor and Executive Council action. Funding associated with each decision is detailed on the reclassification waiver.

### **EXPLANATION**

Chapter 224:315, Reclassification of Positions, states that for the biennium ending June 30, 2013, the Director of Personnel shall not approve any reclassification of classified positions which will result in an increase in pay, unless the director obtains a waiver for the specific position from the Governor and Council. RSA 21-1:56 I, states that any request for reclassification of a position to a different class series as provided in RSA 21-1:54 shall require the approval of governor and council.

Attached please find the classification decisions reached by the Classification Section of the Division of Personnel. RSA 21-1:42, II provides the responsibility to the Division of Personnel to prepare, maintain and periodically revise a position classification plan for all positions in the classified service, based upon similarity of duties performed and responsibilities assumed, so that the same qualifications may reasonably be required for, and the same schedule of pay may equitably be applied to, all positions in the same classification. In addition, RSA 21-I:42, III states that the Division of Personnel shall be responsible for allocating the position of every employee in the classified service to one of the classifications in the classification plan.

A thorough analysis of the proposed change specific to each position, both within their respective agency, as well as within the state classification system, has been completed by the Division of Personnel classification staff. A waiver is respectfully requested to proceed with the classification process.

Respectfully Submitted,

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### **Reclassification Request:**

The Department of Fish & Game requests the reclassification of Filled\_position #43034
 Program Planner II, Labor Grade 21, A000 to a Program Specialist III, Labor Grade 23, A000.

# Division of Personnel (DOP) Reclassification Decision:

- Program Specialist III , Labor Grade 23, A000, effective 2-8-13 Rationale for Decision:
  - This position reports to the Public Affairs Division, Wildlife Conservation Education unit, where it functions as a wildlife educator, including design and implementation of educational programs and related tasks.
  - It has been assigned additional, more complex duties since it was first created, such
    as the management of Project WILD, working with a variety of partners and national
    organizations, and supervising and implementing a new volunteer program.
  - The increased expectations in the areas of skill, supervision, and communication are appropriate to the Program Specialist III level and the duties of this position are now in line with those of the adjoining Program Specialist III, aquatic resources educator.

### **Funding Summary**

- 1. This position is a 100% Other Funded position.
- 2. Total FY 13 Budgeted (Salary & Benefits): \$79,616 Appropriation #03-75-75-751020-2124
- 3. Filled position-effective date: 3-8-13
- 4. Projected cost (Salary & Benefits) for remainder of FY13: \$21,542
- 5. Total projected annual Salary and Benefit Cost:

Salary \$53,138 Benefits \$28,872 Total \$82,010

# **Reclassification Request:**

 The New Hampshire Employment Security requests the reclassification of Filled\_position #19703 Programs Technician, Labor Grade 19,A000 to a Program Specialist II, Labor Grade 21, A000.

# **Division of Personnel (DOP) Reclassification Decision:**

Program Specialist II , Labor Grade 21, A000, effective 3-8-13

## Rationale for Decision:

- This reclassification is in response to a realignment of personnel and the reorganization
  of the legal unit at New Hampshire Employment Security; critical cross-function is
  needed in order to ensure efficient and streamlined support of all debt recovery
  program activities in instances of benefit overpayments, fraud, and employer tax
  recovery actions.
- The Program Specialist II classification supports the shift in this position's duties that involve complex understanding of all agency programs in order to provide research, investigative, legal, and administrative support of recovery and collection efforts under federal and state rules and laws.
- This position's duties now mirror those of other Program Specialist II positions operating at NHES, as well as positions functioning in other state agencies. These duties also parallel the class specification for Program Specialist II appropriately.

### **Funding Summary**

- 1. This position is a 100% Federal Funded position.
- 2. Total FY 13 Budgeted (Salary & Benefits): \$71,774 Appropriation #02-27-027-270010-80400000
- 3. Filled position-effective date: 3-8-13
- 4. Projected cost (Salary & Benefits) for remainder of FY13: \$18,776
- 5. Total projected annual Salary and Benefit Cost:

Salary \$42,744 Benefits \$16,624 Total \$59,368

# Reclassification Request:

 The New Hampshire Employment Security requests the reclassification of Filled\_position #11236 Program Technician, Labor Grade 19,A000 to a Program Specialist II, Labor Grade 21, A000.

# Division of Personnel (DOP) Reclassification Decision:

Program Specialist II , Labor Grade 21, A000, effective 3-8-13

### Rationale for Decision:

- This reclassification is in response to a realignment of personnel and the reorganization
  of the legal unit at New Hampshire Employment Security; critical cross-function is
  needed in order to ensure efficient and streamlined support of all debt recovery
  program activities in instances of benefit overpayments, fraud, and employer tax
  recovery actions.
- The Program Specialist II classification supports the shift in this position's duties that involve complex understanding of all agency programs in order to provide research, investigative, legal, and administrative support of recovery and collection efforts under federal and state rules and laws.
- This position's duties now mirror those of other Program Specialist II positions operating at NHES, as well as positions functioning in other state agencies. These duties also parallel the class specification for Program Specialist II appropriately.

### **Funding Summary**

- 1. This position is a 100% Federal Funded position.
- 2. Total FY 13 Budgeted (Salary & Benefits): \$62,413 Appropriation #02-27-27-270010-8040
- 3. Filled position-effective date: 3-8-13
- 4. Projected cost (Salary & Benefits) for remainder of FY13: \$23,159
- 5. Total projected annual Salary and Benefit Cost:

\$37,850 Benefits \$33,593 Total \$71,443

### **Reclassification Request:**

 The New Hampshire Employment Security requests the reclassification of Filled\_position #11219 Paralegal, Labor Grade 16,A000 to a Program Specialist II, Labor Grade 21, A000.

# <u>Division of Personnel (DOP) Reclassification Decision:</u>

Program Specialist II , Labor Grade 21, A000, effective 3-8-13

### Rationale for Decision:

- This reclassification is in response to a realignment of personnel and the reorganization
  of the legal unit at New Hampshire Employment Security; critical cross-function is
  needed in order to ensure efficient and streamlined support of all debt recovery
  program activities in instances of benefit overpayments, fraud, and employer tax
  recovery actions.
- The Program Specialist II classification supports the shift in this position's duties that
  involve complex understanding of all agency programs in order to provide research,
  investigative, legal, and administrative support of recovery and collection efforts
  under federal and state rules and laws.
- This position's duties now mirror those of other Program Specialist II positions operating at NHES, as well as positions functioning in other state agencies. These duties also parallel the class specification for Program Specialist II appropriately.

### **Funding Summary**

- 1. This position is a 100% Federal Funded position.
- 2. Total FY 13 Budgeted (Salary & Benefits): \$77,003 Appropriation #02-27-27-270010-8040
- 3. Filled position-effective date: 3-8-13
- 4. Projected cost (Salary & Benefits) for remainder of FY13: \$9,203
- 5. Total projected annual Salary and Benefit Cost:

\$alary \$41,087 Benefits \$<u>34,839</u> Total \$75,926

### **Reclassification Request:**

 The New Hampshire Employment Security requests the reclassification of Filled\_position #11320 Paralegal I, Labor Grade 16,A000 to a Program Specialist II, Labor Grade 21, A000.

# Division of Personnel (DOP) Reclassification Decision:

Program Specialist II , Labor Grade 21, A000, effective 3-8-13

### Rationale for Decision:

- This reclassification is in response to a realignment of personnel and the reorganization
  of the legal unit at New Hampshire Employment Security; critical cross-function is
  needed in order to ensure efficient and streamlined support of all debt recovery
  program activities in instances of benefit overpayments, fraud, and employer tax
  recovery actions.
- The Program Specialist II classification supports the shift in this position's duties that
  involve complex understanding of all agency programs in order to provide research,
  investigative, legal, and administrative support of recovery and collection efforts
  under federal and state rules and laws.
- This position's duties now mirror those of other Program Specialist II positions operating at NHES, as well as positions functioning in other state agencies. These duties also parallel the class specification for Program Specialist II appropriately.

### **Funding Summary**

- 1. This position is a 100% Federal Funded position.
- 2. Total FY 13 Budgeted (Salary & Benefits): \$64,522 Appropriation #02-27-027-270010-80400000
- 3. Filled position-effective date: 3-8-13
- 4. Projected cost (Salary & Benefits) for remainder of FY13: \$18,157
- 5. Total projected annual Salary and Benefit Cost:

Salary \$41,087 Benefits \$<u>16,594</u> Total \$57,681

# Reclassification Request:

• The New Hampshire Employment Security requests the reclassification of Filled\_position #11210 Legal Assistant, Labor Grade 19, A000 to a Program Specialist II, Labor Grade 21, A000.

# Division of Personnel (DOP) Reclassification Decision:

• Program Specialist II, Labor Grade 21, A000, effective 3-8-13

## Rationale for Decision:

- This reclassification is in response to a realignment of personnel and the reorganization
  of the legal unit at New Hampshire Employment Security; critical cross-function is
  needed in order to ensure efficient and streamlined support of all debt recovery
  program activities in instances of benefit overpayments, fraud, and employer tax
  recovery actions.
- The Program Specialist II classification supports the shift in this position's duties that involve complex understanding of all agency programs in order to provide research, investigative, legal, and administrative support of recovery and collection efforts under federal and state rules and laws.
- This position's duties now mirror those of other Program Specialist II positions operating at NHES, as well as positions functioning in other state agencies. These duties also parallel the class specification for Program Specialist II appropriately.

### **Funding Summary**

- 1. This position is a 100% Federal Funded position.
- 2. Total FY 13 Budgeted (Salary & Benefits): \$72,053 Appropriation #02-27-027-270010-80400000
- 3. Filled position-effective date: 3-8-13
- 4. Projected cost (Salary & Benefits) for remainder of FY13: \$26,358
- 5. Total projected annual Salary and Benefit Cost:

\$alary \$46,410 Benefits \$<u>35,602</u> Total \$82,012