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June 23, 2015

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Education to secure the membership to The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation, (Vendor Code #254312) of Washington, DC in the amount of \$4,506.40, effective upon July 1, 2015 or upon Governor and Council approval, whichever is later, through June 30, 2016 pending legislative approval of the next biennium budget. 100% Other Funds:

Funds are available in the account titled Education Credentialing as follows:

	<u>FY 2016</u>
06-56-56-564510-62040000-026-500251 - Organizational Dues	\$4,506.40

EXPLANATION

The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) was founded in 1954. NCATE has recently merged with the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) to create the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

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 Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (CATE) was founded in 1954. CATE has provided services to the Department of Education since before 1984.

2. Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to?

No other organization provides the same or similar benefits.

3. How many other states belong to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?

All 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico are members. The Department of Education is the only New Hampshire state agency that is a member.

4. How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc.)

The NH Department of Education does not have a formal partnership agreement with CAEP to jointly conduct national accreditation of Institution of Higher Education with state preparation programs approval. The Department pays dues to be kept current with national initiatives in teacher education program improvement and accountability and to fully defray travel and registration costs to participate in its annual three-day national clinic on teacher education issues and initiatives.

5. What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?

CAEP provides the Department of Education access to essential information on current and emerging policies and best practices in accreditation for teacher education.

6. Are training or educational/ research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail.

Training and educational/research materials are available through CAEP, some of which are included in the cost of membership. Not included is the cost of doing reviews.

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.

Travel funds are covered for one Department of Education representative to travel at CAEP expense to attend their annual national clinic on best practices and policies in teacher accreditation.

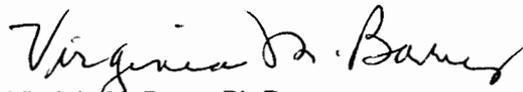
9. Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? (Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members, and/or officers of the organization.)

State agency employees directly involved with this organization are the administrators in the Bureau of Credentialing and the Director, Division of Program Support.

10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.

The Department of Education would need to expend significantly more time identifying, anticipating and addressing changes in federal accountability and accreditation policies regarding educator preparation. The state institutions would no longer be eligible for accreditation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DUE UPON RECEIPT

CAEP Annual State Partnership Dues
 For the period July 01, 2015 through June 30, 2016

\$4,506.40

TOTAL

\$4,506.40

Note: If making electronic payment via ACH, please include invoice number as a reference.

For inquiries please contact CAEP Finance at 202-223-0077 or e-mail to CAEPfinance@caepnet.org

Please detach and submit with payment payable to: **Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation**

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