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December 20, 2013

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Education to **retroactively** pay membership dues to the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), Washington DC (Vendor Code 170715), in the amount of \$35,000; effective upon Governor and Council approval for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

Funding is available in account State Assessment, as follows:

06-56-56-562010-64220000-026-500251	Organizational Dues	<u>FY2014</u> \$35,000.00
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EXPLANATION

The Department is requesting that this membership be approved **retroactive** to July 1, 2013 due to the need to determine the availability of federal funds, and the fact that the invoice was not received until after the fiscal year had begun.

The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) is a nonpartisan, nationwide, nonprofit organization of public officials who head departments of elementary and secondary education in the states. CCSSO provides leadership, advocacy, and technical assistance on major educational issues. The Council seeks member consensus and expresses its views to civic and professional organizations, federal agencies, Congress and the public.

The Commissioner of Education and the Deputy Commissioner are active members of CCSSO. Participation provides the State of New Hampshire with direct support services and professional development activities in such areas as student assessment programs, curriculum development and delivery, advancing technology in college and career findings, public policy issues, accessing federal and private funding, higher education, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act reauthorization and federal legislation.

Dues are assessed on a sliding scale based on each state's combined total of state and local expenditures for elementary and secondary education.

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 of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) was formed in 1927 and incorporated in 1948.

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?

All 50 states belong to the organization. The New Hampshire Department of Education is the sole state agency eligible for membership.

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

Dues are based on a sliding scale calculated on the combined total of state and local expenditures for elementary and secondary education.

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

New Hampshire receives travel costs for national meetings, support for transformation efforts, and access to national and international speakers for state and local conferences.

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

Yes, materials and research are provided for dissemination to educators in the state at no charge.

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 Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner travel to at least three events per year. Destinations not currently known, typically in Washington, DC.

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 Commissioner of Education and the Deputy Commissioner are voting members of the organization.

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

The Department would not have access to research efforts, collaboration with other states, clarification and analysis of federal legislation.

Respectfully submitted,


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Description	Terms of Service	Qty	Price	Amount
CCSSO Membership Renewal	7/1/2013 - 06/30/2014	1	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00

FEIN: 53-0198090

Total: \$35,000.00

FY 14 CCSSO Membership Renewal

Amount Enclosed: _____