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

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Department of Education to secure the membership to National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education & Certification, (Vendor Code #173621) of Whitinsville, MA, annual dues in the amount of \$4,000, effective 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:

06-56-56-564510-62040000-026-500251	Organizational Dues	FY 2016 \$4,000.00
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**EXPLANATION**

National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) represents professional standards boards and commissions as well as state departments of education in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Department of Defense Education Activity, the U.S. Territories, Alberta, British Columbia, and Ontario that are responsible for the preparation, licensure, and discipline of educational personnel. NASDTEC promotes high standards for educators, teacher mobility across state lines, comprehensive personnel screening and a clearinghouse on teacher discipline. Training and educational/ research materials as well as annual conferences are available to members.

State agency employees directly involved include Bureau of Credential Administrators and the Director, Division of Program Support. The Department of Education has been a voting member for over 30 years. NASDTEC membership allows for communication with other states and has a national database of revoked credentials.

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

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1. How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?

NASDTEC was founded in 1928. Department of Education has been a member since 1975.

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 NASDTEC. The Department of Education is the only New Hampshire 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.)

Standard fee for all states.

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

The state has access to a clearinghouse of revoked credentials through this membership. This provides exchange of information among states, protecting children and preventing child abusers from crossing state lines to abuse again.

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

Yes, reduced fees for conferences, inclusive subscription to the Communicator Newsletter, published several times a year, as well as other new publications and products as they become available.

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.

One Bureau of Credentialing employee attends the Annual Conference. The Bureau of Credentialing is a self-sustaining account (fee driven account).

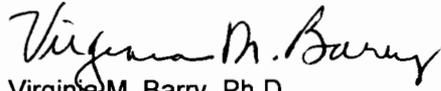
9. Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? (Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members, and/or officers of the organization.)

Bureau of Credentialing employees are directly involved with NASDTEC.

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

State of New Hampshire would not be able to assure the validity of out of state teacher credentials which, in turn, could compromise school safety for children across the state.

Respectfully submitted,



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**Invoice**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Invoice #</b>
04/01/2016	1620
<b>Terms</b>	
Due on receipt	

<b>Bill To</b>
New Hampshire Department of Education 101 PLEASANT STREET CONCORD, NH 3301

<b>Amount Due</b>	<b>Enclosed</b>
\$4,000.00	

Please detach top portion and return with your payment.

Activity	Quantity	Rate	Amount
• NASDTEC Jurisdiction Membership Dues for July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016	1	4,000.00	4,000.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$4,000.00</b>

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