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September 11, 2013

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

35.83% Federal funds
58.88% General funds
5.29% Other funds

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services, Bureau of Laboratory Services, to pay various approved proficiency vendors listed on Attachment A, for proficiency testing programs that are currently required and for other proficiency testing that may become necessary, in an amount estimated at \$69,073.00, to be effective October 02, 2013 or date of Governor and Council approval, whichever is later, through June 30, 2015. Funds are available in the following accounts for SFY 2014 and SFY 2015, with authority to adjust amounts if needed and justified, between State Fiscal Years.

05-95-90-902510-5171 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS: DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BUREAU OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE CONTROL, EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Table with 5 columns: Fiscal Year, Class/Object, Class Title, Job Number, Total Amount. Rows include SFY 2014 and SFY 2015 for Current Expenses, and a Sub-Total row.

05-95-90-903010-5350 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS: DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BUREAU OF LABORATORY SERVICES, FED FDA MICRO

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05-95-90-903010-7966 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS:
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BUREAU OF LABORATORY SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH
LABORATORIES

Fiscal Year	Class/Object	Class Title	Job Number	Total Amount
SFY 2014	020-500239	Current Expenses	90059000	\$9,627.00
SFY 2014	020-500239	Current Expenses	90187700	\$11,255.00
SFY 2015	020-500239	Current Expenses	90059000	\$9,821.00
SFY 2015	020-500239	Current Expenses	90187700	\$11,575.00
			Sub-Total	\$42,278.00
			Total	\$69,073.00

EXPLANATION

In accordance with the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of the Federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, which licenses the New Hampshire Public Health Laboratories to perform laboratory testing on clinical specimens, the Public Health Laboratories must participate in a proficiency testing program that reflects the complexity of testing performed in the laboratory. This requirement is defined in the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments Subpart H, Section 493 "Participation in Proficiency Testing for Laboratories Performing Non-waived Testing of Moderate Complexity and High Complexity". The purpose of proficiency testing is to assure the accuracy of test results in order to avoid jeopardizing the diagnosis and treatment of patient conditions or allowing the spread of disease.

The standard process for a proficiency testing program is: "unknown" samples are sent to the participating laboratory; the samples are tested using standard laboratory procedures; test results are returned to the issuing proficiency agency; the results are reviewed and compared to the results of other participating laboratories; a grade is determined; and the laboratory must document successful participation in accordance with the requirements of the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments .

Proficiency testing is also required for testing not falling under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments, such as chemical terrorism testing, and environmental and food testing. This testing is performed by the Public Health Laboratories in accordance with agreements with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; the Environmental Protection Agency; the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference Institute; the Food and Drug Administration; and the United States Department of Agriculture. Proficiency testing is also required for new releases of test methods. It is anticipated that the requirements for proficiency testing will increase as new methods are approved.

Proficiency vendors are laboratories, businesses, and organizations that have been approved under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments regulations or other federal agencies, to provide proficiency testing programs for the scope of testing performed at the Public Health Laboratories. A vendor may specialize in only a single proficiency or a group of proficiencies. There is no single source for all proficiency materials that are required by the Public Health Laboratories. Federal agencies have identified and approved the vendors on the attached list, to provide specific proficiency testing for the Public Health Laboratories.

The cost for each proficiency, which may be referred to as an "enrollment" or "subscription" fee, is set by the vendor and is not open to negotiation. As each vendor serves as a mechanism to "certify" successful

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participation in a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments approved program, or other approved proficiency program, it would be unethical for a vendor to offer different prices to different participating laboratories; therefore, no Requests for Proposals were issued. Additional vendors will be added to the attached list of current vendors and utilized as they are identified and approved by each federal regulatory agency.

Proficiency programs typically cover a 12-month period. The estimated cost for SFY 2014 is \$34,157.00 (See attachment A). After an allowance for a 2.0% rate of inflation and rounding, the estimated cost for SFY 2015 is \$34,916.00. The proficiencies are paid unencumbered.

Should Governor and Executive Council not authorize this request, the Public Health Laboratories will not be able to comply with licensing regulations and continue testing for arboviruses, HIV, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, hepatitis, parasites, fungi, and foodborne pathogens; as well as testing non-clinical samples such as animals for rabies, food, water, powders and other substances, for biological and chemical agents.

Area served: Statewide.

Source of Funds is 35.83% Federal, 58.88% General Funds, and 5.29% Other.

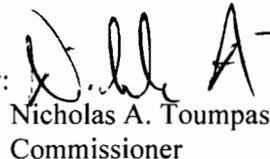
In the event that the Federal or Other Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,



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Approved by:


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Commissioner

Attachment A
Bureau of Laboratory Services
Listing of Proficiency Vendors

Vendor #	Name	SFY 2014 Estimate	SFY 2015 Estimate
163228 B001	Absolute Standards, Inc. 44 Rossotto Dr. Hamden, CT 06514-1335	\$2,800.00	\$2,855.00
169137 B001	American Proficiency Institute 1159 Business Park Drive Traverse City, MI 49686	\$1,854.00	\$1,890.00
170690 B001	AOAC International 481 No. Frederick Ave., Ste. 500 Gaithersburg, MD 20877	\$4,450.00	\$4,540.00
170659 B001	Assoc of American Pesticide Control Officials (AAPCO) 2414 Elm Drive White Bear Lake, MN 55110	\$1,705.00	\$1,810.00
168674 B001	College of American Pathologists 325 Waukegan Road Northfield, IL 60093-2750	\$9,005.00	\$9,185.00
168748 B001	Environmental Resources Assoc (ERA) 6000 W. 54th Ave Arvada, CO 80002	\$2,500.00	\$2,550.00
176511 B001	Insti Natl Desante Publique (INSPQ) 945 Ave Wolfe Sainte-Foy, Quebec QC G1V 5B3	\$2,244.00	\$2,280.00
171536 B001	Organic Standard Solutions Int'l PO Box 30712 Charleston, SC 29407	\$1,875.00	\$1,900.00
171193 B001	Protocol Analytical, LLC. - SPEX 203 Norcross Ave. Metuchen, NJ 08840	\$2,547.00	\$2,600.00
176001 P001	Remel, Inc. 12076 Santa Fe Drive, P.O. Box 14428 Lenexa, KS 62215	\$1,250.00	\$1,300.00
172950 B001	Resource Technology Corp (RTC) 2931 Soldier Springs Rd., PO Box 1346 Laramie, WY 82070	\$1,000.00	\$1,020.00

Vendor #	Name	SFY 2014 Estimate	SFY 2015 Estimate
175643 R001	Sigma-Aldrich, Inc PO Box 535182 Atlanta, GA 30353-5182	\$2,000.00	\$2,040.00
177724 B003	Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene 465 Henry Mall Madison, WI 53706-1578	\$927.00	\$946.00
	Total	\$34,157.00	\$34,916.00