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June 17, 2012

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

**Requested Action**

Authorize the Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education to pay the FY 2015 membership renewal fee to the National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE) (vendor code 172212), in the amount of \$7,987.00. 100% Federal funds. This item will be retroactive.

Funding for this request is available in account titled IDEA Federal Funds

06-56-56-56510-41100000-026-500251                      \$7,987.00  
Contracts Program Services

**Explanation**

This is a retroactive request as the State Director of Special Education received, on June 16, 2014, invoice 0803721-IN for the 2014-2015 NASDSE Membership Dues. The National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE) is a strong organization that has considerable visibility and influence in our nation's capital and throughout the country. State membership provides New Hampshire Department of Education personnel with ongoing working relationships with U.S. Department of Education personnel within the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services (OSERS), Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), and the Office for Civil Rights (OCR). Provides leadership and on-going collaboration with National and State organizations that help States meet their missions through shared work; national-level representation in the development of national policy, on-going support for State Directors of Special Education, annual conference and business meeting with discussions and presentations on timely topics, quality presenters and networking with peers.

The National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE) works to ensure that the States have input on issues involving children and youth with disabilities at the U.S. Department of Education and on Capitol Hill as well as with education, disability, and parent organizations. The organization also has contact with the National Governors Association, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors.

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As New Hampshire implements changes in the regulations, it is important to keep these collaborations current and on-going.

1. How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?  
The National Association of State Directors (NASDSE) of Special Education was formed in 1938; the NH Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education has been a member for the past forty (40) years.
2. Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to?  
No.
3. How many other State's belonging to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire State agency that is a member?  
All States are encouraged to become a member of NASDSE.  
Yes, NASDSE is a National Association for State Directors of Special Education.
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?  
On-going contact and working relationships with the US Department of Education, personnel within the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services (OSERS); Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE); the Office for Civil Rights (OCR), and others. On-going collaboration with more than 50 national and State organizations that help States meet their missions through shared work.
6. Are training or educational/ research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included?  
Explain in detail.  
Included in the membership:
  - NASDSE publications and other media
  - Quarterly newsletter NASDSE Works!
  - High interest publications such as the RTI publication series, deaf education book and publications by Project Forum
  - Access to high quality information through NASDSE's website(s)
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.

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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.  
No.
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.  
Santina Thibedeau, NH State Director of Special Education ~ Member
10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.  
NASDSE is a strong organization that has considerable visibility and influence in our nation's capital and throughout the country, providing leadership and representing the States in matters of policy, programs and services, while working to create the future for education services for persons with disabilities.  
The negative impact would include, but not limited to:
- Loss of collaboration with other States to meet missions through shared work;
  - Will not receive timely reporting on matters being consider by Congress;
  - Loss of collaboration in national coalitions working on national policy (Committee on Education Funding, the Elementary/Secondary Education Coalition, Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities;
  - Loss of regular communication on critical issues and developments in the field;
  - Will not receive timely updates on policies and practices from the US Department of Education, the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) and national organizations and associations.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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Commissioner of Education



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Invoice Number: 0803721-IN

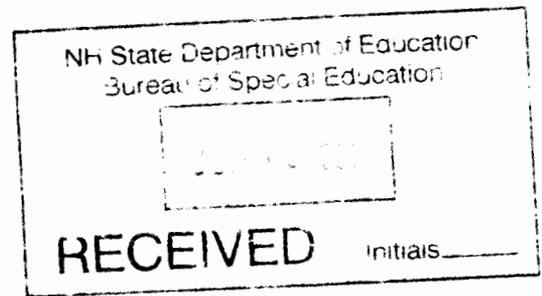
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Customer Number: 02-NH

Customer P.O.:

Terms: DUE UPON RECEIPT

Item Code	Description	UM	Quantity	Price	Amount
	2014-2015 Membership Dues July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015		1.000	7,987.000	7,987.00



Net Invoice:	7,987.00
Freight:	0.00
Sales Tax:	0.00
<b>Invoice Total:</b>	<b>7,987.00</b>



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June 9, 2014

State Director of Special Education

On July 1, 2014 NASDSE's 2014-2015 membership year begins. This membership packet is being sent directly to you for your processing. The Board of Directors and I encourage you to make sure your state or federal jurisdiction is a member of the NASDSE organization this year.

NASDSE is a strong organization that has considerable visibility and influence in our nation's capital and throughout the country. We need to keep it that way. Our small staff is doing phenomenal work. Your Board of Directors is providing great leadership on your behalf. Together we are providing leadership and representing your states well in matters of policy, programs and services, while working to create the future for education services for persons with disabilities.

As you know, NASDSE is a small organization in number. We only have 60 potential members. To remain strong, we need all of you in the membership, not just for finances which are very important, but also for your state/jurisdiction's influence in keeping special education a very important part of general education as our nation makes changes to improve education outcomes for all children and youth.

In addition to this letter, this packet contains (1) 2014-2015 NASDSE Member Services document, (2) NASDSE Government Relations Action Agenda for 2014, (3) a list of coalitions we affiliate with, (4) a 2014-2015 membership invoice, and (4) for those of you who may need it – a sole source letter. We encourage your timely action. If you need us to send the entire packet or just the invoice to someone else in your agency, we will do it. Just send me the name and contact information.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

*Theron (Bill) East, Jr.*

Theron (Bill) East, Jr., Ed.D.  
Executive Director

## **2014-2015 NASDSE Member Services**

State membership in the National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE) provides state education agency personnel with:

### **I. Leadership**

- A mission-driven organization with a focus on current implementation issues as well as helping states focus on the future.
- Ongoing contact and working relationships with U.S. Department of Education personnel within the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services (OSERS), Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) and others.
- On-going collaboration with more than 60 national and state organizations that help states meet their missions through shared work, including the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), , National School Boards Association (NSBA), American Association of School Administrators (AASA), National Education Association (NEA), American Federation of Teachers (AFT), National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) and many other special education stakeholders.

### **II. National-level representation in the development of national policy**

- Board of Directors approves annual priorities for government relations work (see attached priorities for 2014).
- Timely reporting on matters being considered by Congress with opportunities for input regarding NASDSE positions.
- Staff participation in national coalitions working on national policy (e.g. the Committee for Education Funding, Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities, Teaching Effectiveness Coalition, Non-Defense Discretionary Coalition and others).
- Channels to federal agencies and national organizations regarding legal and policy developments that affect state programs and policies.
- Timely updates on policies and practices from the U.S. Department of Education, the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) and national organizations and associations.

### **III. On-going support for the state directors of special education and other state education agency staff**

- Regular communication on critical issues and developments in the field that includes NASDSE's Executive Director's *Bill's Notes* and timely Government Relations updates from NASDSE's Director of Government Relations.
- Support for new state directors through the New Directors Academy and mentorship opportunities.



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### **GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AGENDA FOR 2014**

#### **Action Agenda**

- IDEA implementation (including RDA initiative, fiscal issues and development of reauthorization principles)
- Education legislation (ESEA, seclusion and restraint, literacy, UDL, Perkins, other?)
- FY 15 budget and appropriations
- Data issues
- Mental health
- Early childhood
- Common Core (implementation and assessments)
- Technology (including virtual schools; accessibility issues; and online learning)
- Workforce Investment Act
- School choice (charter schools, vouchers)

#### **Watch Agenda**

- Medicaid
- Child welfare (implementation of the Fostering Connections Act and Uninterrupted Scholars Act)
- Respite care
- ADA/504 issues

## COALITION LIST

- Committee for Education Funding
- Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities
  - Education Task Force
  - Employment Task Force
  - Health Care Task Force
- Elem/Sec Coalition
- National Association of School Instructional Services Personnel
- Teaching Effective Coalition
- National Coalition for Public Education
- Mental Health Liaison Group
- Personnel Shortages Coalition
- Juvenile Justice Coalition
- SSI
- UDL Task Force
- Literacy Coalition
- Respite Care Coalition
- Child Welfare Education Advisory Group
- Early Childhood (2 coalitions – one focusing on new EC legislative initiatives)
- IDEA Full Funding Coalition



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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Whom It May Concern

FROM: Bill East, Executive Director

DATE: June 9, 2014

SUBJECT: Sole Source

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The National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE) is a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization. NASDSE is the only national membership organization whose members are solely the state directors of special education. NASDSE's mission is stated as follows:

"NASDSE operates for the purpose of providing services to state agencies to facilitate efforts to maximize educational outcomes for individuals with disabilities."