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Department of Agriculture,
Markets & Food

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Lorraine S. Merrill, Commissioner

December 29, 2014

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

Retroactive

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food (NHDAMF), Division of Animal Industry, to accept and expend retroactive grant funds from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) in the amount of \$40,605 for the period of May 13, 2014 through March 31, 2015, to conduct surveillance and response for animal disease and traceability which will support the NHDAMF's ability to protect human health, the state's economy, food safety, and animal resources, as well as deliver educational programs to the growing number of livestock and poultry owners in the state. In addition to traditional livestock agriculture, NH Agriculture has some unique characteristics that present challenges to animal and human health. These qualities impart special importance to maintaining, and where possible, expanding animal disease surveillance and control measures. According to USDA NASS, nationally NH ranks first in percentage of all farms with direct to consumer sales; third in direct sales as a percent of all farm sales; and fifth in average value of direct market sales per farm. Further, NASS has documented an increase of approximately 25% in both the number of farms with livestock and the number of livestock in NH from 2002 to 2012 while these numbers have declined nationally. 100% Federal Funds – USDA Animal Health.

Funds are to be budgeted in a new account for FY 2015 as follows:

02-18-18-182000-90610000 USDA – Animal Health Programs

<u>Account</u>		<u>FY 2015</u>
90610000-020-500200	Supplies	\$ 5,500
90610000-030-500311	General Equipment (new)	5,000
90610000-040-500800	Indirect Cost	4,983
90610000-041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	36
90610000-080-500710	Common Carrier (Out-of-State)	4,000
90610000-102-500731	Contract for Program Services	<u>21,086</u>
	Total	\$40,605
90610000-000-402995	USDA – Animal Health Programs	\$40,605

EXPLANATION

The Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food, Division of Animal Industry (NHDAMF), has been awarded a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), APHIS cooperative agreement that will assist NHDAMF to manage National Surveillance and Response for Animal Health Activities or Traceability. This is a retroactive request as the grant start date is May 13, 2014 and NHDAMF is requesting the funds to complete the on-going project of expanding animal disease surveillance and control measures. The entirety of the contract is for animal health testing and education. As NHDAMF has minimal personnel to complete the necessary work, USDA provided funds to develop the application of technology by the state which will improve efficiency and will allow for more opportunity to respond to unusual and emergency situations. Specifically, NHDAMF is working on enlisting technology for more efficient data entry and management. An anticipated contract to scan existing paper certificates of veterinary inspection (CVIs) and other health documents into searchable databases will dramatically improve the ability to respond to identified disease problems. As well, DAMF plans to purchase three mobile ear tag readers. The application of multiple, modern technologies will improve disease surveillance for farmers and citizens in New Hampshire. NH has had several instances wherein traditional mechanisms of disease surveillance have limited or prohibited full response (e.g. lost metal tags, inadequate time available to search paper records, etc.). This approval by Governor and Council is necessary to allow the scope of work as defined in the contract to be performed.

The funds from this cooperative agreement will be utilized as follows:

Object Class - 020 - Current Expenses - \$5,500. Funds to be used for mailings, phone calls and general supplies needed for the project.

Object Class - 030 - Equipment - \$5,000. Funds to be used to purchase hand-held computer/scanners for scanning the ear tags, maintaining and gathering other animal health information, and etc. while in the field.

Object Class - 040 - Indirect Cost - \$4,983. Funds budgeted covering the required rate.

Object Class - 041 - Audit Set Aside - \$36. Funds budgeted covering the required rate.

Object Class - 080 - Out of State Travel - \$4,000. Funds to be used for the State Veterinarian to attend the out-of-state meetings and conferences.

Object Class - 102 - Contract for Program Services - \$21,086. Funds to be used to contract with vendor to enter past & current animal health information into national animal traceability databases.

In the event that federal funds become no longer available, general funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lorraine S. Merrill
Commissioner

Enclosure



United States Department of Agriculture

Animal and Plant
Health Inspection
Service

Veterinary Services

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May 13, 2014

Dr. Stephen K. Crawford, DVM
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Reference: Transmittal of Cooperative Agreement No.: 14-9733-1271CA
Cooperator: New Hampshire Department of Agriculture
Program: Umbrella (Avian, Cattle, Swine, Zoonotic)
Federal Award Amount: \$40,605
Performance Period: May 13, 2014 – March 31, 2015.
Accomplishment Reports Due: Quarterly

Dear Dr. Crawford:

Enclosed is your fully executed copy of the Continuation Notice of Cooperative Agreement Award No. 14-9733-1271CA for the Umbrella program. Expenditures are authorized for the performance period noted above. Dr. William G. Smith is appointed as the USDA APHIS VS Authorized Departmental Officer's Designated Representative (ADODR) for this agreement. You may contact Dr. Smith at the following address:

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Please refer any questions or concerns you may have regarding this Agreement to Dr. Smith. In the event the ADODR contact for this agreement changes, another ADODR shall be appointed and you will be notified by letter.

Sincerely,

LEE THOMAS

Digitally signed by LEE THOMAS
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ou=Department of Agriculture, cn=LEE
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Lee Ann Thomas
Director

Enclosures

cc: W. Smith, ADD, Sutton, MA