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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
 and the Honorable Council
 State House
 Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) to **retroactively** pay the Interstate Commission for Juveniles, 836 Euclid Avenue, Suite 322, Lexington, KY 40502 (Vendor #227637) in the amount of \$12,000 for an annual membership from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval. 22.93% Federal Funds, 77.07% General Funds

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State Fiscal Year	Class/Object	Job/Activity Number	Class Title	Amount
2020	026-500251	42140519	Organizational Dues	\$12,000

EXPLANATION

This request is **retroactive** because budget constraints, due to the Continuing Resolution, did not allow availability of sufficient funding to process this payment. Sufficient funds are now available.

Approval of this request will enable the State to continue participating in the Interstate Commission of Juveniles (ICJ), which connects all states to facilitate the interstate placement and supervision of juveniles on probation or parole, or who have run away from one state to another. The Commission collects standardized data concerning the interstate movement of juveniles as directed through its rules and technology systems. Additionally, the commission provides for binding dispute resolution between compacting states; oversees, supervises and coordinates the movement of juveniles; and enforces compliance with compact provisions. Listed below are answers to standard questions required for Governor and Executive Council organization dues and membership approval submissions:

- How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?
A: The ICJ has been in existence since 1957 and is bound by statute 169-A:1 to direct a compact on behalf of the State for juveniles who are: (1) not under proper supervision and control, or who have absconded, escaped, or runaway and are likely to endanger their own health, morals and welfare, and the health, morals, and welfare of others; (2) that the cooperation of this state with other states is necessary to provide for the welfare and protection of juveniles and of the people of this state. The agency, through the Interstate Compact cooperates fully with other states in the return of juveniles, accepting the juvenile if apprehended in another state as well as initiating actions for the return of juveniles. The Department has been a member since 2011.

2. Is there any other organization, which provides the same or similar benefits, which your agency belongs to?
A: No
3. How many other state's belong to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?
A: Every state and the Northern Marianas, American Samoa, US Virgin Islands, and Guam are members of the ICJ. DCYF is the sole NH state agency that is a member of the ICJ.
4. How is the dues structure established?
A: The dues collected by the Commission are determined by formula to calculate the annual assessments to be paid by the state. The commission considers the population of the state and the volume of the juvenile transfers between states in determining and adjusting the assessment formula. The dues formula is determined by comparing the population of the state against the population of the United States, as well as the number of juveniles sent from and received by the state against the total number of offenders sent from and received by all states, then dividing this by two.
5. What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?
A: The Division is able to access the proper administrative processes for the supervision or return of juveniles, delinquents, and status offenders who are: (1) on probation or parole and who have absconded, escaped or runaway, and in doing so have endangered their own safety and the safety of others, (2) who are in need of supervision in another state due to their residing in another state or relocating to another state. NH will also benefit by participating in a reciprocity relationship with other states in which sending states notify receiving states of travel of certain high-risk offenders within the receiving state.
6. Are training or educational/research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail.
A: All training and educational research materials are included in the membership, as well as national data collection archives.
7. Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? Explain.
A: No.
8. Is there any travel included with this membership fee?
A: Travel for the State Commissioner of ICJ or their designee is included in the membership fee. The Commissioner or designee will attend the annual business meeting. This meeting convenes in a host state for several days and consists of educational opportunities and meetings in which ICJ rules are discussed, sometimes changed, and voted on.
9. Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization?
A: There are number of employees that have user accounts and use the data on an ongoing basis. The ICJ Commissioner, Compact Administrator, and the Deputy Compact Administrator are members of the ICJ. Only the Commissioner or their designee is able to vote or provide feedback on rules that govern the Compact. The Deputy Compact Administrator is also involved in various committees established by the Compact throughout the year which look at practice, focusing on improving rules and ensuring that states remain in compliance.

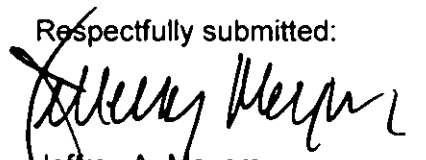
10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.

A: Should the Governor and Executive Council not approve this request, the Department will not be able to access the proper administrative processes for the supervision or return of juveniles, delinquents and status offenders who have run away or absconded. NH would lose the cooperation of other states in supervising youth who are on probation or parole in NH, but also those residing or visiting another state. NH would also lose the cooperation of other states in retrieving youth who have run away or absconded to another state.

Source of Funds: 22.93% Federal Funds and 77.07% General.

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

Respectfully submitted:



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INVOICE
April 30, 2019

TO:	FOR:
Commissioner Caitlyn Bickford Division for Children, Youth, and Family 129 Pleasant Stret Concord, NH 03301	FISCAL YEAR 2020 ANNUAL DUES ASSESSMENT

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Annual Dues Assessment: Interstate Commission for Juveniles FY 2020	\$12000
TOTAL	\$12000

Payment is due: July 31, 2019

- **Make checks payable to:** Interstate Commission for Juveniles
- **Mailing address:** 836 Euclid Avenue, Suite 322, Lexington KY 40502
- **Federal ID Number:** 30-0541224

NOTICE

Effective December 1, 2016, the Interstate Commission for Juveniles is no longer an affiliate of the Council of State Governments. Should your state require additional forms to process payment, please forward for completion to the ICJ National Office - icjadmin@juvenilecompact.org.

Thank You for Your Continued Support