



# New Hampshire Fish and Game Department

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Glenn Normandeau  
Executive Director

October 16, 2013

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

## REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department to enlist as a member of the Northeast Wildlife Disease Cooperative, administered through Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine (Vendor No. 163424), in order to gain access to essential wildlife disease diagnostic, technical and educational resources of the Cooperative for an annual fee of \$2,500 for a total fee of \$5,000, from the date of Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2015. Funds 100% other (Game Management Funds).

Funding is available in account, Game Management, with authority to adjust encumbrances in each of the state fiscal years through the Budget Office if needed and justified:

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20-75000-21580000-304-500841 Research and Management	<u>FY14</u>	<u>FY15</u>
	\$2,500	\$2,500

## EXPLANATION

The northeastern U.S. is a hotspot for emerging infectious diseases that affect both animals and humans because of its dense human population coupled with the presence of major ports where human and animal travelers pour into the country. In spite of its vulnerability, the Northeast lacks a coordinated fish and wildlife disease response system or a dedicated wildlife health facility to conduct surveillance, ensure detection or aid in response to wildlife diseases, including those with potentially severe impacts on wildlife, domestic animal and human populations. Moreover, the region lacks a coordinated regional wildlife disease reporting system. A proactive, regional approach to detecting and responding to wildlife disease would save taxpayer dollars and help safeguard wildlife and human health.

The Northeast Wildlife Disease Cooperative (NWDC) is a newly formed consortium of five veterinary diagnostic laboratories located in the northeastern United States. The NWDC will have four main activities: wildlife diagnostics, disease surveillance, education, and facilitation of regional communications regarding wildlife diseases. Membership in the NWDC by New Hampshire Fish and Game will avail the Department to fee-based/reduced-cost diagnostic services, wildlife disease

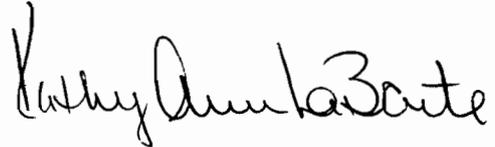
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educational seminars, regional communications streamlined through a listserv and via continuous communications between NWDC labs and partner agencies, and access to disease expertise in the form of advice, representation on committees, participation at meetings, review of documents, scientific planning, as well as response to inquiries from the public and media. New Hampshire Fish and Game considers this to be a priority partnership that will yield immediate benefits for our staff, our department and our state.

Respectfully submitted,



Glenn Normandeau  
Executive Director



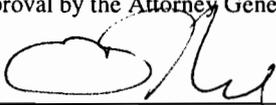
Kathy Ann LaBonte  
Chief, Business Division

Subject: Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine - NWDC Membership FORM NUMBER P-37 ( version 1/09)

**AGREEMENT**  
The State of New Hampshire and the Contractor hereby mutually agree as follows:

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**1. IDENTIFICATION.**

1.1 State Agency Name <u>NH Fish and Game Department</u>		1.2 State Agency Address <u>11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301</u>	
1.3 Contractor Name <u>Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine</u>		1.4 Contractor Address <u>200 Westboro Road, North Grafton, MA 01536</u>	
1.5 Contractor Phone Number <u>1 (508) 887-4933</u>	1.6 Account Number <u>020-07500-21580000-304-50</u>	1.7 Completion Date <u>6/30/15</u>	1.8 Price Limitation <u>\$5,000.</u>
1.9 Contracting Officer for State Agency <u>Glenn Normandeau, Executive Director</u>		1.10 State Agency Telephone Number <u>603-271-2741</u>	
1.11 Contractor Signature 		1.12 Name and Title of Contractor Signatory <u>Joseph P. McManus, Executive Associate Dean</u>	
1.13 Acknowledgement: State of <u>Massachusetts</u> , County of <u>Worcester</u> On <u>Oct 9, 2013</u> , before the undersigned officer, personally appeared the person identified in block 1.12, or satisfactorily proven to be the person whose name is signed in block 1.11, and acknowledged that s/he executed this document in the capacity indicated in block 1.12.			
1.13.1 Signature of Notary Public or Justice of the Peace [Seal] 			
1.13.2 Name and Title of Notary or Justice of the Peace <u>Gail Zamarchi, Contract Research Officer, Notary Public</u>			
1.14 State Agency Signature 		1.15 Name and Title of State Agency Signatory <u>Glenn Normandeau, Executive Director</u>	
1.16 Approval by the N.H. Department of Administration, Division of Personnel (if applicable) By: _____ Director, On: _____			
1.17 Approval by the Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) By:  On: <u>10-24-13</u>			
1.18 Approval by the Governor and Executive Council By: _____ On: _____			



**2. EMPLOYMENT OF CONTRACTOR/SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED.** The State of New Hampshire, acting through the agency identified in block 1.1 ("State"), engages contractor identified in block 1.3 ("Contractor") to perform, and the Contractor shall perform, the work or sale of goods, or both, identified and more particularly described in the attached EXHIBIT A which is incorporated herein by reference ("Services").

**3. EFFECTIVE DATE/COMPLETION OF SERVICES.**  
3.1 Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, and subject to the approval of the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire, this Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall not become effective until the date the Governor and Executive Council approve this Agreement ("Effective Date").  
3.2 If the Contractor commences the Services prior to the Effective Date, all Services performed by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date shall be performed at the sole risk of the Contractor, and in the event that this Agreement does not become effective, the State shall have no liability to the Contractor, including without limitation, any obligation to pay the Contractor for any costs incurred or Services performed. Contractor must complete all Services by the Completion Date specified in block 1.7.

**4. CONDITIONAL NATURE OF AGREEMENT.**  
Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations of the State hereunder, including, without limitation, the continuance of payments hereunder, are contingent upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds, and in no event shall the State be liable for any payments hereunder in excess of such available appropriated funds. In the event of a reduction or termination of appropriated funds, the State shall have the right to withhold payment until such funds become available, if ever, and shall have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately upon giving the Contractor notice of such termination. The State shall not be required to transfer funds from any other account to the Account identified in block 1.6 in the event funds in that Account are reduced or unavailable.

**5. CONTRACT PRICE/PRICE LIMITATION/PAYMENT.**  
5.1 The contract price, method of payment, and terms of payment are identified and more particularly described in EXHIBIT B which is incorporated herein by reference.  
5.2 The payment by the State of the contract price shall be the only and the complete reimbursement to the Contractor for all expenses, of whatever nature incurred by the Contractor in the performance hereof, and shall be the only and the complete compensation to the Contractor for the Services. The State shall have no liability to the Contractor other than the contract price.  
5.3 The State reserves the right to offset from any amounts otherwise payable to the Contractor under this Agreement those liquidated amounts required or permitted by N.H. RSA 80:7 through RSA 80:7-c or any other provision of law.

5.4 Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, and notwithstanding unexpected circumstances, in no event shall the total of all payments authorized, or actually made hereunder, exceed the Price Limitation set forth in block 1.8.

**6. COMPLIANCE BY CONTRACTOR WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS/ EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.**  
6.1 In connection with the performance of the Services, the Contractor shall comply with all statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county or municipal authorities which impose any obligation or duty upon the Contractor, including, but not limited to, civil rights and equal opportunity laws. In addition, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable copyright laws.  
6.2 During the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, color, religion, creed, age, sex, handicap, sexual orientation, or national origin and will take affirmative action to prevent such discrimination.  
6.3 If this Agreement is funded in any part by monies of the United States, the Contractor shall comply with all the provisions of Executive Order No. 11246 ("Equal Employment Opportunity"), as supplemented by the regulations of the United States Department of Labor (41 C.F.R. Part 60), and with any rules, regulations and guidelines as the State of New Hampshire or the United States issue to implement these regulations. The Contractor further agrees to permit the State or United States access to any of the Contractor's books, records and accounts for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with all rules, regulations and orders, and the covenants, terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**7. PERSONNEL.**  
7.1 The Contractor shall at its own expense provide all personnel necessary to perform the Services. The Contractor warrants that all personnel engaged in the Services shall be qualified to perform the Services, and shall be properly licensed and otherwise authorized to do so under all applicable laws.  
7.2 Unless otherwise authorized in writing, during the term of this Agreement, and for a period of six (6) months after the Completion Date in block 1.7, the Contractor shall not hire, and shall not permit any subcontractor or other person, firm or corporation with whom it is engaged in a combined effort to perform the Services to hire, any person who is a State employee or official, who is materially involved in the procurement, administration or performance of this Agreement. This provision shall survive termination of this Agreement.  
7.3 The Contracting Officer specified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, shall be the State's representative. In the event of any dispute concerning the interpretation of this Agreement, the Contracting Officer's decision shall be final for the State.

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Date *7/10/13*



**8. EVENT OF DEFAULT/REMEDIES.**

8.1 Any one or more of the following acts or omissions of the Contractor shall constitute an event of default hereunder ("Event of Default"):

- 8.1.1 failure to perform the Services satisfactorily or on schedule;
- 8.1.2 failure to submit any report required hereunder; and/or
- 8.1.3 failure to perform any other covenant, term or condition of this Agreement.

8.2 Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the State may take any one, or more, or all, of the following actions:

- 8.2.1 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and requiring it to be remedied within, in the absence of a greater or lesser specification of time, thirty (30) days from the date of the notice; and if the Event of Default is not timely remedied, terminate this Agreement, effective two (2) days after giving the Contractor notice of termination;
- 8.2.2 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and suspending all payments to be made under this Agreement and ordering that the portion of the contract price which would otherwise accrue to the Contractor during the period from the date of such notice until such time as the State determines that the Contractor has cured the Event of Default shall never be paid to the Contractor;
- 8.2.3 set off against any other obligations the State may owe to the Contractor any damages the State suffers by reason of any Event of Default; and/or
- 8.2.4 treat the Agreement as breached and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both.

**9. DATA/ACCESS/CONFIDENTIALITY/PRESERVATION.**

9.1 As used in this Agreement, the word "data" shall mean all information and things developed or obtained during the performance of, or acquired or developed by reason of, this Agreement, including, but not limited to, all studies, reports, files, formulae, surveys, maps, charts, sound recordings, video recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings, analyses, graphic representations, computer programs, computer printouts, notes, letters, memoranda, papers, and documents, all whether finished or unfinished.

9.2 All data and any property which has been received from the State or purchased with funds provided for that purpose under this Agreement, shall be the property of the State, and shall be returned to the State upon demand or upon termination of this Agreement for any reason.

9.3 Confidentiality of data shall be governed by N.H. RSA chapter 91-A or other existing law. Disclosure of data requires prior written approval of the State.

**10. TERMINATION.** In the event of an early termination of this Agreement for any reason other than the completion of the Services, the Contractor shall deliver to the Contracting Officer, not later than fifteen (15) days after the date of termination, a report ("Termination Report") describing in detail all Services performed, and the contract price earned, to and including the date of termination. The form, subject matter, content, and number of copies of the Termination

Report shall be identical to those of any Final Report described in the attached EXHIBIT A.

**11. CONTRACTOR'S RELATION TO THE STATE.** In the performance of this Agreement the Contractor is in all respects an independent contractor, and is neither an agent nor an employee of the State. Neither the Contractor nor any of its officers, employees, agents or members shall have authority to bind the State or receive any benefits, workers' compensation or other emoluments provided by the State to its employees.

**12. ASSIGNMENT/DELEGATION/SUBCONTRACTS.** The Contractor shall not assign, or otherwise transfer any interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the N.H. Department of Administrative Services. None of the Services shall be subcontracted by the Contractor without the prior written consent of the State.

**13. INDEMNIFICATION.** The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State, its officers and employees, from and against any and all losses suffered by the State, its officers and employees, and any and all claims, liabilities or penalties asserted against the State, its officers and employees, by or on behalf of any person, on account of, based or resulting from, arising out of (or which may be claimed to arise out of) the acts or omissions of the Contractor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State. This covenant in paragraph 13 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

**14. INSURANCE.**

14.1 The Contractor shall, at its sole expense, obtain and maintain in force, and shall require any subcontractor or assignee to obtain and maintain in force, the following insurance:

14.1.1 comprehensive general liability insurance against all claims of bodily injury, death or property damage, in amounts of not less than \$250,000 per claim and \$2,000,000 per occurrence; and

14.1.2 fire and extended coverage insurance covering all property subject to subparagraph 9.2 herein, in an amount not less than 80% of the whole replacement value of the property.

14.2 The policies described in subparagraph 14.1 herein shall be on policy forms and endorsements approved for use in the State of New Hampshire by the N.H. Department of Insurance, and issued by insurers licensed in the State of New Hampshire.

14.3 The Contractor shall furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, a certificate(s) of insurance for all insurance required under this Agreement. Contractor shall also furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, certificate(s) of insurance for all renewal(s) of insurance required under this Agreement no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the expiration date of each of the insurance policies. The certificate(s) of insurance and any renewals thereof shall be

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attached and are incorporated herein by reference. Each certificate(s) of insurance shall contain a clause requiring the insurer to endeavor to provide the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, no less than ten (10) days prior written notice of cancellation or modification of the policy.

**15. WORKERS' COMPENSATION.**

15.1 By signing this agreement, the Contractor agrees, certifies and warrants that the Contractor is in compliance with or exempt from, the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A ("*Workers' Compensation*").

15.2 To the extent the Contractor is subject to the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A, Contractor shall maintain, and require any subcontractor or assignee to secure and maintain, payment of Workers' Compensation in connection with activities which the person proposes to undertake pursuant to this Agreement. Contractor shall furnish the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, proof of Workers' Compensation in the manner described in N.H. RSA chapter 281-A and any applicable renewal(s) thereof, which shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference. The State shall not be responsible for payment of any Workers' Compensation premiums or for any other claim or benefit for Contractor, or any subcontractor or employee of Contractor, which might arise under applicable State of New Hampshire Workers' Compensation laws in connection with the performance of the Services under this Agreement.

**16. WAIVER OF BREACH.** No failure by the State to enforce any provisions hereof after any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of its rights with regard to that Event of Default, or any subsequent Event of Default. No express failure to enforce any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of the right of the State to enforce each and all of the provisions hereof upon any further or other Event of Default on the part of the Contractor.

**17. NOTICE.** Any notice by a party hereto to the other party shall be deemed to have been duly delivered or given at the time of mailing by certified mail, postage prepaid, in a United States Post Office addressed to the parties at the addresses given in blocks 1.2 and 1.4, herein.

**18. AMENDMENT.** This Agreement may be amended, waived or discharged only by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto and only after approval of such amendment, waiver or discharge by the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire.

**19. CONSTRUCTION OF AGREEMENT AND TERMS.**

This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, and is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assigns. The wording used in this Agreement is the wording chosen by the parties to express their mutual

intent, and no rule of construction shall be applied against or in favor of any party.

**20. THIRD PARTIES.** The parties hereto do not intend to benefit any third parties and this Agreement shall not be construed to confer any such benefit.

**21. HEADINGS.** The headings throughout the Agreement are for reference purposes only, and the words contained therein shall in no way be held to explain, modify, amplify or aid in the interpretation, construction or meaning of the provisions of this Agreement.

**22. SPECIAL PROVISIONS.** Additional provisions set forth in the attached EXHIBIT C are incorporated herein by reference.

**23. SEVERABILITY.** In the event any of the provisions of this Agreement are held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to any state or federal law, the remaining provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

**24. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement, which may be executed in a number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, constitutes the entire Agreement and understanding between the parties, and supersedes all prior Agreements and understandings relating hereto.

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**EXHIBIT A**  
**SCOPE OF SERVICE**

Membership in the Northeast Wildlife Disease Cooperative avails the Fish and Game Department to the following services: 1) access to diagnostic services through affiliated laboratories (fee-based/reduced-cost); 2) access for staff training at least one wildlife disease seminar per year; 3) access to regional wildlife disease information through a listserv and via continuous communications from cooperating labs and member partners; 4) access to disease expertise in the form of advice, representation on committees, participation in meetings, review of documents, scientific planning, as well as response to inquiries, if requested, from the public and media.

**EXHIBIT B**  
**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

The Cooperative shall be paid \$2,500 per year for Fish and Game membership. The first dues payment will be made following Governor and Council approval, upon receipt of an invoice. Dues for FY 15 will be paid upon receipt of the FY 15 invoice.

Invoices shall be submitted to the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, Attention: Wildlife Division.

**EXHIBIT C**  
**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department agrees to waive the insurance requirement for this contract. The Department also acknowledges that no Certificate of Good Standing from the State of New Hampshire is required for this contact with Tufts University.





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VETERINARY MEDICINE

Office of the Dean

October 7, 2013

New Hampshire Fish and Game Department  
Wildlife Division  
11 Hazen Drive  
Concord, NH 03301

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to confirm that Mr. Joseph P. McManus, by virtue of his position as Executive Associate Dean of the Cumming School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University (TCSVM), is authorized to sign contracts under which TCSVM is obligated to perform services and collect payment for such services.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deborah T. Kochevar".

Dr. Deborah T. Kochevar, DVM, PhD  
Dean, Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine

