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State of New Hampshire

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
33 HAZEN DR. CONCORD, NH 03305
603/271-2791

JOHN J. BARTHELMES
COMMISSIONER

Sole Source

February 3, 2014

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

Requested Action

Pursuant to RSA 21-P:12-a(c), authorize the Department of Safety, Division of Fire Standards & Training and Emergency Medical Services to amend the **sole source** contract with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians, 6610 Busch Blvd, Columbus, OH 43229 (VC 168000, B001), in an amount not to exceed \$59,080.00, increasing the total amount from \$37,800.00 to \$96,880.00, and extending the end date from June 30, 2014, to June 30, 2016, to provide voucher numbers for on-line testing services; all other terms of the contract remain unchanged. The original contract was approved by Governor and Council on November 14, 2012, Item # 145. Effective upon Governor and Council approval. Funding source: 100% Revolving Funds.

Funding is available in the SFY2014 operating budget and is anticipated to be available in SFY15 and SFY16, contingent upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds in future operating budgets, with authority to adjust encumbrances in each of the State fiscal years through the Budget Office if needed and justified.

02-23-23-237010-40650000 – Dept. of Safety – FS&T & EMS – FS&T & EMS Admin

103-502664 – Contracts for Operational Services	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>
	\$14,000.00	\$22,540.00	\$22,540.00

Explanation

This amendment is **sole source** because the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) is the sole vendor that provides national certification testing services at the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) level. New Hampshire has adopted the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians as the certification agency for all emergency medical services providers in the state. This certification is nationally validated and accepted.

Due to a national curriculum change NREMT is transitioning from the current EMT-Intermediate to the AEMT certification. Due to this transition from the EMT-Intermediate level an examination is require for responders to be certified at the AEMT level. This contract purchases vouchers to allow current EMT-Intermediates in the state to take the AEMT exam one time. When each EMT-Intermediate is prepared to take the AEMT certification exam, they will contact the Division to sign up for testing and will be issued a single voucher at that time. The Division is requesting this amendment to make vouchers available for the remaining providers to complete this transition.

Respectfully submitted

John J. Barthelmes
John J. Barthelmes
Commissioner of Safety

Contract Amendment

To purchase vouchers for testing services

National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (VC#168000)

It is hereby agreed that the initial contract, approved by Governor and Council on November 14, 2012, between National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians as "Contractor" and the Department of Safety, Division of Fire Standards & Training and Emergency Medical Services as "State," for purchasing vouchers for testing services is amended as follows:

- Both parties agree to amend the agreement approved by Governor & Council to extend the contract period to June 30, 2016.
- Both parties agree to amend the agreement for additional vouchers if needed, increasing the total amount of vouchers from 540 to 1384 broken down by Fiscal Year:

	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>
	200	322	322

- Increase the following appropriations:
Activity Code: 2370
FST & EMS – FST & EMS Admin

	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>
02-23-23-237010-40650000-103-502664 Contracts for Operational Services	\$14,000.00	\$22,540.00	\$22,540.00

Funding Source: 100 % Fire and EMS Fund.

- Both parties agree to amend the agreement for an additional cost of \$59,080.00 if needed. All other provisions of that certain agreement shall remain in full force and effect.



 (Contractor)

By: Severo Rodriguez
 Title: Executive Director
 Company: National Registry of EMTs
 State of: Ohio
 County of: Franklin

On the 28th day of January, 2014, there appeared before me in the state and county foresaid, a person who satisfactorily identified himself as Severo Rodriguez and acknowledged that he executed this document.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

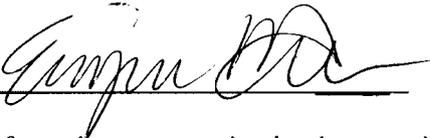

 Notary Public/Justice of the Peace

My Commission Expires: 12-28-2016



Sara K Hammond
 Notary Public, State of Ohio
 My Commission Expires 12-28-2016

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

By: 

Title: Director of Administration

The foregoing contract, having been reviewed by this office, is approved as to form, substance and execution

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

By: 
Assistant Attorney General

On: February 21, 2014

Governor and Council of New Hampshire

On: _____, _____

Signed: _____

Title: _____

**National Registry of
Emergency Medical Technicians®**

THE NATION'S EMS CERTIFICATION™

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6610 BUSCH BLVD.
P.O. BOX 29233
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43229

(614) 888-4484
www.nremt.org



January 28, 2014

National Registry of
Emergency Medical Technicians
6610 Busch Boulevard
Columbus, OH 43229

To Whom It May Concern:

I, the undersigned, Sara K Hammond, Accounting Specialist of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians, do certify that:

Severo Rodriguez, Executive Director of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians, has the authority to bind the organization as per the organization's bylaws. This authority is still in effect and hasn't been repealed, amended or revoked.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate as of the 28th day of January, 2014.

THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS

By: Sara K Hammond (Signature)

Sara K Hammond
Accounting Specialist
National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians

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State of New Hampshire

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

33 HAZEN DR. CONCORD, NH 03305
603/271-2791

JOHN J. BARTHELME
COMMISSIONER

ENC #145
11-14-2012

October 15, 2012

His Excellency, Governor John H. Lynch
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Requested Action

Pursuant to RSA 21-P:12-a(c), authorize the Department of Safety, Division of Fire Standards & Training and Emergency Medical Services to enter into a sole source two-year agreement with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians, 6610 Busch Blvd, Columbus, OH 43229 (VC 168000, B001), in the amount not to exceed \$37,800.00 to provide voucher numbers for on-line testing services. The agreement is effective upon Governor and Council through June 30, 2014. Funding source: 100% Fire and EMS Fund.

Funding is available in the SFY2013 operating budget and is anticipated to be available in SFY14, contingent upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds in future operating budgets, with authority to adjust encumbrances in each of the State fiscal years through the Budget Office if needed and justified.

02-23-23-237010-40650000 – Dept. of Safety – FS&T & EMS – FS&T & EMS Admin		
103-502664 – Contracts for Operational Services	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>
	\$15,750.00	\$22,050.00

Explanation

This request is sole source because the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) is the sole vendor that provides national certification testing services at the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) level. New Hampshire has adopted the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians as the certification agency for all emergency medical services providers in the state. This certification is nationally validated and accepted. Due to a national curriculum change, NREMT is transitioning from the current EMT-Intermediate to the AEMT certification. Due to this transition from the EMT-Intermediate level, an examination is required for responders to be certified at the AEMT level. This contract purchases vouchers to allow current EMT-Intermediates in the state to take the AEMT exam one time. When each EMT-Intermediate is prepared to take the AEMT certification exam, they will contact the Division to sign up for testing and will be issued a single voucher at that time.

Respectfully Submitted

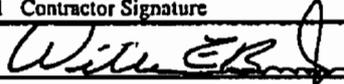
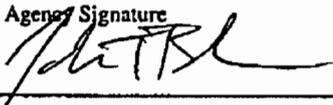
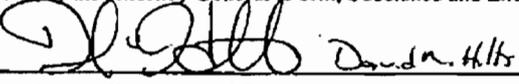
John J. Barthelme
Commissioner of Safety

Subject: Nat Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians-Vouchers 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>Dept. of Safety, Division of Fire Standards & Training & EMS</u>		1.2 State Agency Address <u>33 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03305</u>	
1.3 Contractor Name <u>Nat Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians</u>		1.4 Contractor Address <u>6610 Busch Blvd, Columbus, OH 43229</u>	
1.5 Contractor Phone Number <u>614-888-4484</u>	1.6 Account Number <u>02-23-23-231010-4065-103</u>	1.7 Completion Date <u>June 30, 2014</u>	1.8 Price Limitation <u>Not to exceed \$37,800.00</u>
1.9 Contracting Officer for State Agency <u>Perry E. Plummer, Director</u>		1.10 State Agency Telephone Number <u>603-223-4200 ext. 31000</u>	
1.11 Contractor Signature 		1.12 Name and Title of Contractor Signatory <u>William E. Brown, Jr. Executive Director</u>	
1.13 Acknowledgement: State of <u>Ohio</u> , County of <u>Franklin</u> On <u>Oct 4, 2012</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 <u>Sara K. Hammond</u> [Seal]			
1.13.2 Name and Title of Notary or Justice of the Peace <u>Sara K. Hammond, Notary Public, State of Ohio, my commission expires 12/28/2016</u>			
1.14 State Agency Signature 		1.15 Name and Title of State Agency Signatory <u>John Beardmore, Dir. of Admin.</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>10/31/12</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.

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, 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

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.

EXHIBIT A

2. EMPLOYMENT OF CONTRACTOR: SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED.

This Agreement ("Agreement") between the Nat'l Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) and the State of New Hampshire is to purchase 540 Advanced EMT (AEMT) Transition vouchers at \$70.00 per voucher for testing services. The agreement is effective upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2014.

Upon payment the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians shall supply the Division with a list of voucher numbers for the State of New Hampshire to issue to EMT-Intermediates needing to take the AEMT exam. The Division will request the number of vouchers to purchase and the NREMT shall invoice the Division, any vouchers purchased under this agreement shall not expire.

Below is the breakdown of vouchers that will be purchased.

FY13:	225 vouchers	\$15,750.00
FY14:	315 vouchers	\$22,050.00

EXHIBIT B

5. CONTRACT PRICE: LIMITATION ON PRICE: PAYMENT.

The total cost of this agreement is not to exceed \$37,800.00 and is broken down by fiscal years as follows:

FY13:	\$15,750.00
FY14:	\$22,050.00

Partial payments accepted and invoices shall be submitted to:

New Hampshire Department of Safety
Division of Fire Standards & Training and Emergency Medical Services
33 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03305

EXHIBIT C

Both parties agree to amend section 14.1.1 of the P-37 amount of insurance to agree with the vendor's coverage currently in force comprehensive general liability in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 each occurrence as the services provided are minimal.

Both parties agree to waive section 15. Workers' Compensation of the P-37 as the service being provided is an on-line testing service.

TITLE I

THE STATE AND ITS GOVERNMENT

CHAPTER 21-P

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

General Provisions

Section 21-P:12-a

21-P:12-a Division of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services; Disposition of Funds. –

I. There is established within the department a division of fire standards and training and emergency medical services, under the supervision of an unclassified director of fire standards and training and emergency medical services who shall administer and supervise a fire and emergency medical service training and research program throughout the state. The director of fire standards and training and emergency medical services shall be nominated by the commissioner of safety, after consultation with the fire standards and training commission and the emergency medical and trauma services coordinating board, for appointment by the governor, with consent of the council, and shall serve a term of 4 years until a successor is appointed. The commission shall take a recorded vote regarding its concurrence or non-concurrence in the commissioner's nomination decision. If the commission votes not to concur in the decision, it shall submit a letter to the commissioner so stating, and the commissioner shall in turn submit that letter to the governor and council. The director of fire standards and training and emergency medical services shall be academically and technically qualified to hold the position, and shall receive the salary specified in RSA 94:1-a.

II. The director shall:

(a) Be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the division of fire standards and training and emergency medical services, the operations of the fire academy, including establishing training programs and offering instruction in methods of determining and dealing with the causes of fire and the prevention of fire, techniques in firefighting, emergency medical services, and rescue, research and techniques in firefighting and fire protection, the administration and management of fire departments and emergency medical services units, and the provisions of RSA 21-P:12-b.

(b) Establish fees to be collected for tuition, licenses, and services. Such fees shall be subject to the approval of the commissioner of the department of safety. The commissioner may for good cause waive any fees charged under this subparagraph and may authorize tuition reimbursement from the fire standards and training and emergency medical services fund.

(c) Establish, maintain, approve, and certify programs, courses, institutions, and facilities for study for all fire service and emergency medical services personnel and recruits according to accepted curricula.

(d) Develop and administer the provision of professional instruction and training for all fire, rescue, and emergency medical services.

(e) Develop and promote new methods and practices of firefighting, delivery of emergency medical services, rescue operations, injury prevention, fire prevention, and fire and emergency medical services administration.

(f) Disseminate information relative to fire and rescues, techniques of firefighting and rescuing, fire prevention, fire administration, emergency medical services, and other related subjects to all interested agencies and individuals throughout the state.

(g) Be authorized to employ part-time instructors or assistants and compensate them for organizing, developing, and conducting approved fire training, emergency medical services, and rescue courses or other work as directed at an hourly rate established by the commissioner and for mileage and expenses incurred in performing their official duties.

(h) With the approval of the commissioner, accept in the name of the state any and all donations, fees for tuition, rents, services and any and all moneys and grants from any governmental unit, public agency, institution, person, firm, or corporation and receive, utilize, expend, and dispose of such funds subject to budgetary provisions, consistent with the rules of the department of safety and the purposes or conditions of the donations or grant.

III. The receipt of a donation or grant under subparagraph II(h) shall be noted in the biennial report of the department of safety, which will also identify the nature of the donation or grant and the conditions of the donation or grant, if any. Any moneys received by the division pursuant to subparagraph II(h) ~~shall be deposited in the state treasury~~ to the account of the department of safety and shall not lapse. In addition, the division may receive, hold, and use gifts, bequests, and devises either outright or in trust for purposes consistent with this chapter.

Source. 1994, 389:9, eff. Aug. 1, 1994. 1997, 135:1, eff. Aug. 8, 1997. 1998, 321:3, eff. Jan. 1, 1999. 2001, 91:15, eff. July 1, 2001. 2004, 171:26, eff. July 24, 2004.