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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT of RESOURCES and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION of FORESTS and LANDS
172 Pembroke Road Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Jeffrey J. Rose
Commissioner

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June 5, 2015

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Forests and Lands to exercise a contract renewal option with Act One Creative, LLC (VC# 381160) who is merging with the Altos Group, LLC (VC# 265781), Bedford, NH, in the amount not to exceed \$100,000 for conservation license plate marketing in support of the Conservation Number License Plate (Moose Plate) upon approval of Governor and Executive Council through June 30, 2017. The original contract was approved by the Governor and Executive Council on September 18, 2013, Item #42. 100% Agency Income (Conservation Plate Funds)

Funding for FY 2016 and FY 2017 is contingent upon availability and continued appropriation of funds, as follows:

	<u>FY16</u>	<u>FY17</u>
03-35-35-350010-34050000		
Conservation Plate Funds		
069-500567 Promotional and Marketing	\$50,000	\$50,000

EXPLANATION

The Department of Resources and Economic Development is designated in RSA 261:97-b(I) to promote and market the Conservation Number Plate Moose Plate program. On September 18, 2013, Governor and the Executive Council authorized the Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Forests and Lands to enter into a contract with Act One Creative, LLC, Concord, NH, in the amount not to exceed \$100,000 for conservation license plate marketing in support of the Moose Plate through June 30, 2015, with the option to renew for an additional 2-year period subject to Governor and Executive Council approval. As of July 1, 2015, Act One Creative, LLC will merge with the Altos Group, LLC, Bedford, NH.


The Attorney General's office has approved the contract as to form, substance and execution.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurred,

CSM


Brad W. Simpkins
Director


Jeffrey J. Rose
Commissioner

Subject: Promotion of Conservation Number Plate program (Moose Plate Marketing) **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 Department of Resources and Economic Development		1.2 State Agency Address 172 Pembroke Rd., Concord, NH 03301	
1.3 Contractor Name Altos Group, LLC		1.4 Contractor Address 4 Bedford Farms Dr., Suite 107, Bedford, NH 03110	
1.5 Contractor Phone Number 603-222-9052	1.6 Account Number 265781 3405 069	1.7 Completion Date June 30, 2017	1.8 Price Limitation 100,000
1.9 Contracting Officer for State Agency Sabrina Stanwood		1.10 State Agency Telephone Number 603-271-2215 x303	
1.11 Contractor Signature 		1.12 Name and Title of Contractor Signatory Julio A. Matos (Tony)	
1.13 Acknowledgement: State of <u>NH</u> , County of <u>Hillsborough</u> On <u>6/04/2015</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]		JENNIFER L. LAROCHELLE, Notary Public My Commission Expires June 22, 2016	
1.13.2 Name and Title of Notary or Justice of the Peace Jennifer Larochelle, sales Associate Eastern Bank			
1.14 State Agency Signature 		1.15 Name and Title of State Agency Signatory Jeffrey J. Rose, Commissioner	
1.16 Approval by the N.H. Department of Administration, Division of Personnel (if applicable) By: <u>n/a</u> Director, On:			
1.17 Approval by the Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) By: On: <u>6/9/15</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 16/7/2015

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

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
Scope of Services

Altos Group, LLC will provide the following services:

- Increase the number of Conservation Plates sold;
- Create promotional pieces consistent with the Conservation License Plate Program goals;
- Develop website and social media goals and strategies;
- Develop a media-buying plan that incorporates the appropriate media outlets within the marketing strategy and existing budget; create tracking reports;
- Manage a cash budget up to \$50,000 annually for Conservation License Plate promotion; and
- Communicate effectively with subcommittee via email and in structured meetings (in person or conference call).

Exhibit B
Payment Terms

This is a firm, not-to-exceed bid. The contractor shall submit monthly invoices including a retainer for website hosting, social media marketing, agency fee and additional services including printing and media placement. Each invoice will detail date, hours and services provided and cost of production/creative, website hosting, social media marketing, printing and media placement. Payment shall occur within thirty (30) business days of invoice submittal. Total contract shall not exceed \$100,000.

Exhibit C
Special Provisions

No special provisions are requested.

State of New Hampshire Department of State

CERTIFICATE

I, William M. Gardner, Secretary of State of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby certify that THE ALTOS GROUP, LLC is a New Hampshire limited liability company formed on June 19, 2003. I further certify that it is in good standing as far as this office is concerned, having filed the annual report(s) and paid the fees required by law; and that a certificate of cancellation has not been filed.



In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereto
set my hand and cause to be affixed
the Seal of the State of New Hampshire,
this 5th day of June, A.D. 2015

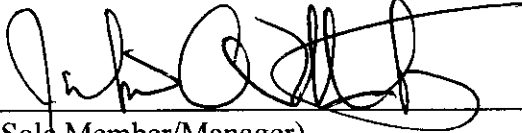
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William M. Gardner".

William M. Gardner
Secretary of State

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY / VOTE
(Limited Liability Company)

I, Julio A. Matos (Tony), hereby certify that:

1. I am the Sole Member/Manager of the Company of Altos Group, LLC; and
2. I hereby further certify and acknowledge that the State of New Hampshire will rely on this certification as evidence that I have full authority to bind Altos Group, LLC and that no corporate resolution, shareholder vote, or other document or action is necessary to grant me such authority.



(Sole Member/Manager)

Julio A. Matos (Tony)

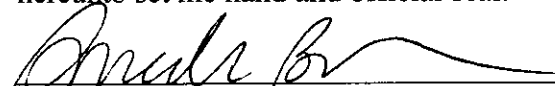
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6/5/2015

(Date)

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF Hillsborough

On this the 5 day of June, before me Amanda Bruno, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Julio A. Matos, known to me or satisfactorily proven to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein contained. In witness whereof, I hereunto set me hand and official seal:



Notary Public

My Commission Expires AMANDA BRUNO
Notary Public - New Hampshire
My Commission Expires June 20, 2017



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

6/4/2015

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER Infantine Insurance P. O. Box 5125 Manchester NH 03108	CONTACT NAME: Gail Shaw, AAI PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): (603) 669-0704 E-MAIL ADDRESS: gshaw@infantine.com	FAX (A/C, No): (603) 669-6831
	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE	
	INSURER A: Valley Forge Insurance	NAIC # 20508
INSURED The Altos Group, LLC 4 Bedford Farms Drive Ste 107 Bedford NH 03110	INSURER B:	
	INSURER C:	
	INSURER D:	
	INSURER E:	
	INSURER F:	

COVERAGES **CERTIFICATE NUMBER:** 2014-2015 MASTER **REVISION NUMBER:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL SUBR INSD WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
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	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	Y/N	N/A			PER STATUTE OTHER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)
 Confirmation of Coverage.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER 271-6488 State of New Hampshire DRED Div of Forests & Lands Sabrina Stanwood 172 Pembroke Rd Concord, NH 03301	CANCELLATION SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE Charles Hamlin/GS5
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June 5, 2015

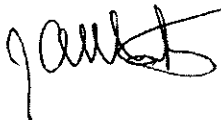
Sabrina Stanwood
Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED)
172 Pembroke Road
Concord, NH -3301-5791

Reference: Merger between Act One Creative, LLC and the Altos Group, LLC

Please be advised that Act One Creative, LLC and the Altos Group, LLC have entered into an agreement to merge operations effective July 1, 2015. While details of this merger continue to be worked out, an agreement in principle was reached and consummated on 5/7/2015 with an effective date of July 1, 2015. The status at this point focuses at notifying and meeting with applicable clients to describe the arrangement, benefits and to introduce any players that may be new to the various clients.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Julio A. Matos (Tony)
President, The Altos Group, LLC



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Funding is available in the account titled, Conservation Plate Funds, as follows with the authority to adjust encumbrances in each of the State fiscal years through the Budget Office if needed and justified.

		<u>FY14</u>	<u>FY15</u>
03-35-35-350010-34050000-069-500567	Promotional and Marketing	\$50,000	\$50,000

EXPLANATION

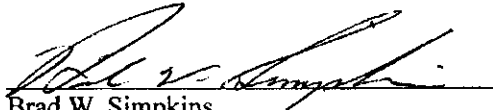
The Department of Resources and Economic Development is designated in RSA 261:97-b(1) to promote and market the Conservation Number Plate Moose Plate program. On June 10, 2013, the Department issued the attached Request for Proposal (RFP) for Advertising Services. The invitation to submit proposals for advertising, marketing and promotional services was mailed to ten (10) advertising and public relations firms known to the Department and the RFP was posted on the Department of Administrative Services' website.

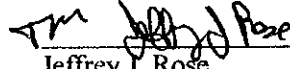
A five person selection committee was comprised of a representative from the Department of Resources and Economic Development, Fish and Game Department, Department of Cultural Resources, State Conservation Committee and the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP). The selection committee recommended Act One Creative, LLC as the agency with which the Department of Resources and Economic Development should negotiate a contract. Act One Creative, LLC scored the highest when evaluated based on the following criteria: qualifications of the applicant, the marketing strategy/creativity, and the cost structure. Attached for your information and convenience is the scoring summary from the selection committee for the seven proposals.

The Attorney General's Office has approved the contract as to form, substance and execution.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED BY:


Brad W. Simpkins
Interim Director


Jeffrey J. Rose
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Conservation Number License Plate 2013 Proposal for Marketing Agency

Agencies that submitted proposals:

Act One Creative, LLC 18 Low Avenue, Concord, NH 03301 603.226.3311
 Daniel Mail Films, Inc 4200 East Fletcher Ave. Apt. B402 Tampa, FL 33620 813.344.4711
 GEOVISION 203 Arlington St., Watertown, MA 02472 617.926.5454
 Glen Group, Inc. PO Box 2838, 170 Kearsarge Street North Conway, NH 03860 603.356.3030
 the watsons llc 150 west 30th street suite 905 new york, ny 10001 212.239.9703
 Wetherbee Creative & Web LLC PO Box 1863 Derry, NH 03038 603.548.3936

Scoring Summary of Proposals

	ACT ONE CREATIVE, LLC	DANIEL MAIL FILMS, INC	GEOVISION	GLEN GROUP, INC	THE WATSONS, LLC	WETTERBEE CREATIVE & WEB, LLC
Sabrina Stanwood, Natural Heritage Bureau, Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED)	100	13	91	86	44	82
Shelly Angers, Department of Cultural Resources	88	68	75	78	80	77
Jon Charpentier, Fish and Game Department	91	71	73	87	74	85
Dea Brickner Wood, State Conservation Committee	93	14	77	89	79	87
Amy Dixon, Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP)	92	75	82	75	81	75
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Scoring Criteria	Maximum Score					
Qualifications of Individual/Firm	35					
Marketing Strategy and Creativity	45					
Cost	20					
Total	100					

Subject:

Conservation Number Plate Advertising
massplate



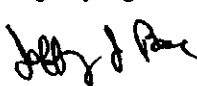
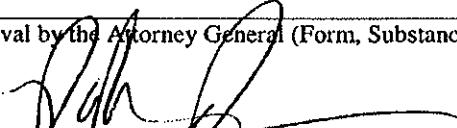
FORM NUMBER P-37 (version 1/09)

AGREEMENT

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

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. IDENTIFICATION.

1.1 State Agency Name Department of Resources and Economic Development		1.2 State Agency Address 172 Pembroke Road, Concord, NH	
1.3 Contractor Name Act One Creative, LLC		1.4 Contractor Address 18 Low Avenue, Concord, NH 03301	
1.5 Contractor Phone Number 603-226-3311	1.6 Account Number 010-035-3405-069-0567	1.7 Completion Date June 30, 2015	1.8 Price Limitation \$100,000
1.9 Contracting Officer for State Agency Sabrina Stanwood		1.10 State Agency Telephone Number 603- 271-2215 x 303	
1.11 Contractor Signature 		1.12 Name and Title of Contractor Signatory Nancy Brownstein, Member	
1.13 Acknowledgement: State of <u>NH</u> , County of <u>Merimack</u> On <u>8/2/2013</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 KIRSTI J. GARCIA, Notary Public My Commission Expires August 22, 2017			
1.14 State Agency Signature  TM		1.15 Name and Title of State Agency Signatory Jeffrey J. Rose, Commissioner	
1.16 Approval by the N.H. Department of Administration, Division of Personnel (if applicable) By: <u>n/a</u> Director, On:			
1.17 Approval by the Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) By:  On: <u>8/20/13</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.

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

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.

Contractor Initials AB
Date 8/2/13

Exhibit A
Scope of Services

Act One Creative, LLC will provide the following services:

- Increase the number of Conservation Plates sold;
- Create promotional pieces consistent with the Conservation License Plate Program goals;
- Develop website and social media goals and strategies;
- Develop a media-buying plan that incorporates the appropriate media outlets within the marketing strategy and existing budget; create tracking reports;
- Manage a cash budget up to \$50,000 annually for Conservation License Plate promotion; and
- Communicate effectively with subcommittee via email and in structured meetings (in person or conference call).

Exhibit B
Payment Terms

This is a firm, not-to-exceed bid. The contractor shall submit monthly invoices including a retainer for website hosting, social media marketing, agency fee and additional services including printing and media placement. Each invoice will detail date, hours and services provided and cost of production/creative, website hosting, social media marketing, printing and media placement. Payment shall occur within thirty (30) business days of invoice submittal. Total contract shall not exceed \$100,000.

Exhibit C
Special Provisions

No special provisions are requested.