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Frank Edelblut Commissioner Christine Brennan Deputy Commissioner

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November 25, 2019

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

#### REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the New Hampshire Department of Education, Bureau of Student Wellness, Office of Social & Emotional Wellness to amend a contract with Cookson Strategic Communications, Manchester, New Hampshire (Vendor Code 156086) to implement a social media campaign using existing public service announcements written, directed, and produced by New Hampshire youth, by extending the completion date from December 31, 2019 to June 30, 2020 effective upon Governor and Council approval. The original contract was approved by G&C on January 23, 2019, item #94. 100% Private Local Funds.

#### **EXPLANATION**

New Hampshire has been disproportionately impacted by the Opioid Epidemic. The NH Department of Education is committed to supporting NH youth, families, and schools as they experience this public health crisis first hand. To support these efforts, the NH Department of Education was awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Pfizer Foundation. A portion of the fund is being used to conduct this social media campaign that will use public service announcements written, directed, and produced by New Hampshire youth. The goals of this effort include:

- Reach all age groups of New Hampshire youth through direct digital marketing using innovative and targeted advertising metrics
- Use social media platforms to enhance reach and engagement by marketing virally packaged information bursts that will supersede the impact of traditional marketing strategies
- Collection of analytics to describe engagement and reach

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In order to ensure broad messaging reach, Cookson Strategic Communication is utilizing a diverse array of vehicles for dissemination including both organic and paid advertising on various social media platforms targeting diverse audiences including middle and high school students and their families, students with disabilities, students who are limited English proficient, and those with limited access to high speed internet.

A request for proposals was posted on the Department's website and in the Union Leader July 26 & 27, 2018 and July 29, 2018. The Department was seeking proposals from individuals, agencies, or organizations to work in conjunction with the Bureau of Student Wellness for implementation of a social media campaign that will use public service announcements written, directed, and produced by New Hampshire youth. Four proposals were received and Cookson Strategies was chosen.

Since the founding of Cookson Strategies Corporation in 2010, they have done a significant amount of work across New Hampshire on projects that provide visibility around causes or actions designed to improve quality of life, education and economic development. Some of their current and past clients include the University System of New Hampshire, the Community College System of New Hampshire, Regional Services and Education Center, Alvirne High School, and the NH High Tech Council. Education, workforce development, and state-driven projects have been a focal point for this organization. They have extensive experience in social media marketing, managing and completing social media audits, running campaigns and providing services to target and connect messages with the intended audiences.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Edelblut

Commissioner of Education

FE:TLS Enclosures

#### AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

Now come the New Hampshire Department of Education, Bureau of Student Wellness, hereinafter "the Agency," and Cookson Strategic Communications, Manchester NH, hereinafter "the Contractor", and, pursuant to an agreement between the parties that was approved by Governor and Council on January 9, 2019 (Item #94) hereby agree to modify same as follows:

- Amend Section 1.7 by removing December 31, 2019 and replacing with June 30, 2020. 1.
- 2. Add Exhibit D (Contractor Obligations)
- 3. Add Exhibit E (Federal Disbarment and Suspension)
- 4. Add Exhibit F (Anti-Lobbying)
- Add Exhibit G (Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract, Copy Rights and Confidentiality) 5.
- 6. All other provisions of this agreement shall remain in full force and effect as originally set forth; and
- This amendment shall commence upon Governor and Council approval and shall terminate on (June 7. 30, 2020).

This modification of an existing agreement is hereby incorporated by reference to the existing agreement by the parties and must be attached to the said agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties, hereto have set their hands as of the day and year first above written.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE Department of Education

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STATE OF New Hampshire	Signature, Title Date	
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On this the 21 day of Movember, 20 officer, personally appeared Matthew & Coo the person whose name is subscribed to the within institle purposes therein contained.	before me, Kimberly Vallancourt the undersigned or Kson known to me (or satisfactory proven) to be strument and acknowledged that he/she executed the same for	
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#### **EXHIBIT D**

#### Contractor Obligations

Contracts in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold (currently set at \$250,000) must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where the contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate. Reference: 2 C.F.R. § 200.326 and 2 C.F.R. 200, Appendix II, required contract clauses.

The contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the contractor's actions pertaining to this contract.

The Contractor, certifies and affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq., apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

#### Breach

A breach of the contract clauses above may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. § 5.12.

#### Fraud and False Statements

The Contractor understands that, if the project which is the subject of this Contract is financed in whole or in part by federal funds, that if the undersigned, the company that the Contractor represents, or any employee or agent thereof, knowingly makes any false statement, representation, report or claim as to the character, quality, quantity, or cost of material used or to be used, or quantity or quality work performed or to be performed, or makes any false statement or representation of a material fact in any statement, certificate, or report, the Contractor and any company that the Contractor represents may be subject to prosecution under the provision of 18 USC § 1001 and § 1020.

#### **Environmental Protection**

(This clause is applicable if this Contract exceeds \$150,000. It applies to Federal-aid contracts only.)

The Contractor is required to comply with all applicable standards, orders or requirements issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857 (h), Section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations (40 CFR Part 15) which prohibit the use under non-exempt Federal contracts, grants or loans of facilities included on the EPA List of Violating Facilities. Violations shall be reported to the FHWA and to the U.S. EPA Assistant Administrator for Enforcement.

#### **Procurement of Recovered Materials**

In accordance with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. § 6962). State agencies and agencies of a political subdivision of a state that are using appropriated Federal funds for procurement must procure items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired in the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; must procure solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and must have established an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

Contractor Initials MC Date 11/21/19

#### Exhibit E

#### Federal Debarment and Suspension

- a. By signature on this Contract, the Contractor certifies its compliance, and the compliance of its Sub-Contractors, present or future, by stating that any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, principal investor, project director, manager, auditor, or any position of authority involving federal funds:
  - 1. Is not currently under suspension, debarment, voluntary exclusion, or determination of ineligibility by any Federal Agency:
  - 2. Does not have a proposed debarment pending;
  - 3. Has not been suspended, debarred, voluntarily excluded or determined ineligible by any Federal Agency within the past three (3) years; and
  - 4. Has not been indicted, convicted, or had a civil judgment rendered against the firm by a court of competent jurisdiction in any matter involving fraud or official misconduct within the past three (3) years.
- b. Where the Contractor or its Sub-Contractor is unable to certify to the statement in Section a.1. above, the Contractor or its Sub-Contractor shall be declared ineligible to enter into Contract or participate in the project.
- c. Where the Contractor or Sub-Contractor is unable to certify to any of the statements as listed in Sections a.2., a.3., or a.4., above, the Contractor or its Sub-Contractor shall submit a written explanation to the DOE. The certification or explanation shall be considered in connection with the DOE's determination whether to enter into Contract.
- d. The Contractor shall provide immediate written notice to the DOE if, at any time, the Contractor or its Sub-Contractor, learn that its Debarment and Suspension certification has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

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#### Exhibit F

#### Anti-Lobbying

The Contractor agrees to comply with the provisions of Section 319 of Public Law 101-121, Government wide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying, and 31 U.S.C. 1352, and further agrees to have the Contractor's representative, execute the following Certification:

The Contractor certifies, by signing and submitting this contract, to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, that:

- a. No federal appropriated funds have been paid or shall be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence any officer or employee of any State or Federal Agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal amendment, or modification of any Federal contract grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- b. If any funds other than federally appropriated funds have been paid or shall be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal Agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit the "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities" form in accordance with its instructions (http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/sflllin.pdf).
- c. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making and entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31 and U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.
- d. The Contractor also agrees, by signing this contract that it shall require that the language of this certification be included in subcontracts with all Sub-Contractor(s) and lower-tier Sub-Contractors which exceed \$100,000 and that all such Sub-Contractors and lower-tier Sub-Contractors shall certify and disclose accordingly.
- e. The DOE shall keep the firm's certification on file as part of its original contract. The Contractor shall keep individual certifications from all Sub-Contractors and lower-tier Sub-Contractors on file. Certification shall be retained for three (3) years following completion and acceptance of any given project.

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#### Exhibit G

## Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract, Copy Rights and Confidentiality

## Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement

Contracts or agreements for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work shall provide for the rights of the Federal Government and the recipient in any resulting invention in accordance with 37 CFR part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the DOE.

Any discovery or invention that arises during the course of the contract shall be reported to the DOE. The Contractor is required to disclose inventions promptly to the contracting officer (within 2 months) after the inventor discloses it in writing to contractor personnel responsible for patent matters. The awarding agency shall determine how rights in the invention/discovery shall be allocated consistent with "Government Patent Policy" and Title 37 C.F.R. § 401.

#### Confidentiality

All Written and oral information and materials disclosed or provided by the DOE under this agreement constitutes Confidential Information, regardless of whether such information was provided before or after the date on this agreement or how it was provided.

The Contractor and representatives thereof, acknowledge that by making use of, acquiring or adding to information about matters and data related to this agreement, which are confidential to the DOE and its partners, must remain the exclusive property of the DOE.

Confidential information means all data and information related to the business and operation of the DOE, including but not limited to all school and student data contained in NH Title XV, Education, Chapters 186-200.

Confidential information includes but is not limited to, student and school district data, revenue and cost information, the source code for computer software and hardware products owned in part or in whole by the DOE, financial information, partner information(including the identity of DOE partners), Contractor and supplier information, (including the identity of DOE Contractors and suppliers), and any information that has been marked "confidential" or "proprietary", or with the like designation. During the term of this contract the Contractor agrees to abide by such rules as may be adopted from time to time by the DOE to maintain the security of all confidential information. The Contractor further agrees that it will always regard and preserve as confidential information/data received during the performance of this contract. The Contractor will not use, copy, make notes, or use excerpts of any confidential information, nor will it give, disclose, provide access to, or otherwise make available any confidential information to any person not employed or contracted by the DOE or subcontracted with the Contractor.

#### Ownership of Intellectual Property

The DOE shall retain ownership of all source data and other intellectual property of the DOE provided to the Contractor in order to complete the services of this agreement. As well the DOE will retain copyright ownership for any and all materials, patents and intellectual property produced, including, but not limited to, brochures, resource directories, protocols, guidelines, posters, or reports. The Contractor shall not reproduce any materials for purposes other than use for the terms under the contract without prior written approval from the DOE.

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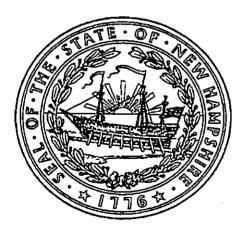
# State of New Hampshire Department of State

#### **CERTIFICATE**

I, William M. Gardner, Secretary of State of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby certify that COOKSON STRATEGIES CORPORATION is a New Hampshire Profit Corporation registered to transact business in New Hampshire on June 23, 2010. I further certify that all fees and documents required by the Secretary of State's office have been received and is in good standing as far as this office is concerned.

Business ID: 632563

Certificate Number: 0004620390



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,

I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Seal of the State of New Hampshire, this 20th day of November A.D. 2019.

William M. Gardner Secretary of State

CERTIFICATE OF VOTE Corporation without a Seal) do hereby certify that: the Corporation, cannot be signatory of (1)I am the duly elected clerk of (2) The following are true copies of the resolutions duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation duly held on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. RESOLVED: That this Corporation enter into a contract with the State of New Hampshire, acting through its Department of Edycation. RESOLVED: That (Name of Contract Signatory) (Tide of Contract Signatory) is hereby authorized on behalf of this Agency to enter into the said contract with the State and to execute and all documents, agreements and other instruments, and any amendments, revisions, or modifications thereto, as he/she may deem necessary, desirable or appropriate. (3) The foregoing resolution(s) have not been amended or revoked, and remain in full force and effect as of the day of (day, month, yr) (must be same date as the contract date) (4) is the duly elected (name of contract signatory) IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand as the Business Representative of the Corporation this day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_/9. STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE **COUNTY OF** Nov21, 2019, the foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Nov 18,2020

JOANN M COLLUPY Notary Public, New Hampshire My Commission Expires Nov 18, 2020 Notary Public/Lastice of the Peace



#### CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DDYYYY) 11/26/2019

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(les) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or 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).

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December 6, 2018

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

#### REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Education, Bureau of Student Wellness to enter into a contract with Cookson Strategies Corporation, Manchester, New Hampshire (Vendor Code 218944), in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, to implement a social media campaign using existing public service announcements written, directed, and produced by New Hampshire youth, effective upon Governor and Council approval through December 31, 2019. 100% Other Funds

Funds to support this request are available in the account titled Positive Student Outcomes Fund for FY 19, and are anticipated to be available in FY 20, upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds in the future operating budget, with the ability to adjust encumbrances between Fiscal Years through the Budget Office without further Governor and Council approval, if needed and justified:

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#### **EXPLANATION**

A request for proposals was posted on the Department's website and in the Union Leader July 26 & 27, 2018 and July 29, 2018. The Department was seeking proposals from individuals, agencies, or organizations to work in conjunction with the Bureau of Student Wellness for implementation of a social media campaign that will use public service announcements written, directed, and produced by New Hampshire youth. Four proposals were received and were reviewed and rated (see Attachment A) by an evaluation team consisting of the Department's Communication Specialist, the Office of Social and Emotional Wellness Communications Coordinator, and me. The team has recommended this organization for funding.

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New Hampshire has been disproportionately impacted by the Opioid Epidemic. The NH Department of Education is committed to supporting NH youth, families, and educators as they experience this public health crisis first hand. To support these efforts, the NH Department of Education would like to contract with Cookson Strategies Corporation to conduct a social media campaign that will use public service announcements written, directed, and produced by New Hampshire youth to raise public awareness and education related to preventing substance misuse behaviors.

Since the founding of Cookson Strategies Corporation in 2010, they have done a significant amount of work across New Hampshire on projects that provide visibility around causes or actions designed to improve quality of life, education and economic development. Some of their current and past clients include the University System of New Hampshire, the Community College System of New Hampshire, Regional Services and Education Center. Alvirne High School, and the NH High Tech Council. Education, workforce development, and state-driven projects have been a focal point for this organization. They have extensive experience in social media marketing, managing and completing social media audits, running campaigns and providing services to target and connect messages with the intended audiences.

In the event Other Funds no longer become available, General Funds will not be requested to support this request.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Edelblut

Commissioner of Education

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#### Attachment A

Scoring for review of the Social Media Campaign that will use public service announcements written, directed, and produced by NH youth

#### Proposal Criteria in the RFP

Significance of Proposal: Description of applicant's capabilities to deliver the services, including a brief description of their personal experience and/or company's experience in developing and implementing a program of this type, to include references as applicable. Please identify the specific subsections of 1.0 as they are addressed (see 1.0 Minimum Requirements)

10 points

Quality of Services: Describe how you will accomplish the Services to be Provided, including activities and strategies that will achieve the purpose of this Request for Proposals. Please identify the subsection(s) of the Services to be Provided as you address them in your narrative.

 Plan, develop, and execute a strategic social marketing campaign leveraging public service announcements written, directed, and produced by New Hampshire youth (2.1). Provide a detailed explanation of how you will address the core services of the proposal

20 points

 Leveraging other initiatives, committees and agencies/organizations to enhance outcomes (2.2). Provide a detailed explanation of how you will accomplish each of these subsections to develop and implement a local capacity building system

10 points

 Management Plan (2.3). Provide a work plan that includes a timeline, persons responsible and milestones or benchmarks in accordance with the activities to carry out Services to be Provided

15 points

 Evaluation Plan (2.4). Describé your comprehensive plan for the evaluation of the proposed project's activities, effectiveness and impact

10 points

Personnel and Partners: Provide a listing of the individuals who will
have responsibilities within this proposed project, their titles, qualifications
and duties, and the amount of time each will devote to the project.
 Identify key partners, describe their anticipated participation and provide
documentation of their commitment

10 points

 Adequacy of Resources: Provide a detailed budget, including budget notes/justification, which clearly explains the relationship, between proposed activities and expenditures

25 points

Total Possible Points 100 Paints

#### Attachment A cont.

Scoring for review of the Social Media Campaign that will use public service announcements written, directed, and produced by NH youth continued

#### Four (4) RFPs were receive and scored

	Frank E.	Tony S.	Kelly U.	Average
Cookson Strategies	95	75	. 75	81.6
The LMC Group	80	85	30	65
JSI Research	65	75	80	73.3
Yellin/McCarron	90	75	70	78.3

#### **Reviewer Qualifications**

Frank E. – Frank was sworn in as Commissioner on Feb. 16. 2017. In his role as Commissioner, Edelblut serves on a number of boards, including as a trustee for the University System of New Hampshire, which includes the University of New Hampshire. Plymouth State University, Keene State College and Granite State College; as an ex-officio trustee for the Community College System of New Hampshire; a member of the New Hampshire Higher Education Commission; among others.

Tony S. – Tony is the Department of Education's Communications Specialist. In that role, Tony is responsible for all of the Department's communication and marketing efforts. Prior to working at the Department, Tony served as a reporter for several web-based, radio, and print organizations.

Kelly U. – Kelly has worked in the Office of Social & Emotional Wellness for three and a half years as the Communications Coordinator. In that role, she oversees marketing, communication, and outreach campaigns to educate NH communities about the Office of Social & Emotional Wellness as well as behavioral and mental health issues and the risks for behavioral health problems, including substance abuse. Kelly has fifteen years' experience in the fields of communications and marketing.

Notice: This agreement and all of its attachments shall become public upon submission to Governor and Executive Council for approval. Any information that is private, confidential or proprietary must be clearly identified to the agency and agreed to in writing prior to signing the contract.

#### **AGREEMENT**

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

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. IDENTIFICATION.					
1.1 State Agency Name		1.2 State Agency Address			
NH Department of Education		101 Pleasant Street, Concord NH 03301			
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1.3 Contractor Name  Cookson Strategies Corporation			NH 03101		
Cookson Strategies Corporation	•	36 Lowell Street, Manchester, NH 03101			
1.5 Contractor Phone	1.6 Account Number	1.7 Completion Date	1.8 Price Limitation		
Number					
603-782-8192	See Exhibit B	12/31/2019	\$200,000.00		
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1.9 Contracting Officer for Stat	e Agency	1.10 State Agency Telephone 1	Number		
Michelle Myler, Administrator	•	603-271-4018			
1.11 Contractor Signature		1.12 Name and Title of Control			
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Date: 12-10-18 Frank Etalbut Commission					
1.16 Approval by the N.H. Dep	partment of Administration, Division	ion of Personnel (if applicable)			
Ву:		Director, On:			
1.17 Approval by the Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) (if applicable)					
By: DY		On: JAN WARY 8, 2019			
1.18 Approval by the Governor and Executive Council (if applicable)					
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, if applicable, this Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall become effective on the date the Governor and Executive Council approve this Agreement as indicated in block 1.18, unless no such approval is required, in which case the Agreement shall become effective on the date the Agreement is signed by the State Agency as shown in block 1.14 ("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. This may include the requirement to utilize auxiliary aids and services to ensure that persons with communication disabilities, including vision, hearing and speech, can communicate with, receive information from, and convey information to the Contractor. 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

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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 notice and consent of the State. None of the Services shall be subcontracted by the Contractor without the prior written

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.

notice and consent of the State.

- 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 \$1,000,000per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate; and
- 14.1.2 special cause of loss coverage form 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 thirty (30) 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 provide the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, no less than thirty (30) 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 unless no

such approval is required under the circumstances pursuant to State law, rule or policy.

- 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

Cookson Strategies Corporation will provide the following services to the New Hampshire Department of Education effective upon Governor and Council approval through December 31, 2019:

In collaboration with the Bureau of Student Wellness, plan, develop, and execute a strategic advertising campaign using various social media platforms leveraging existing public service announcements written, directed, and produced by New Hampshire youth to raise public awareness and education related to preventing substance misuse behaviors.

#### Months 1-2:

- Meet with the NH DOE to discuss the project in detail, review goals, timeline, roles and ongoing plan for evaluation
- Review the videos to evaluate quality, messaging, target audiences and other factors;
   outline target audiences
- Develop the plan to geo-target videos across the state to specific audiences, align this with core social media vehicles and ways to measure results
- Develop and implement alternative plans to reach populations that are challenged with language and/or internet access barriers

#### Months 3-11:

- Launch social media marketing efforts
- Monitor and track efforts daily and modify accordingly based on performance and other data
- Rotate videos across the target market to help determine which ones resonate most: increase usage of those with stronger metrics
- Produce monthly reports
- Meet monthly with NH DOE to report on results and make necessary adjustments
- Implement plans to reach populations that are challenged with language and/or internet access barriers

#### Month 12:

- Craft larger report and presentation on the impact of the campaign.
- Report out to NH DOE and other constituencies
- Make recommendations for future outreach efforts based on success metrics

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EXHIBIT B

BUDGET (through December 31, 2019)

Task	Timeline	FY 19	FY 20
Plan discovery,	Months 1-2	\$8,000.00	\$0
research &			
development phase			
Social media	9 Months,	\$42,000.00	\$21,000.00
advertising in the	\$7,000.00/month	(6 months)	(3 months)
numerous outlets most			
heavily utilized by the		ľ	
middle & high school		j	
audiences in NH			
Daily social media	10 Months,	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00
campaign oversight,	\$2,500.00/month	(6 months)	(4 months)
monitoring &		ļ	
reporting, including		(	
real-time check ad		ļ.	
campaigns, respond		1	
to engagement		f	
(answer comments,			•
direct messages, like comments, etc.) &			
update social		Ì	
properties	•		· ·
Project management,	12 Months,	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
client interaction,	\$5,000.00/Month	(6 months)	(6 months)
meetings, additional	\$5,000.007141011111	. (0 111011113)	(0111011113)
work to reach			
underserved		ļ	
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crafting &		·	
presentation of final			
report			
Travel & out of packet	12 Months	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
expenses		(6 months)	(6 months)
Held in reserve – funds	12 Months	\$19,500.00	\$19,500.00
for creative services	,	(6 months)	(6 months)
to brand videos & edit			
down for PSAs, build			
landing pages & for		;	
additional			
opportunities			
Total		\$117,000.00	\$83,000.00

<u>Limitation on Price</u>: Upon mutual agreement between the state contracting officer and the contractor, line items in this budget may be adjusted one to another, but in no case shall the total budget exceed the price limitation of \$200,000.00.

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#### **EXHIBIT B continued**

#### **BUDGET (through December 31, 2019)**

<u>Funding Source</u>: Funds to support this request are available in the account titled Positive Student Outcomes Fund for FY 19, and are anticipated to be available in FY 20, upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds in the future operating budget, with the ability to adjust encumbrances between Fiscal Years through the Budget Office without further Governor and Council approval, if needed and justified:

06-56-56-562010-19660000-102-500731 Contracts for Program Services \$117,000.00 \$83,000.00

Method of Payment: Payment is to be made monthly on the basis of invoices which are supported by a summary of activities that have taken place in accordance with the terms of the contract, along with a detailed listing of expenses incurred. If otherwise correct and acceptable, payment will be made for 100% of the expenditures listed. Project Report detailing the accomplishments and challenges of the project, based on the evaluation of the project, due by December 31, 2019. This report will include a comprehensive overview of the entire project. Invoices and reports shall be submitted to:

Michelle Myler
Administrator
Bureau of Student Wellness
NH Department of Education
101 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301

#### EXHIBIT C

None

Contract between Cookson Strategies Corporation and the New Hampshire Department of Education

# State of New Hampshire Department of State

#### CERTIFICATE

II.\William\M: Gardner:\Secretary of State of the State of New(Hampshire, do hereby certify that GOOKSON\STRATEGIES

(CORPORATION is a New Hampshire Profit Corporation registered to transact business in New(Hampshire on/June 23, 2010.)]

further certify that all fees and documents required by the Secretary of State's office have been received and is in good standing as far as this office is concerned.

Business ID: 632563

Certificate Number: 0004199882



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF.

Thereto set/my/hand and cause to be affixed (the Seal of the State of New Hampshire, (this 22nd day of October A.D. 2018.

William M. Gardner

Secretary of State

do hereby certify that: (1) The following are true copies of the resolutions duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation duly held on  $\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}$ (2) RESOLVED: That this Corporation enter into a contract with the State of New Hampshire, acting through its Department of Education. is hereby authorized on behalf of this Agency to enter into the said contract with the State and to execute any and all documents, agreements and other instruments, and any amendments, revisions, or modifications thereto, as he/she may deem necessary, desirable or appropriate. The foregoing resolution(s) have not been amended or revoked, and remain in full force and effect as of the (3) day of <u>Month</u>, 20/6 (Month) (Yr) (Must be same date as the contract date) (Nume of Contract Signatory) is the duly elected Stell do Hite of the corporation.

(Title of Contract Signatory) (4) IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand as the Business Representative of the Corporation this (Must be same date as the contract date) k of Corporation) STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE the foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me. (Month) (Day) KATHLEEN M. PROCEK In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and official seal. Notary Public, State of New Hampshire:

My commission expires on:

My Commission Expires February 7; 2023

Notary Public/Justice of the Peace



#### CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (NIMIDOMYYY)

11/14/2018 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(les) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or 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). CONTACT NAME: Cara Scala PHONE (AC. No. Ext): E-MAIL (803) 645-4331 (603) 689-3218 FIAI/Cross Insurance cscala@crossagency.com 1100 Elm Street ADDRESS: NAIC # INSURER(8) AFFORDING COVERAGE 19046 Travelers Casualty Insurance Co. of America NH 03101 Manchester INSURER A : The Phoenix Ins Co 25823 INSURED INSURER B : 25658 Travelers Indemnity Co Cookson Strategies Corporation INSURER C : INSURER O INSURER E INSURER F : 18/19 Master REVISION NUMBER: **CERTIFICATE NUMBER: COVERAGES** 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. ADDLSUBR INSD WYD POLICY EFF POLICY EXP POLICY NUMBER TYPE OF INSURANCE LTR 1 000 000 COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY EACH OCCURRENCE DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) 300 000 CLAMS-MADE | X OCCUR 5 000 MED EXP (Any one person) 11/26/2018 11/26/2019 1,000,000 PERSONAL & ADV INJURY 2,000,000 GENERAL AGGREGATE GEN'L AGGREGATE UNIT APPLIES PER: 2,000,000 PRO-JECT PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG POUCY OTHER: COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY BOOKY INJURY (Per person) OTUA YNA OWNED SCHEDULED **BODILY INJURY (Per accident)** AUTOS ONLY HIRED AUTOS ONLY AUTOS NON-OWNED AUTOS ONLY PROPERTY DAMAGE 1,000,000 UMBRELLA LIAG EACH OCCURRENCE OCCUR 1,000,000 11/26/2018 11/26/2019 C FXCESS LIAB ACCREGATE CLAIMS-MADE RETENTION S DED ' WORKERS COMPENSATION X PER STATUTE AND EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PATHER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) 500,000 E.L. EACH ACCIDENT 11/26/2019 11/26/2018 В N 500.000 E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYE 500,000 l yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below E.L. DISEASE - POUCY LIMIT DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space in required) CANCELLATION CERTIFICATE HOLDER BHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS. New Hampshire Department of Education 101 Pleasant Street AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE NH 03301 Concord

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# Key Personnel

Matt Cookson
Julie Demers
Teresa Dainesi
Kathleen Procek
Meredith Noyes
Sam Eaton

#### Matthew Cookson

#### **SUMMARY**

Proven and trusted leader, strategic thinker and advisor with executive-level experience in education, government and business, and a track record of problem solving, developing and advancing partnerships, and designing and implementing strategies to help organizations advance and grow

#### **EXPERIENCE**

#### 2010 - Present: President & CEO, Cookson Strategic Communications (CSC)

- Lead strategic, operational, business development, and client functions for our growing strategic public relations and marketing firm that has become an industry leader in New Hampshire
- Manage numerous prominent client accounts in several core industry areas higher education, technology, not-for-profit and more, including numerous grants in workforce development
- Lead a staff of nine and that has served over 100 clients with a variety of needs requiring strategic thinking and consultation to take them to the next level
- Serve in a dual role as executive director of the NH High Technology Council
- Regularly tapped for executive level consulting roles

#### 2010 - Present: Executive Director, NH Tech Alliance (formally NH High Technology Council)

- Manage day to day operations of this member-based organization; have grown revenues by 50% and membership by 40% over three years
- Run several prominent events for the Alliance including the Entrepreneur of the Year, Product of the Year, TechOut and others that engage more than 3,000 people a year
- Manage membership, Board relations, marketing and promotion, operations, marketing, finance, budgeting, and strategy through the staff at CSC
- Serve as a spokesperson for the Alliance and on the technology economy and workforce in New Hampshire, and represent the Alliance at public events on a regular basis

#### 2012 - 2015: Chief Communications Officer (consulting role), Antioch University

- Working directly with the Chancellor, analyzed, realigned and managed communications and marketing functions, staffing, and services across five Antioch University campuses
- Served on the executive management team and played a lead role in promoting and leading all 'communications efforts regarding the University's strategic vision and plan
- Developed strategies to leverage campus resources, encourage collaboration across campuses, and created a more unified communications strategy and messaging
- Provided these services and combined them with in-house resources at CSC to serve the University's needs in communications, marketing, strategic advice, web management and social media

#### 2005 - 2010\*: Associate Vice Chancellor for External Relations, University System of NH

 Directed outreach efforts, including developing, marketing, and promoting initiatives that have an impact on public higher education in New Hampshire

- Served as primary spokesperson, oversaw public relations efforts, and web-based communications, developed publications and collateral materials, including the USNH Annual Report
- Provided advice and assistance to the Board of Trustees and the USNH Chancellor
- Managed targeted outreach efforts on issues including college awareness and readiness, economic
  development and entrepreneurism, efforts to retain graduates in-state (including co-founding Stay
  Work Play NH), and served as the System's primary liaison to the business community
- \*From 2010-13, served as a communications consultant to the Chancellor at USNH

#### 2003 - 2005: Director of Public Information, New England College

- Developed and implemented a strategic communications plan and worked with faculty and staff to improve communication flow and public relations efforts
- Directed all public and media relations efforts, and placed major stories with C-SPAN, the Associated Press, and regional news-related web sites, and television stations; served as college spokesperson
- · Was chief writer and editor of the college magazine and employee newsletter
- Planned, coordinated, and promoted major events, including commencement, convocation, and guest appearances, including presidential candidates in the 2003-04 New Hampshire Primary
- Taught marketing management at the graduate level

#### 2002 - 2003: Legislative Director, NH Department of Health & Human Services

- Served on the senior management team for New Hampshire's largest state agency; managed the state legislative process and oversaw 11 division legislative liaisons
- Created an annual department-wide legislative agenda, tracked over 200 bills each session, and advocated the Department's position in the State Legislature and with external organizations
- Integrated legislative, communications, and outreach functions to improve overall messaging
- Created and implemented a comprehensive legislative communications strategy that includes personal, print, and web-based components designed to explain the role and impact of the Department across the state

#### 1997 – 2001: Director of Public Affairs, PC Connection, Inc.

- Led external relations efforts from pre-IPO stage to when company sales exceeded \$1 billion
- Developed and implemented communications plans resulting in a 75% increase in media hits over a three-year period and established strong ties in national, local, and industry media
- Initiated community relations efforts that substantially increased the company's local presence and strengthened recruiting efforts, as well as the company's corporate giving program
- Developed internal communications efforts, including regular communications forums and a corporate intranet, that helped foster improved communications across the company
- Managed public appearances and speeches for the company CEO and president
- Developed and planned company-wide events that received local and national exposure

#### 1994-1997: Managing Director, En Technology Corporation

- Oversaw operations and served as general manager of this high technology data broadcasting startup company launched by the founders of PC Connection. Inc.
- Directed public relations efforts that led to over 500 media placements in two-years
- Developed and conducted product demonstrations and presentations at major national trade shows
- Directed business development and marketing efforts that led to product distribution in 12 countries

#### 1993- 1994: Co-Executive Director of National Service, Connecticut Department of Higher Education

- Directed efforts to help the State of Connecticut participate in the National and Community Service
   Trust Act
- Drafted Connecticut's first-ever state plan for national service, requests for proposals, promotional materials, and grant applications
- Conducted outreach activities to help colleges and universities, non-profit organizations, the general public, and communities understand and learn how to participate in national service programs
- Helped secure ongoing state funding for national service programs from the Connecticut State Legislature
- Oversaw the coordination and planning for all Board of Directors' meetings

#### 1990 - 1993: Assistant Director of Governmental Relations, University of Connecticut

- Established and coordinated the first comprehensive federal relations program for the University of Connecticut that resulted in a cohesive, system-wide, annual federal legislative agenda
- Led lobbying efforts with the state's congressional delegation and Governor's office that helped increase federal funding by over \$20 million in one year
- Established a Washington DC-based office for the University and enhanced relationships with federal officials, and national higher education lobbying organizations
- Assisted with the state legislative agenda by helping raise awareness of the University, establishing community-based support and creating momentum for a significant increase in state support

#### 1989 - 1990: Legislative Assistant, Washington Office of Connecticut Governor William A. O'Neill

- Researched and tracked federal legislation on the environment, energy, housing, and economic development
- Worked with State of Connecticut officials and members of Congress and their staff to draft, support, and fund legislation of benefit to Connecticut
- Wrote the Washington Report, a newsletter that summarized legislative activity for state officials

#### 1987 - 1988: Press Secretary, U.S. Representative Barbara Kennelly

- Developed and implemented local and national media strategies for a senior member of Congress and Deputy Majority Whip
- Drafted all press releases, speeches, columns, and radio and television scripts
- Arranged local and national press conferences, special events, and interviews

## Cookson resume, page 4

1981 - 1986	BA in English and Journalism, University of Connecticut
1990 - 1993	MA in Political Science, University of Connecticut, graduated with distinction
2002 - 2003	Leadership New Hampshire Associate
RECENT BOARD AND	OTHER EXPERIENCE
1998 – 2000	Corporate Board of Directors, New Hampshire Campus Compact
1999 – 2001	Board of Directors, Merrimack Chamber of Commerce
2000 – 2008	Board of Directors, NetworkNH
2001	Interim Executive Director, Leadership New Hampshire
2001 – 2008	Communications and external affairs consultant – clients included En
	Technology Corp., High Point Communications, Accentus, LLC, New England
	College, the New York Times, and the University System of NH
2003 – 2007	Member of the Board of Directors, PlusTime NH
2006 - 2008	Planning Committee, State Higher Education Executive Officers Professional
	Development Conference (chair in 2007)
2006 – 2010	Support staff for the Governor's P-16 Counsel
2007 – 2012	Adjunct faculty member, University of NH Communications Arts program
2007 - 2010	Board of Directors, New Hampshire High Technology Council and Chair of the
	Education Committee
2007 - 2010	Staff Member of the Governor's Jobs Cabinet
2008 - 2009	Appointed Member, Governor's Task Force on Young Worker Retention in NH
2008 - 2010	Planning Committee, Entrepreneurship Day NH
2009 - 2010	Interim Executive Director (President as of May 2010), Stay Work Play NH
2010 – 2017	Co-founder and Member of the Board of Directors, Stay Work Play NH
2010 – Present	Ex-officio member of the NH Tech Alliance Board of Directors and the Executive,
	Nominations and Workforce Development Committees
2010 - Present	Technology Councils of North America Board of Advisors
2013 - Present	Board of Directors of NH Scholars
2013 - Present	Volunteer and donor, NHHEAF College Equals Opportunity scholarship program
2014 – Present	NH Charitable Foundation's Entrepreneurs Foundation of NH donor and
	advisory group
2016 – Present	Business Advisory Board for Granite State College
2016 – Present	Computer Science for NH (CS4NH) Steering Committee
2017 – Present	Board of Directors of Granite State Management and Resources
2018 – Present	Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
2018 – Present	Northeast Delta Dental Board of Directors
2018 – Present	Association for Corporate Development Board of Directors
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EDUCATION

# JULIE DEMERS

# COLLABORATIVE, STRATEGIC AND VISIONARY THINKER WITH A PASSION FOR BUILDING COMMUNITY; A SEASONED EVENT AND PROJECT MANAGER

#### **EDUCATION**

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE Manchester, NH Master of Public Administration

HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY High Point, NC BA Strategic Communication

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

GRANTSMANSHIP CERTIFICATE
UNH Professional Development and
Training

LEADERSHIP GREATER
MANCHESTER
Class of 2013

#### **AWARDS**

UNION LEADER 40 UNDER 40 Class of 2015

#### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

February 2016-Present CURRIER MUSEUM OF ART Advisory Board

April 2016-January 2018 AVIATION MUSEUM OF NH Board Member

January 2014-April 2015 GIRLS AT WORK Board Member

November 2013-January 2017
BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF
GREATER MANCHESTER
Big Sister, Fund Development
Committee

January 2014-January 2015
GRANITE UNITED WAY
Emerging Leader Society, Board Chair

#### **EXPERIENCE**

January 2018-Present

TECHNOLOGY SECTOR WORKFORCE ADVISOR

Sector Partnerships Initiative and NH Tech Alliance

- Serve as an intermediary/advisor to technology companies throughout NH that are faced with workforce and training challenges
- Provide regular activity reports to stakeholders as well as the NH Tech Alliance Workforce Development Committee
- Convene technology stakeholders on a regular basis to provide opportunities to collaborate and solve workforce challenges throughout the state
- Responsible for coordinating and executing programming for NH's Technology Month
- Draft newsletters and social media content to keep technology sector stakeholders engaged and informed
- Work with educators and industry professionals to expand workbased learning opportunities in the sector

January 2018-Present

PROJECT MANAGER

Cookson Strategic Communications

- Participate in committee work, event management and member recruitment for Cookson's client, the NH Tech Alliance
- Assist Cookson team with crafting and implementing communications strategies that support clients' organizational goals
- Serve as a project manager for proposals and business development activities

August 2014-January 2018

PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM COORDINATOR

University of New Hampshire, Manchester, NH

- Manage all aspects of events and programs in support of institutional engagement, outreach, and advancement
- Develop programs and coordinate the use of campus resources and services while working with university faculty, staff, students and external organizations
- Assist in developing and enhancing mutually beneficial relationships between the university and the greater Manchester community

#### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

**EVENT PLANNING** 

**FUNDRAISING** 

MARKETING

**VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT** 

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

APPLICATIONS:

Microsoft Office Suite

Adobe Creative Suite

MailChimp

**Constant Contact** 

MindBody Software

Google AdWords & Analytics Basecamp Project Management

Hootsuite

**eVents** 

Team Dynamix

SOCIAL MEDIA FOR

**BUSINESS:** 

**Facebook** 

Instagram

November 2016-present CO-OWNER

Barre Life, LLC Manchester, NH

- Lead re-branding efforts to enhance the existing logo, website and social media presence
- Increased sales by 10% and client acquisition by 23% in the first 8 months
- Utilize CRM functionality, specifically setting up email templates and campaigns, to communicate with potential, existing and former clients
- Manage operational budget, staff and independent contractors
- Increase studio's community presence through events, workshops and partnerships

June 2011-August 2014 PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce, Manchester, NH

- Developed, planned and implemented each of the Chamber's 120 annual programs while meeting all budgeted goals
- Responsible for developing each event as a revenue program by soliciting, securing, and sustaining corporate sponsorship and/or advertising of the event
- Managed numerous committees and volunteers by assuming total administrative responsibility for all events, including vision, strategies, timelines, logistics and execution

January 2011-June 2011

#### ASSISTANT MARKETING DIRECTOR

Workout Club and Wellness Center, Londonderry, NH

- Developed detailed and strategic marketing budgets
- Coordinated special events including: wellness fairs; open houses; member and employee appreciation receptions
- Maintained all social media platforms for company
- · Built partnerships and business relationships within local community
- · Acted as a liaison for the club's direct marketing and media partners

January 2011-May 2011 MARKETING INTERN

m5 Marketing Communications, Manchester, NH

- Researched and identified potential clients for new business development
- · Wrote copy for radio scripts, client newsletters and website content
- Assisted with radio/TV production and photo shoots
- Provided administrative support for account executives

May 2008-June 2011

SPECIAL EVENTS & PROMOTIONS ASSOCIATE Candia Woods Golf Course, Candia, NH

 Coordinated and assisted with the execution of special events including weddings, golf outings, fundraisers and other social gatherings



# Teresa J. Dainesi

#### **SUMMARY**

- Senior-level writer/communications professional with demonstrated experience in the successful creation and implementation of marketing communications strategies.
- Proven ability to manage multiple priorities in a fast-paced, deadline-driven environment.
- Published author featured in "Huffington Post" and other print and online publications.

#### **SKILLS**

- Creative, innovative thinker
- Client-focused
- Deadline-driven

- Ability to work effectively with a wide variety of personalities
- Results-oriented

#### **EXPERIENCE**

#### **Project Manager**

Cookson Strategic Communications, Apr 2016 to Present

- Works with a wide variety of clients across all industries to create project scopes and implement strategic initiatives.
- Assists with blog development including content, strategy, and execution.
- Serves as speech writer and author of various internal and external communications pieces.
- Manages marketing and communications efforts clients including media and public relations, advertising and collateral development.
- Works with executive team to craft and execute crisis communications strategies.
- Develops innovative employee communications strategies to improve organization morale.

Marketing Communications Consultant/Freelance Writer, Mar 2001 to Apr 2016

- Develops and produces marketing communications strategies for a variety of clients in the healthcare, startup, and not-for-profit sectors.
- Implements comprehensive media relations programs including the creation of press release strategy, and the cultivation of positive, ongoing media relationships.
- · Builds and maintains effective community relations programs.
- Published author and freelance writer for local newspapers and publications.

#### Vice-President

Elliot Health System, Jan 1998 to Mar 2001

 Developed and implemented a comprehensive marketing and communications program for Elliot Hospital and its affiliates including the development of marketing plans and strategies, media relations, advertising, brochure and collateral development, and special event management.

- Served as hospital spokesperson with local and national media.
- Produced WMUR-TV's weekly, live "Living Well" television program featuring hospital clinicians and staff providing the community with wellness information.
- Produced and served as on-air talent in over 20 television commercials
  providing the community with timely and relevant health care information.

#### Public Affairs and Marketing Manager

Optima Healthcare, Inc./Elliot Hospital, Jan 1996 to Jan 1999

- Provided support for special event planning including community outreach initiatives, publicity, collateral development, and event management.
- Developed press releases and information for promotional marketing materials in support of hospital classes, events and programs.

#### **Underwriter Technician**

Chubb Life America, Jan 1991 to Jan 1996

 Communications liaison between corporate management and sales force through articulating complex and confidential medical decisions.

#### **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Bachelor of Arts: Communication
University of New Hampshire, Durham

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Trustee, Birch Hill Terrace, Manchester, NH, 2013 to present

#### Kathleen M. Procek

#### SUMMARY

Current Communications Coordinator with a passion for all aspects of Public Relations and Communication, events, event coordination, volunteerism, and social justice. Versatile, reliable, efficient, with a variety of experiences in a multitude of fields. A self-motivated, passionate, organized, and determined self-starter with proven dedication to innovative thinking and implementation of new techniques and technologies. Proven skills in writing, social media, event planning, marketing, volunteer coordination, project management, community outreach, public speaking, and customer service.

#### **RELATED EXPERIENCE**

#### Social Media, Marketing, Public Relations, and Communication

Communications Coordinator, Cookson Strategic Communications, Manchester, NH, July 2017 - Present Worked as part of the Cookson team to develop and implement client service plans, delivering quality work that met and exceeded expectations and goals.

- Drafted messaging and content for social media, media releases and other outreach efforts to grow and reach appropriate audiences and deliver largeted messaging, tailored to the individual client
- Authored numerous articles for company blog.
- Scheduled content using third party platforms such as Sprout Social and TweetDeck, as well as used native scheduling platforms
- Implemented social media plans, including running, writing, and analyzing reports
- Managed client projects from start to finish, including communications and delegation of tasks to achieve intended outcomes in an effective and efficient manner
- Conducted market research to educate clients and staff and to determine best marketing strategy and methods to approach project objectives

#### Communications Coordinator, New Hampshire Tech Alliance, Manchester, NH, July 2017 - Present

Took a lead role in managing the Alliance membership relations software to support member engagement and relations, including tracking member gains and renewals, as well as taking a lead role on Alliance social media, writing, project management, and all logistics and staffing for all Alliance events.

- Managed Alliance events, including promotion, event attendance tracking, event sponsorship tracking and related functions
- Took the lead role in coordinating and planning the logistics of events such as annual Product of the Year, Entrepreneur of the Year, TechOut, and bi-monthly BioMed [ Tech events
- Took a lead role in staffing events
- Drafted Alliance press releases, collected and created content for bi-weekly e-blast
- Proactively managed the Alliance's social media channels and created content
- Worked with the Alliance through the strategic merger and acquisition of Alpha Loft and Live Free and Start by the Alliance, as well as the rebranding of the former New Hampshire High Tech Council into the New Hampshire Tech Alliance (effective October 2018)
- Provided support to the Alliance Board of Directors, Executive Committee and Event Committees, as needed
- Worked on member recruitment and established and fostered relationships with member companies and those interested in becoming members
- Tracked Board engagement

#### Guest Relations Professional Intern, Walt Disney World, Orlando, FL, Jan 17, 2016- June 4, 2016

Assisted guests with their experiences in Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom and Walt Disney World in general. Engaged guests in My Magic+ components including My Disney Experience profiles, entitlements and itineraries. Made dining reservations, sold, upgraded, and solved ticketing problems, handled special requests, handled cash and other payment methods, demonstrated proficiency with guest-facing and cast-facing My Disney Experience technologies, handled difficult guest situations, answered and resolved guest questions. Communicated extensively and partnered with other areas within each specific park and other Walt Disney World Parks and Resorts properties. Maintained the high level of show quality associated with the Disney brand in stationary as well as mobile roles.

- Demonstrated abilities and proficiency in Cast Apps, Lilo, A la Carte, ATS, MAGIC, and other software platforms within a Windows environment
- Demonstrated strong written and verbal communication skills, telephone etiquette skills, strong guest service skills, problem solving and independent decision-making skills partnered with conflict resolution
- Demonstrated exceptional guest services based in the Four Keys of the Walt Disney Company: Safety, Courtesy, Show, and Efficiency
- Demonstrated willingness and flexibility to learn in new environments and adaptability to new ideas and software platforms
   Marketing Intern, Single Digits, Inc., Bedford NH, January 19 April 2015

Assisted in all aspects of the marketing process for Single Digits with a focus on social media content planning.

market research, graphic design, and web design.

- · Worked on and managed Facebook, Twitter, and Linkedin sites for the corporate aspect of the company
- Worked on new product launch projects
- Data mined for customer contact information
- Established and implemented customer satisfaction survey best practices

Marketing Assistant, Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester NH, May 2014 - Aug 2014

Worked in collaboration with the Marketing Department.

- Managed various social networking sites, including Pinterest, two Facebook pages, and Twitter
- Created, filmed, and edited Question of the Week videos for the On Campus Facebook page

Social Media Intern, Jayme's Fund for Social Justice, Bedford NH, May 2014 - Jul 2014

Worked as social media manager for a small non-profit with the mission of increasing social justice for children.

- Managed various social networking sites, including Twitter and Facebook
- Performed administrative tasks
- Assisted with event planning

Student Government Association Marketing Manager, Saint Anselm College, Manchester NH, Nov 2013 - Jun 2014 Collaborated with Student Government on various marketing projects and events.

· Worked to gather information on companies offering potential discounts to students throughout Southern New Hampshire

#### Non-Profit and Human Services

Intern to the Director of Immigration and Refugee Services for New Hampshire Catholic Charities, Manchester NH, May 2013 - Aug 2013

Aided in any projects that needed completion, and worked with the local refugee population.

- Aided in research on the topic of domestic violence in the Manchester refugee community
- Worked with a local Sister to deliver necessities to the refugee population
- Collected oral histories from refugees
- Instructed ESL classes for several tragifamilies

#### Leadership

#### Southern New Hampshire University

#### Center for Community Engaged Learning

Service Learning Coordinator, Manchester NH, Aug 2016 - May 2017

Worked with various community partners to coordinate 10-30+ children at various after school programs throughout the Manchester area. Supervised SNHU Service Learners at the sites to ensure they were engaged and on task. Served as liaison between community partners and Center for Community Engaged Learning.

- Worked with other Center staff to coordinate sites and partner across sites if necessary
- Planned events for students participating in after school programs
- Worked in the Center for Community Engaged Learning office performing administrative tasks

#### Saint Anselm College

#### Office of Residential Life and Education

Resident Assistant, Joan of Arc Hall and Alumni Streets, Manchester NH, Jan 2014 - May 7, 2015 Worked to provide a positive, fun, and creative living and learning environment for roughly forty freshmen women.

- Worked with other Residential Life staff to ensure safety of residents
- Planned and participated in programs and events to foster community and individual development
- Acted as representative of the college and department and served as a resource for residents
- Chosen to serve as Campus Events Liaison based on promotional ability and knowledge of campus activities
  - Worked on campus wide events and sat on committees to do so
  - Facilitated communication between departments and Residential Life staff in an effort to promote collaboration

Vice President, Residence Hall Council, 2011 - 2012

- Made improvements to the area housing freshmen women.
  - Advisor, Residence Hall Council, 2014 2015
- Served as a resource for the Residence Hall Council.

#### **EDUCATION**

MA in Communications, Public Relations concentration (May 2017)

Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, NH

4.0 GPA

Conference Presenter – 2017 IMPACT National Conference: From the Blue Glow of the Computer Screen to Daylight: How to Inspire Students to Action Using Social Media

Honors Bachelor of Arts, Peace and Justice Studies, Minor: French Language (May 2015)

Saint Anselm College, Manchester, NH

Honors: 3.4 GPA, Dean's List

Honors Program: Followed an accelerated academic track

Presidential Scholarship Recipient: Awarded based on academic performance and potential

Detta Epsilon Sigma National Scholastic Honor Society Vice President and member

Pi Gamma Mu International Scholastic Honor Society for the Social Sciences member

Pi Delta Phi National French Honor Society Kappa Epsilon Chapter member

Authored Honors Senior Thesis: The Effectiveness of Social Media Used as a Tool by Nonprofits: Examining the Present and Exploring the Future

#### **Disney Marketing and Sales**

Course completed during the Disney College Program (August 31, 2015 - January 4, 2016)

**Environmentality and Sustainability** 

Course completed during the Disney College Program (August 31, 2015 - January 4, 2016)

#### Meredith Noves

Award-winning Designer and Creative Director with 15+ years' experience in digital and print media, bringing a proven knowledge of creative strategy, vision, communications, branding, graphic design, illustration, and team management.

## Skills: creative/management

- I've led creative teams consisting of copywriters, web developers, designers, illustrators, digital marketing specialists, social media strategists, and videographers
- . I'm a highly organized, motivated and deadline-oriented project manager
- As a previous company owner, I managed self-acquired clients and projects for over 12 years
- I've got extensive experience with budget creation and management
- I come from a background in experiential marketing for global brands such as Kraft, Petco, and Naked Juice
- I'm an experienced presenter. I welcome butterflies
- I'm a multi-faceted designer with skills in UI/UX, web project management, and prototyping
- I think big. I'm not afraid of change, but always do what's best to maintain brand consistency
- If I don't know it, I learn it

## Skills: software/tools

- NATIVE SOFTWARE: Mac OS, Adobe Creative Suite, MS Office
- PROJECT MANAGEMENT: Basecamp, Monday.com/DaPulse, Slack, Asana
- WEB AND DIGITAL MARKETING: Unbounce, WordPress, basic HTML, Google Suite (Analytics, Data Studio, AdWords), Mailchimp, Constant Contact, Yoast SEO
- SOCIAL: Facebook and Facebook Business Manager, Instagram, Twitter, Sprout Social

## Work experience

## 2016 - PRESENT | CHIEF CREATIVE OFFICER AT COOKSON STRATEGIES. NH.

- Lead all creative projects from start to finish
- Instrumental in creating and managing tight budgets
- Assist in business development efforts by creating dynamic and effective presentations
- Manage and lead all web projects
- Lead internal team of 9 in focus groups and brainstorms
- Develop and enforce brand guidelines and lead clients through the branding process
- Hire and manage videographers, photographers, printers, and freelancers

#### **KEY BRANDS & PROJECTS**

- APPRENTICESHIPNH: Branding, web launch, marketing strategy, and program management.
   Nationally recognized by ApprenticeshipUSA as the standard in marketing and web design for Apprenticeship programs across the country
- NH SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS: Branding, web launch, and video production management of multi-sector brand
- ANTIOCH UNIVERSITY: Newsletter creation-
- .. MANCHESTER PROUD: Logo design and development, brand strategist
- 603 PEST CONTROL: Branding, web design, messaging, and writing direction

### 2004 - 2016 | OWNER/CREATIVE DIRECTOR OF MSNCREATE. MANCHESTER, NH.

- Lead creative teams of staff and freelancers to execute branding projects including web and digital design, messaging, photography, print, illustration, video, and events
- Design style guides, print and digital media
- Uphold brand standards for global brands
- Direct and lead creative meetings and focus groups
- Design and manage web projects from start to finish
- Work with copywriters to develop custom messaging, taglines, and content
- Create custom presentations
- Direct animation and video projects
- Manage budgets and timelines

#### **KEY BRANDS & PROJECTS**

- JACK IN THE BOX LATE-NIGHT EVENTS, USA: Creative design
- PETCO, USA: Creative design for experiential marketing
- NAKED JUICE, USA: Event creative direction and design
- MEGAFOOD, NEW HAMPSHIRE, USA: Rebrand execution
- SENIOR LIVING RESIDENCES, MASSACHUSETTS, USA: Creative direction, design and rebrand
- LIFESHARE USA, FLORIDA, USA: Creative direction and rebrand strategy
- NEW SKY PRODUCTIONS, NEW HAMPSHIRE, USA: Brand launch
- THE CLINTON HEALTH MATTERS INITIATIVE: Event creative direction and design, presentation, brand direction

# 2010 - 2013 | GRAPHIC DESIGN/DIGITAL ILLUSTRATION INSTRUCTOR AT NEW HAMPSHIRE INSTITUTE OF ART. NH.

- Instruct college students in the basics of graphic design and digital illustration
- Work closely in a team/group setting and manage class structure
- Lead critiques with young creative talent

# 2003 - 2004 | SENIOR DESIGNER AT GIGUNDA GROUP EXPERIENTIAL MARKETING AGENCY. NH.

 Lead designer on experiential marketing client projects and proposals, specifically the Charmin Restroom Makeover

- Work with Creative Director to brainstorm concepts
- Manage design projects from concept to completion by designing promotional
  materials, signage, client web sites, web and creative mockups, PowerPoint presentations, POS
  materials, newspaper and magazine ads, brochures, conceptual illustrations, vehicle graphics,
  logos, multi-page documents, and all materials associated with proposals and events
- Work closely with account managers and vendors
- Perform site visits to manage creative
- Manage all client web needs, design all client micro sites

#### **KEY BRANDS & PROJECTS**

- CHARMIN RESTROOM MAKEOVER: Event creative, design and concept development
- POP TARTS/AMERICAN IDOL TOUR: Creative design and concept development
- SHELL: Design and concept development
- CAMPBELL'S CHUNKY SOUP: Design and concept development

### 2002 - 2003 | GRAPHIC DESIGNER AT STUDENT ADVANTAGE AND SA MARKETING GROUP. BOSTON, MA.

- · Designed client reports, presentations, sell sheets, summary reports, ads, and other print media
- · Created detailed layout illustrations which were influential in acquiring clients
- Designed numerous banners, promotional materials, and other collateral under strict deadlines
- Assisted Art Director in production and vendor management

#### **KEY BRANDS & PROJECTS**

- NEW BALANCE: Event creative & illustration
- AT&T: Creative design & illustration
- MTV: Event creative and design
- VOLKSWAGEN: Creative design

1998 | FASHION INTERN AT SEVENTEEN MAGAZINE AND BETSEY JOHNSON. NEW YORK, NY.

## Education

#### **'00 SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.**

- BFA in Illustration
- NCAA Division 1 Women's Rowing

'96 TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL, MANCHESTER, NH.

# **Samuel Eaton**

Creative Senior Digital Marketing Director with more than 8 years in brand management, celebrity public relations and marketing. Specializing in engagement and brand awareness.

#### **EXPERIENCE**

# Mascoma Media/Sam Eaton Digital, Enfield, NH — Co-Owner

2012 - PRESENT

Mascoma Media is a boutique marketing company that specializes in helping business owners optimize their social media properties by designing and implementing customized and innovative digital strategies. Mascoma Media works with a variety of customers, from startups to high-profile clientele.

#### Responsibilities:

- One-on-one consulting with business owners to assess needs and goals
- Detailed digital analyses of social media properties
- Building and implementation of comprehensive, custom multi-step strategies built for each business owner
- Extensive consulting and mentoring throughout marketing implementation to foster confidence and ensure success
- Additional consulting subsequent to execution of digital marketing strategies

#### Anthem Blanchard, Entrepreneur

August 2017 - August 2018

Anthem Blanchard is a successful entrepreneur buying and/or starting several companies that include Anthem Vault, Amagi Metals, Anthem Gold, and HERC Supply Chain Protocol. Anthem is well known in the precious metals and blockchain communities.

#### Responsibilities:

- Community Management
- Digital Ad Buys
- Content Strategy
- Content Editing

#### SKILLS

Google Adwords

Organic Engagement & Awareness

Paid Social Media Advertising

Ability to connect with audience

Creative problem solving

Deadline driven results

Maximizing budgets

Wordpress management

Basic image and video design

DFP

Self-driven

#### **AWARDS**

Twitchy Finalist Overall vote getter (Ben Swann -Journalist)

#### Isegoria, Atlanta, GA — Co-Founder/CMO

August 2018 - PRESENT

Isegoria was founded by multi Emmy-winning Journalist Ben Swann. His brand reaches tens of millions of people a week and receives tens of millions of video views a month.

#### Responsibilities:

- Overall marketing strategy
- Brand awareness for Isegoria
- Website creation and management
- Social media strategy and management (including ad buys)
- Managing tech, ad, creative, and community development
- Video production
- Brand management
- Vendor relations
- · Influencer management

#### Cookson Communications, Manchester, NH — Freelancer

December 2016 - PRESENT

Freelancing for Cookson Communications. Go-to person for all their AdWords clients and campaigns. SEO and keyword strategy.

#### Responsibilities:

- Adwords PPC strategy
- SEO
- Social Media Strategy

#### **PROJECTS**

#### Truth In Media Crowdfunding

By leveraging Ben Swann's social network, we raised over \$500,000 to create a series of Truth In Media episodes.

#### **Global Activist Indiegogo**

By leveraging Ben Swann's social network, we raised over \$50,000 to film the pilot for a TV series Global Activist.

#### Vice News

Oversaw negotiation and planning of the collaboration between Ben Swann and Vice News. This led to Ben Swann/Truth In Media joining Vice News' YouTube network and other advertising opportunities.

#### Samuel Eaton

#### **WGN** America

Negotiated, oversaw and managed a large digital ad buy between WGN and Truth in Media. This led to additional advertising opportunities for Truth In Media.

#### **OTHER**

#### Town of Enfield Budget Committee, Town Manager Search Committee, CIP Committee, Strategic Planning Committee

- 9 years on the Town of Enfield's Budget Committee
- 4 years as Vice Chair and for the last 4 years have been the Chairman
- Chair of the Regional Association Sub-Committee for 2 years
- Member of the Capital Improvement Plan Committee, which
  oversees and plans all major capital projects for the town, for the
  last 3 years
- Appointed to the Search Committee to help find and vet a new town manager.
- Member of the town's Strategic Planning Committee.

#### **EDUCATION**

University of Maine, Farmington—Political Science