



The State of New Hampshire  
**Department of Environmental Services**

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**Robert R. Scott, Commissioner**

July 10, 2018

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

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**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to pay calendar year 2018 membership dues, **Retroactive** to January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, to the Association of State Dam Safety Officials (Vendor Code# 171855), Lexington, KY in the amount of \$2,960.00, effective upon Governor and Council approval. 51% Dam Safety Funds, 49% General Funds

Funding is available in the accounts as follows:

	<u>FY 2019</u>
03-44-44-442010-2954-026-500251 Dept Environmental Services, Dam Operations, Organizational Dues	\$ 260.00
03-44-44-442010-3800-026-500251 Dept Environmental Services, Dam Bureau Administration, Organizational Dues	\$1,200.00
03-44-44-442010-3847-026-500251 Dept Environmental Services, Dam Registration Fund, Organizational Dues	\$1,500.00

**EXPLANATION**

Although the dues are due by June 30, 2018, they are for the 2018 calendar year. Beginning this year, the Association stopped mailing invoices for the annual dues and now relies on its members to download the invoice from its website. NHDES was unaware that the invoice was available online until it recently received a notice that the dues were due, requiring this **Retroactive** request.

NHDES and previously one of its predecessor agencies, the New Hampshire Water Resources Board, has been a member of the Association of State Dam Safety Officials (ASDSO) since it was founded in 1983. ASDSO is a national non-profit organization of state and federal dam safety regulators, dam owners and operators that provides a strong, unified voice and effective programs and policies toward the furtherance of dam safety in the states. The voting members of the Association are the fifty (50) states.

ASDSO membership provides a benefit to New Hampshire's Dam Safety Program through the following:

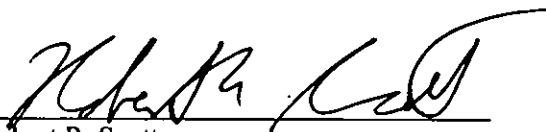
- Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of state dam safety programs;
- Bringing dam safety to a higher level of awareness among the general public, state and federal legislatures, specific organizations and other stakeholders;
- Keeping Congress informed on key issues related to dam safety, including appropriations, new legislation, and program efficiency and effectiveness;
- Informing states about federal and state dam safety activities;
- Providing technical training opportunities to the states;
- Providing leadership through facilitation of inter-organizational, intergovernmental and interstate cooperation;

Hampshire's leadership in ASDSO, New Hampshire hosted the ASDSO Northeast Regional Conference in Manchester, which was attended by over 200 people. In addition, New Hampshire was the site of an ASDSO technical seminar on hydraulic modeling with applications to dam safety.

7. **Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? Explain.** No.
8. **Is there any travel included with this membership fee? Explain in detail any travel to include the number of employees involved, the number of trips, destination if known and purposes of membership supported trips.** None.
9. **Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? (Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members, and/or officers of the organization.)** James Gallagher, Administrator of the NHDES Dam Bureau, is a voting member of the Association. In the past, he has also served on the Board of Directors and has been an association officer in a number of positions, including president. In addition to Mr. Gallagher, the Dam Bureau staff receives the benefits of membership, previously described, as a result of the dues that New Hampshire pays to the Association.
10. **Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.** If NHDES did not belong to the Association, New Hampshire would not be as fully informed on national dam safety issues being debated in Congress and considered by federal agencies including FEMA, the Department of Homeland Security, the Army Corps of Engineers and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. New Hampshire would also not have the ability to regularly provide direct input, in close coordination with other national leaders from the other 50 state dam safety offices, on national dam safety policy, legislation proposed in Congress, and the impacts of federal budget decisions on the New Hampshire dam safety program. Membership in ASDSO has historically enabled NHDES to provide significant, timely input on national dam safety policy to Congress that has had positive effects. The ability to provide state-specific input, and to leverage our impact through an association that represents all 50 states, on the decisions of Congress and federal agencies relative to complex dam safety issues would be very substantially reduced, and this would be to the detriment of the State. Additional negative impacts would include a reduction in access to the wealth of training opportunities and educational and research material that the Association provides its members.

In summary, ASDSO is an outstanding organization with very active participation by New Hampshire from which we gain a significant return on our investment in dues. Active support and involvement in this organization by payment of these dues is good value for the State of New Hampshire.

We respectfully request your approval.

  
Robert R. Scott  
Commissioner



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**Bill To:**

NH Department of Environmental  
Services

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## Invoice

Invoice Number: 56587  
Invoice Date: 1/5/2018

Invoice Due Date: 6/30/2018  
Order Number: 63795

Product	Description	Qty	Unit Price	Total
Voting Sustaining Member		1.00	\$2,960.00	\$2,960.00

**Memo:**

**Customer Message:**

**Total:** \$2,960.00  
**Payments:** \$0.00  
**Last Payment Date:** -  
**Balance Due:** \$2,960.00