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June 1, 2018

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

Your Excellency and Members of the Council:

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Department of Justice to pay organizational dues to the National Association of Attorneys General, Washington, DC (Vendor #170397) in the amount of \$30,350 for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 upon Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2019. 100% General Funds.

Funding for this request is upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds in the Fiscal Year 2019 operating budget as follows:

02-20-20-200010-2601	<u>FY 2019</u>
Attorney General	
026-500251 Organizational Dues	\$30,350

**EXPLANATION**

The National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) was founded in 1907 to help Attorneys General fulfill their responsibilities by providing high quality legal assistance to the states. NAAG helps Attorneys General respond effectively to emerging state and federal issues by pooling resources, offering technical expertise, fostering interstate cooperation on legal and law enforcement issues, conducting policy research and analysis of issues, and facilitating communication between states' chief legal officers. NAAG advises Attorneys General and their staffs of significant legal developments and emerging trends occurring in the states and federal government

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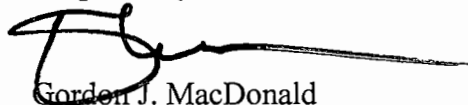
through information exchange, programs and training. This is becoming increasingly important in these changing times.

Additionally, NAAG offers critical assistance in the area of Consumer Protection and tobacco litigation. It facilitates all of our multi-state actions and multi-state settlements, from which the State has financially benefited. It provides on-going legal support to all the states that are a party to the tobacco litigation, including overseeing the annual payments of tobacco settlement funds.

Attached you will find the standard questions and answers required for organizational dues and memberships.

Please let me know if you have any questions concerning this request. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



Gordon J. MacDonald  
Attorney General

**Standard questions required for Governor and Council for organization dues and membership approval submissions:**

1. *How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?*

The National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) has been in existence since 1907. The Department of Justice (DOJ) has belonged to this organization since the agency was established.

2. *Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to?*

The DOJ does not belong to another organization providing the same or similar benefits.

3. *How many other states belong to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?*

All 50 states and US territories are members of NAAG. The DOJ is the sole agency in New Hampshire belonging to this organization.

4. *How is the dues structure established?*

The dues model for NAAG assigns the states and territories into eight separate groups based on population. The dues model calls for an annual increase of 3% or the CPI, whichever is greater, with the added restriction that no NAAG dues category will exceed 50% of the National Governor's Association dues category.

5. *What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?*
- The State receives approximately \$40 million annually from the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement, in which DOJ participates through litigation coordinated through NAAG.
  - NAAG helps the Attorneys General respond to emerging state and federal issues by pooling resources, offering technical expertise, fostering interstate cooperation on legal and law enforcement issues, conducting policy research and analysis of issues, and facilitating communication between states' chief legal officers.
  - NAAG advises Attorneys General and their staff of significant legal developments and emerging trends occurring in the states and federal government through information exchange, programs and training.
  - NAAG plays a critical role for the Consumer Protection Bureau by facilitating all of the multi-state actions and multi-state settlements.
6. *Are training or educational/research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included.*
- Yes, training and educational/research materials are included in this membership.

The cost of the trainings is partially included in this membership and partially paid for by NAAG's training and research entity, National Attorneys General Training and Research Institute (NAGTRI).

In June, 2018, NAGTRI is conducting a 4-day trial advocacy training in New Hampshire for 32 Department attorneys. In May, 2018, NAGTRI conducted two-day in-state training on depositions for 26 Department attorneys. All materials and staff are provided at no cost to the Department.

7. *Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams?*
- This membership is not required.
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.*
- There is travel involved for 3 specific meetings attended by the Attorney General.

The Deputy Attorney General attends one annual national meeting and one of the two appellate chiefs attends an annual appellate meeting. On average, 15 attorneys attend multi-day trainings annually on various topics specifically focused on practice in an attorney general's office. With the exception of the Attorney General's travel, the cost for travel, room and board is provided in lump sum scholarships for each trip. The purpose of these specific trips, respectively, is to update the Deputy Attorney General on on-going legal and management issues in Attorneys General Offices; to update the appellate chiefs on appellate issues; to obtain quality legal training for

attorneys; and, for all trips, to engage in open dialogue about legal issues common to all the Attorneys General Offices.

NAAG also provides training throughout the year on a myriad of topics that relate to common issues faced by attorneys general's offices. These topics include taking depositions, trial strategies, management development, environmental issues, drug prosecutions, consumer protection matters, advanced investigation techniques, etc. Each of these trainings is scheduled in a different place in the United States and the cost for travel, room and board, and the training itself is provided in a lump sum scholarship.

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).*

Attorney General Gordon J. MacDonald is currently a voting member of NAAG.

10. *Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.*

- Loss of benefits outlined in question five (settlement dollars are not conditioned on NAAG membership, but New Hampshire's involvement in ongoing coordinated tobacco litigation on a national level and in multi-state consumer protection litigation would be compromised);
- Lack of knowledge and involvement in major settlements such as tobacco and the mortgage settlement that potentially bring millions of dollars into the State;
- Loss of critical training opportunities for all DOJ staff; and
- Lack of knowledge and cooperation with other states in major state and federal emerging issues.

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May 1, 2018

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INVOICE #2019

National Association of Attorneys General Dues (July 2018 – Jun 2019)	\$ 30,350
Total Amount Due	<u>\$ 30,350</u>

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Finance & Administration  
1850 M Street NW, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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	NAAG Dues 2019
California, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas	\$84,730
Arizona, Georgia, Indiana, Massachusetts, New Jersey, North Carolina, Virginia, Washington	\$73,600
Alabama, Colorado, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, South Carolina, Tennessee, Wisconsin	\$62,624
Connecticut, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Oregon, Puerto Rico	\$51,287
Arkansas, Kansas, Mississippi, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, West Virginia	\$41,899
Hawaii, Idaho, Maine, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Rhode Island	\$30,350
Alaska, Delaware, District of Columbia, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont, Wyoming	\$18,950
American Samoa, Guam, Northern Marianas, Virgin Islands	\$11,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,809,034</b>

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