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June 2, 2014

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and the Honorable Council
State House
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REQUESTED ACTION

To authorize the New Hampshire Department of Education, Division of Higher Education to **authorize a sole source, retroactive payment** to Campus Compact for New Hampshire, Concord, NH (Vendor Code #159222), in the amount of \$7,869.87 for higher education outreach programs for students seeking postsecondary opportunities provided under an agreement with the former NH Postsecondary Education Commission in SFY 2010.

Funding is available in account titled, Department of Education, Division of Higher Education, College Access Challenge Grant, as follows: 100% Federal Funds.

	<u>FY 2014</u>
06-056-056-566510-1861-102-500731	
Contracts for Program Services	\$7,869.87

EXPLANATION

This is a **sole source, retroactive payment** for programs and services rendered under this agreement with Campus Compact for New Hampshire for the College Access Challenge Grant.

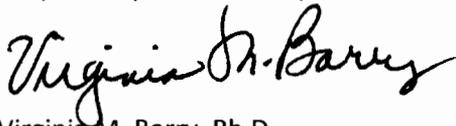
The College Access Challenge Grant was initially administered by the NH Postsecondary Education Commission. Effective July 1, 2011, the NH Postsecondary Education Commission was transitioned to the NH Department of Education, Division of Higher Education – Higher Education Commission. Due to issues with internal fiscal controls by the NH Postsecondary Education Commission, the original agreement for \$55,320 with the Campus Compact for New Hampshire was never formally authorized or processed through Governor & Council. The amount of \$47,430.13 was paid to Campus Compact for New Hampshire, leaving a balance of \$7,869.87. As the Division of Higher Education was closing out the final year of the multi-year federal grant and reconciling payments with the vendor for all projects, this discrepancy was discovered. The proposed action will provide approval and authorize the payment due to the provider for services rendered.

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Under the College Access Challenge Grant, five New Hampshire grantees built upon existing infrastructure to deliver programming, resources and direct services to increase access to postsecondary education for underrepresented students. By encouraging a collaborative partnership of statewide non-profits that focus on higher education and State entities whose focus is education, duplication of effort was decreased.

The Campus Compact for New Hampshire implemented a professional development opportunity for guidance counselors at middle and secondary schools, and financial aid administrators and college admission counselors at institutions of higher education to improve such individuals capacity to assist students and parents; provided and facilitated opportunities to provide information on financing options, including activities that promote financial literacy and debt management among students and families and conducted outreach activities for students who may be at risk of not enrolling in or completing college; implemented a professional development/networking opportunity for guidance counselors at middle and secondary schools, and financial aid administrators and college admission counselors at institutions of higher education to explore current resources and emerging trends related to higher education access in NH; and conducted outreach activities for students who may be at risk of not enrolling in or completing college through virtual mentoring.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Virginia M. Barry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Invoice

Bill To
NH Department of Education Division of Higher Education Attn: Sue Folsom 100 Pleasant St. Concord, NH 03301

Date	Invoice #
5/14/2014	840

P.O. No.	Terms

Description	Amount
Reimbursement Expenses for CACGS Grant FY2010	7,869.87
Total	\$7,869.87