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January 30, 2013

*Retroactive
100% General Funds*

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Education to pay the Council of Chief State School Officers, Washington, DC, (vendor code 170715 B001), membership dues for FY 13 retroactive to July 1, 2012 from Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2013, \$34,716.00.

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This is 100% FY 2013 General Funds.

EXPLANATION

The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) is a nonpartisan, nationwide, nonprofit organization of public officials who head departments of elementary and secondary education in the states. CCSSO provides leadership, advocacy, and technical assistance on major educational issues. The Council seeks member consensus on major educational issues and expresses their views to civic and professional organizations, federal agencies, Congress, and the public.

The Commissioner of Education and the Deputy Commissioner are active members of CCSSO. Participation provides the State of New Hampshire with direct support services and professional development activities in such areas as student assessment programs, curriculum development and delivery, advancing technology in college and career findings, public policy issues, accessing federal and private funding, higher education, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act reauthorization and federal legislation.

Dues are assessed on a sliding scale on each state's combined total of state and local expenditures for elementary and secondary education.

Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
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Organizational Dues and Memberships

The Governor and Executive Council is concerned with the number of organizations and cost to the State for Agency participation in professional organizations. A series of questions have been developed which should answer the majority of Governor and Executive Councilors concerns related to the value of each membership. Requests by State Agencies to enter into memberships with National, Regional, Professional or Other type of organizations must address the ten questions below in the Governor and Executive Council request letter.

The following questions, along with an associated response, must be included in the "Explanation" section of your request, along with a brief narrative explanation as provided in the past. (Please include the lead in sentence along with the questions and responses.)

Listed below are answers to standard questions required for Governor and Council 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 Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) was formed in 1927 and incorporated in 1948.
2. Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to? No
3. How many other state's belonging to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member? All states belong. Yes, this agency is the sole NH state agency that is a member.
4. How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc) Sliding scale on each state's combined total of state and local expenditures for elementary and secondary education.
5. What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership? Travel costs to National meetings, support for transformation efforts, access to national international speakers to attend state/local conferences.
6. Are training or educational/ research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail. Yes, signed cost materials/research are provided to be disseminated to educators in the state/no charge for materials.
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 Yes. Two, the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner, at least three a year, destination not known at this time, usually in Washington, DC

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.)

Commissioner of Education and Deputy Commissioner (voting members)

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

No longer have access to research efforts, working with other states, clarifying federal and state legislation, innovation Lab Networks and other critical areas in education.



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Invoice Number: 004524
Invoice Date: 5/1/2012
Terms: Net 30 Days
Division: 11 Council Dues
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Description	Qty	Price	Amount
NH-DUES FY13			34,716.00

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