



**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**



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**JEFF BRILLHART, P.E.**  
**ACTING COMMISSIONER**

Bureau of Turnpikes  
 December 15, 2014

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

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Turnpikes to continue its membership and participation with the E-ZPass Interagency Group (IAG), New York, NY (Vendor No. 175221) by paying annual membership dues in the amount of \$17,500.00 for Calendar Year 2015. 100% Turnpike Funds.

Funding is available as follows:

04-96-96-961017-7050	<u>FY 2015</u>
Toll Collection	
026-500251 Membership Fees	\$17,500.00

**EXPLANATION**

The IAG is a consortium of Northeast toll agencies and authorities that have mutually agreed to operate the E-ZPass regional electronic toll collection system by use of similar practices, procedures and toll equipment. As a member of the IAG, the Commissioner represents the State and participates in the determination of practices, policies, procedures, and in the selection of equipment and contractors used to provide consistent toll collection throughout the region in accordance with the terms of the Interagency Agreement for Operations.

On August 22, 2001, the Governor and Council authorized the Department to join membership with the IAG as a full member with full voting rights. (G&C Item #317). Our annual dues this year are \$17,500 (invoice enclosed).

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 IAG was created in 1990. The Department has been a member of IAG for 13 years, since 2001.*

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

*There are no other organizations that provide these benefits to the Department for the electronic toll industry in New Hampshire.*

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

*IAG currently has 26 agencies or toll authorities in 15 states. The Department is the only 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)

*Membership dues are based on an agency's most recently completed fiscal year toll revenue and the invoice is attached for reference.*

5. What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?

*The IAG enables the Department to provide the public with a seamless, accurate, interoperable electronic method of paying tolls while preserving and enhancing the E-ZPass program.*

6. Are training or educational/research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail.

*No training or educational/research materials are included in the membership.*

7. Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? Explain.

*This membership is not required to receive federal grants, participate in licensing or certification of exams.*

8. Is there any travel included with this membership fee? Explain in detail any travel including the number of employees involved, the number of trips, destination of known and purposes of membership-supported trips.

*Travel costs are not included in this membership fee; however, the Bureau of Turnpikes does send employees to four (4) IAG meetings during the year. The trips are budgeted in the Bureau's out of state travel account.*

*In August 2014, the Administrator and the Assistant Administrator of Turnpikes attended a 2-day Executive Management Committee Meeting in New Hope PA to review national interoperability technology updates from vendors. National interoperability technology allows drivers to pay tolls, and States to collect tolls, in all 50 States. The Bureau budgets for attendance at 3 additional meetings held in Wilmington DE during the months of November, April and June each year, however, the Assistant Administrator often attends by teleconference.*

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.)

*The Turnpike Assistant Administrator represents the NHDOT Commissioner on the IAG executive committee. As a member of the IAG, the Commissioner represents the State and participates in the determination of practices, policies, procedures, and in the selection of equipment and contractors used to provide consistent toll collection throughout the region in accordance with the terms of the Interagency Agreement for Operations.*

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

*Should the Department no longer be a member with IAG, the Department will no longer be able to participate in the E-ZPass program. Financial reciprocity with the 26 other agencies to seamlessly collect out-of-state revenue on electronic transactions would not be possible without participation in the IAG.*

It is respectfully requested that this resolution be approved.

Sincerely,



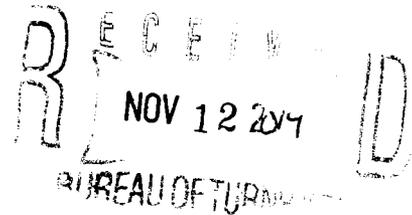
David J. Brillhart, P.E.  
Acting Commissioner



Interagency Group

November 4, 2014

Mr. John Corcoran  
Administrator, Bureau of Turnpikes  
New Hampshire Department of Transportation  
PO Box 2950  
Concord, NH 03302-2950



RE: 2015 Annual Assessment

Dear Mr. Corcoran:

In accordance with the E-ZPass® Interagency Group Operating Agreement and the 2015 Budget as approved by the Executive Management Committee, I am forwarding this invoice for your 2015 annual assessment.

Please make the check payable to: **PTC E-ZPASS INTERAGENCY FUND** in the amount of **\$17,500.00** and mail to the attention of:

Nick Grieshaber  
Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission  
P.O. Box 67676  
Harrisburg, PA 17106

**OR by ACH Payment:** PA Turnpike Commission/PTC E-ZPass Interagency Fund  
Checking Account #6100106519  
ABA Routing #036076150

**Assessments are due no later than February 28, 2015.**

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and your participation in the IAG.

Sincerely,

PJ Wilkins  
Executive Director

cc: Nick Grieshaber, Treasurer