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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to pay an annual membership fee to the Interstate Commission for Juveniles, Lexington, KY (Vendor #177712), to access the Center for State Foster Care and Adoption Data services, in an amount of \$12,000, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. 25% Federal Funds, 75% General Funds.

Funds are available in the following account:

05-95-42-421410-7905 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS DEPT OF, HHS: HUMAN SERVICES, JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES, JUVENILE FIELD SERVICES

Fiscal Year	Class	Title	Activity Code	Amount
2017	026-500251	Organizational Dues	42140519	\$12,000
			Total:	\$12,000

EXPLANATION

The above action is requested to secure payment for the Division for Children, Youth and Families in the Interstate Commission for Juveniles for the 2017 membership period. The purpose of this Commission is to: connect all states to facilitate the interstate placement of juveniles who are involved with the Juvenile Justice System of New Hampshire. The Commission collects standardized data concerning the interstate movement of juveniles as directed through its rules and technology systems. The Commission provides for binding dispute resolution between compacting states, as well as overseeing, supervising, and coordinating the movement of juveniles and enforcing compliance with the compact provisions.

Listed below are answers to standard questions required for Governor and Executive 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?

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- a. The Interstate Commission for Juveniles has been in existence since 1957 and is bound by statute 169-A:1 to direct a compact on behalf of the state for juveniles who are: not under proper supervision and control or who have absconded, escaped or runaway and are likely to endanger their own health, morals, and welfare or the health, moral, and welfare of others; the cooperation of this state with other states is necessary to provide for the welfare and protection of juveniles and of the people of this state. The agency, through the Interstate compact, cooperates fully with other states in the return of juveniles, accepting the juvenile if apprehended in another state, as well as, initiating actions for the return of juveniles. The Division has been a member since 2011.
2. Is there any other organization, which provides the same or similar benefits, which your agency belongs to?
 - a. 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?
 - a. Every state and the Northern Marianas, American Samoa, US Virgin Islands and Guam are members of the Commission. The Division is the sole New Hampshire agency member.
4. How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc.)
 - a. The dues collected by the Commission are determined by formula to calculate the annual assessments to be paid by the state. The Commission considers the population of the state and the volume of the juvenile transfers between states in determining and adjusting the assessment formula. The dues formula is determined by; the population of the state/population of the United States plus the number of juveniles sent from and receive by a state/total number of offenders sent from and received by all states and is then divided by two.
5. What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?
 - a. The Division would have the ability to access the proper administrative processes for the supervision or return of juveniles, delinquents and status offenders who are on probation or parole and who have absconded, escaped or runaway and in doing so have endangered their own safety and the safety of others.
6. Are training or educational/research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail.
 - a. Training and educational research materials are included in the membership as well as access to the national data collection archives.
7. Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? Explain.
 - a. 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.
 - a. No.
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.)
 - a. There are numerous employees that have user accounts and use the data on an ongoing basis. However, none of the Division employees are directly involved with the Commission.
10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.
 - a. Should the Governor and Executive Council not approve this request, the Division would not have access to the proper administrative processes for the supervision or return of juveniles,

delinquents and status offenders. The Division would not have the cooperation of the compacting states for the safe return of juveniles who have run away from home and in doing so have left their state of residence. Nor would the Division have access to the cooperative efforts and mutual assistance in prevention of crime and the assurance of public safety.

Geographic Area: Statewide

Source of Funds: 25% Federal Funds, 75% General Funds

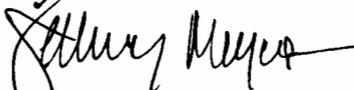
In the event that the Federal Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this membership.

Respectfully submitted,



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Approved by:


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Interstate Commission for Juveniles

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FOR:

FISCAL YEAR 2017 DUES ASSESSMENT

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Annual Dues: Interstate Commission for Juveniles	\$ 12,000
TOTAL	\$ 12,000

Payment is due: **July 31, 2016**

- **Make checks payable to:** Interstate Commission for Juveniles
- **Mailing address:** The Council of State Governments [Please note address change above]
- **Federal ID Number:** 30-0541224 (Interstate Commission for Juveniles)

If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Lippert, Executive Director: alippert@juvenilecompact.org

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