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April 21, 2015

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

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Pursuant to MOP 1200 I. (D). authorize the NH Department of Corrections to pay an invoice in the amount of \$20,629.30 to the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision (VC# 177712), Lexington, KY for annual membership dues, upon Governor and Executive Council approval, for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. 100% Other Funds

Funding is anticipated to be budgeted contingent upon availability and continued appropriations in the following account, *Interstate Compact Fees*: 02-46-46-464010-53470000.

Account	Description	SFY 16 Total
026-500251	Membership Fees	\$20,629.30

**EXPLANATION**

The Interstate Commission oversees the day-to-day oversight of the compact between the states. The Commission promulgates rules to achieve the goals of the compact, ensures an opportunity for input and timely notice to victims and to jurisdictions where defined offenders are authorized to travel or to relocate across state lines. The Commission establishes a system of uniform data collection, provides access to information on active cases by authorized criminal justice officials, and coordinates regular reporting of Compact activities to heads of state councils, state executives, judicial and legislative branches and criminal justice administrators. The Commission also monitors compliance with rules governing interstate movement of offenders and initiate interventions to address and correct noncompliance and coordinates training and education regarding regulations of interstate movement of offenders for officials involved in such activity.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.interstatecompact.org>

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

The ICSP, Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision, has been in existence since 1937 and has provided the sole statutory authority for regulating the transfer of adult parole and probations supervision across state boundaries. In 1988, the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) advisory Board and through a partnership with The Council of State Governments (CSG), NIC and CSG facilitated the design of a revised interstate compact, Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS). The NH Department of Corrections (NHDOC) was a member of the prior Interstate Compact and has been a member of ICAOS since its inception in 2002.

2. *Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to? No*
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 are eligible members of Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS) and the NHDOC is the only organization representing the State of New Hampshire.

4. *How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc.)*

According to the ICAOS, the dues are based on population of a state and the volume of offender transfers between states in determining and adjusting the assessment formula. The formula is: (population of the state divided by population of the United States) plus (number of offenders sent and received by a state divide by total number of offenders sent from and received by all states) divided by two. The resulting ratio derived from the dues formula is used to rank the member state, which NH is in the second to lowest tier of six tiers.

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

New Hampshire is a party to ICAOS pursuant to RSA 651-A:25. This membership allows New Hampshire to transfer of probationers and parolees in and out of New Hampshire, in a manner that promotes effective supervision strategies consistent with public safety, offender accountability and victim's rights.

6. *Are Training or educational/research materials included in the membership?*

ICAOS is an affiliate of Council of State Government (CSG) and provides these materials to all members and the public.

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

Designated personnel from each state are required to attend an annual business meeting and annual executive committee meeting, if applicable, in accordance with ICAOS bylaws.

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).*

Michael McAlister, Director of Field Services, committee and voting member; and all Field Services staff.

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

The New Hampshire Department of Corrections would not be able to allow probationers and parolees re-locate to their home state or a state with family support. In addition, New Hampshire residents who are sentence in other states would not be able to return to their home state of New Hampshire where they have a family support structure.

Respectfully Submitted,



William L. Wrenn  
Commissioner



**Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision**

*Ensuring public safety for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century...*

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**INVOICE**

**Date: April 4, 2015**

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DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
<p>New Hampshire ICAOS Dues Assessment - Fiscal Year 2016</p> <p>Payment is due: July 1, 1015</p>	<p>\$20,629.30</p>
<p>TOTAL</p>	<p>\$20,629.30</p>

**Instructions:**

- Please make checks payable to **Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision or Council of State Governments, DBA: ICAOS**
- Federal Identification Number: 36-6000818
- Interest shall accrue on the balance of the unpaid dues after thirty (30) days at the rate of one percent (1%) per month not to exceed twelve percent (12%) per annum
- If you have any questions, please contact Lori Meister, Assistant Director  
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