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

**Requested Action**

Authorize the Department of Education, Division of Higher Education, Higher Education Commission to pay the October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015 membership renewal fee to the State Higher Education Executive Officers Association (SHEEO), Vendor Code 167113, in the amount of \$3,843, effective upon Governor and Council approval. 52% General Funds/48% Other Funds.

Funding is available in Account Titled: 86790000 and 67770000 respectively as follows: 52% General Funds, 48% Other Funds

General Funds: 06-56-56-566510-86790000-026-500251 Organizational Dues \$2,005  
Other Funds: 06-56-56-566510-67770000-026-500251 Organizational Dues \$1,838

**Explanation**

The SHEEO is a national association established to help its members and states develop and sustain excellent systems of higher education. It (1) Organizes conferences to advance and disseminate knowledge about effective state policies and practices; (2) Maintains regular systems of communication among its members and provides ready access to relevant studies and publications; (3) Serves as a liaison between the states and the federal government; (4) Alerts members to emerging national and international policy issues; (5) Draws on the expertise of its members to advocate state and national policies to strengthen postsecondary education; (6) Represents the perspective of state higher education leaders on national, federal and international education initiatives; (7) Analyzes and synthesizes higher education policy issues and publishes reports to inform the field; and (8) Implements projects to enhance higher education in the states. It is important that New Hampshire continue to be involved with this association in order to keep abreast of higher education matters.

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 State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO) has been in existence since 1954. The Higher Education Commission has been a member since 1976.***

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? **49 states plus Puerto Rico; the University System of New Hampshire shares a membership for New Hampshire. And pays one half of the total cost.**
4. How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc.) **The dues are determined by a sliding scale based on the state appropriations for higher education operations and grants.**
5. What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?  
**SHEEO (1) Organizes conferences to advance and disseminate knowledge about effective state policies and practices; (2) Maintains regular systems of communication among its members and provides ready access to relevant studies and publications; (3) Serves as a liaison between the states and the federal government; (4) Alerts members to emerging national and international policy issues; (5) Draws on the expertise of its members to advocate state and national policies to strengthen postsecondary education; (6) Represents the perspective of state higher education leaders on national, federal and international education initiatives; (7) Analyzes and synthesizes higher education policy issues and publishes reports to inform the field; and (8) Implements projects to enhance higher education in the states. SHEEO has currently organized a national Commission on the Regulation of Postsecondary Distance Education. It has placed members on negotiated rule-making panels for the U.S. Department of Education, and a past director of the Commission served in that capacity.**
6. Are training or educational/ research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail. **Yes. Members have access to SHEEO Peer Collaboration Network services and the ability to ask questions of other members around the country. Attending conferences is also a privilege of membership, but registration fees apply.**
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. **No, but in some cases SHEEO has received grants for special purpose meetings that have included travel reimbursement for participants, but this is not part of the membership fee.**
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. **Dr. Edward R. MacKay, Director, Division of Higher Education – Higher Education Commission. He is a voting member of the association.**
10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization. **New Hampshire would not be included in a valuable and efficient source of information to keep abreast of federal policy issues. The Agency would not have the benefit of frequent communication and collaboration with other state agencies with similar responsibilities. The Agency would lose an opportunity for its voice to be heard in deliberations that often shape federal policy positions by this leading national organization.**

Respectfully submitted,

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July 10, 2014

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**Invoice number: 10351**

SHEEO Annual State Dues, Fiscal Year 2015  
(October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015)

**\$3,843**

**Remittance Information:**

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