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December 18, 2018

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

Your Excellency and Honorable Councilors:

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (NHPUC) to accept and expend \$71,421 in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation - Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) for implementation of new technology to improve the enforcement of the Underground Utility Damage Prevention System effective upon Governor and Council approval through December 31, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

These federal grant funds are to be budgeted in an existing account entitled State Dmge Prevent Prgm Yr 01 as follows:

Fiscal Year Summary			
02-81-81-810510-74910000 State Dmge Prevent Prgm Yr 01			
Class	Description	FY 2019	TOTAL
027-500464	DoIT	68,806	68,806
41-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	72	72
50-500109	Personnel Services -Part Time Salaries	2,543	2,543
Totals:		71,421	71,421

Source of Funds			
Class	Description	FY 2019	TOTAL
000-407735	State Dmge Prevent Prgm Yr 01	71,421	71,421
Totals:		71,421	71,421

EXPLANATION

The statutory provisions for the Underground Utility Damage Prevention System, commonly referred to as DigSafe, are found in RSA 374:48 through RSA 374:56. The NHPUC, by Order No. 24,347 in Docket DM 04-119, authorized its Safety Division to administer and enforce the DigSafe program. In 2018, the Safety Division was granted an award by PHMSA to replace its current software system with a cloud based platform that improves functionality, reporting and administration. This grant will be used by the Safety Division to contract with Spruce Technologies, Inc. for the development of a replacement database that captures Dig Safe program violations with associated civil penalty administration, provides for greater interface with Dig Safe Systems, Inc., New Hampshire's one-call center, and sends information for inclusion into a national repository for underground utility damages.

Accordingly, the NHPUC requests authorization to accept and expend \$71,421 in PHMSA grant funds for the Dig Safe database development project and to budget the funds as follows:

- Class 027-500464 Information Technology will be used to support a contract with Spruce Technologies, Inc.
- Class 041-500801 Audit Set Aside Fund will be used to cover the 0.1% charge of the \$71,421 awarded in federal grant funds.
- Class 050-500109 Personnel Services – Part Time Salaries will be used to support the portion of salary costs for current staff associated with administering this grant. No new employees will be hired.

In the event that Federal funds are no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support these expenditures.

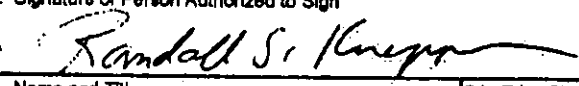

Your consideration of our request is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



Martin P. Honigberg
Commissioner

ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

1. Award No. 693JK31840002PSDP		2. Modification No.	3. Effective Date SEP 28 2018	4. CFDA No. 20.720
5. Awarded To NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION NEW HAMPSHIRE 21 S FRUIT ST STE 10 CONCORD NH 03301-2429		6. Sponsoring Office Program Development 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE E21-321 Washington DC 20590		7. Period of Performance 09/28/2018 through 09/27/2019
8. Type of Agreement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Other	9. Authority 49 U.S.C. 60134 State Damage Prevention Programs		10. Purchase Request or Funding Document No. PH956-18-0179	
11. Remittance Address NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION NEW HAMPSHIRE 21 S FRUIT ST STE 10 CONCORD NH 03301-2429		12. Total Amount Govt. Share: \$71,421.00 Cost Share : \$0.00 Total : \$71,421.00		13. Funds Obligated This action: \$71,421.00 Total : \$71,421.00
14. Principal Investigator Randall Knepper randy.knepper@puc.nh.gov		15. Program Manager HUNG NGUYEN Phone: 202-366-0568		16. Administrator Acquisition Services Division US DOT/PHMSA/PHF-20 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE E22-317 Washington DC 20590-0001
17. Submit Payment Requests To FAA/MMAC/PHMSA HQ 272F AMK 316 6500 S. MacArthur Blvd Oklahoma City OK 73169		18. Paying Office FAA/MMAC/PHMSA HQ 272F AMK 316 6500 S. MacArthur Blvd Oklahoma City OK 73169		19. Submit Reports To See Article IV - Reports
20. Accounting and Appropriation Data 5172318DB2.2018.PSGRT03020.50D0204000.41050.61000000.0000000000.0000000000.0000000000.0000000000				
21. Research Title and/or Description of Project STATE DAMAGE PREVENTION PROGRAM (SDPP) GRANT 2018				
For the Recipient		For the United States of America		
22. Signature of Person Authorized to Sign 		25. Signature of Grants/Agreements Officer 		
23. Name and Title RANDALL S KNEPPER	24. Date Signed 9/28/18	26. Name of Officer WARREN OSTERBERG	27. Date Signed 9/26/18	

CONTINUATION SHEET

REFERENCE NO. OF DOCUMENT BEING CONTINUED
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NAME OF OFFEROR OR CONTRACTOR
NEW HAMPSHIRE, STATE OF

ITEM NO. (A)	SUPPLIES/SERVICES (B)	QUANTITY (C)	UNIT (D)	UNIT PRICE (E)	AMOUNT (F)
00001	Invoice Approver: WOSTERBEPHMSA This CLIN provides funding for this grant. Obligated Amount: \$71,421.00 The total amount of award: \$71,421.00. The obligation for this award is \$71,421.00.				71,421.00