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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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

Executive Office
November 29, 2023

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Transportation to pay membership dues **retroactively** in the amount of \$10,000, for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, to the Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS America), Washington, DC, Vendor #170464 for membership in the ITS America organization, from the date of Governor and Council approval through December 31, 2024. Funding is 100% Federal Funds.

Funds to support this request are available in State FY 2024:

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| | <u>FY 2024</u> |
| 04-96-96-962015-30360000 | |
| SPR Research Funds | \$10,000 |
| 026-500251 Membership Fees | |

EXPLANATION

This is **retroactive** because the funding transfer to cover this expense didn't occur until after the December G&C deadlines.

Membership in ITS America assists the NH Department of Transportation in meeting its responsibility to address the immediate and future transportation needs of the State of New Hampshire. ITS America's mission is in line with that of NH Department of Transportation's:

We advance the research and deployment of intelligent transportation technologies to save lives, improve mobility, increase accessibility and equity, promote sustainability, and improve efficiency and productivity.

NH Department of Transportation will have access to, and benefit greatly from ITS America's areas of focus:

- *Convening leaders from the public sector, private companies, academia, and research organizations to create an environment that fosters innovation*
- *Promoting a legislative and regulatory environment that supports investment in and the deployment of intelligent systems*
- *Conducting research, educating stakeholders, and building awareness of advancements in smart transportation technology*

ITS America's members include state and city departments of transportation, regional and local transportation and planning agencies, private companies providing ITS products and services, auto manufacturers and suppliers,

research organizations, academic institutions and industry associations. Representing 44 states that span across the country, ITS America is committed to:

Diversity, equity and inclusion as we consider technology's effects on all communities and strive to create a better future for all.

NH Department of Transportation will have an opportunity to join ITS America's Standing Advisory Committees that will help shape policies and programs key to our Department's goals. The available committees are, Automated Vehicles, Emerging Technologies, Mobility on Demand, Smart Infrastructure, Sustainability and Resiliency, and V2X/Connected Transportation.

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?

ITS America was founded in 1991; the Department became a member in 2022.

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.

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

ITS America is over all 50 U.S. 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.)

Yearly membership dues are \$10,000 for State Agencies.

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

ITS America is the only organization that brings together constituents from all the relevant sectors: state departments of transportation (DOTs); regional and local transportation and planning agencies; private companies providing ITS products, services and technology; auto manufacturers and suppliers; research organization; academic institutions; and transportation associations. Members of ITS America shape national policy and develop targeted business opportunities – and help determine the global future of transportation.

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

ITS America members are provided discounted executive forum attendance fees, exhibit and conference discounts, and forum and policy roundtable speaking opportunities.

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.

Some travel to membership meetings are included with the membership fees, and can vary year to year.

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).

Various personnel within the Department participate in various activities with the different programs in ITS America as necessary.

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

Should the Department not be a member with ITS America, all the benefits outlined in the Explanation would not be realized.

Your approval of this resolution is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,



William J. Cass, P.E.
Commissioner

Attachments



Invoice

Invoice #: 000002609

Total: \$10,000.00

From Intelligent Transportation Society of America
1100 New Jersey Ave. SE Suite 850
Washington, District of Columbia 20003
United States

To New Hampshire Department of Transportation
Janelle Marquez
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| Line Description | Subscription Start Date | End Date | Sale Price | Quantity | Total |
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| ITSA Public Sector Membership | Jan 1, 2024 | Dec 31, 2024 | \$10,000.00 | 1 | \$10,000.00 |

Subtotal \$10,000.00

Total \$10,000.00

Balance Due \$10,000.00

Thanks for supporting ITS America! Please remit payment 30 days from receipt of this invoice. If you have any questions please contact your membership team at membership@itsa.org or call 202-484-4847.

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