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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
 State House
 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services, to enter into a **Retroactive, Sole Source** amendment to a cooperative project agreement with University of New Hampshire (VC# 177867), Durham, NH, for laboratory services to assist in the testing of the COVID-19 samples from long-term care and other facilities, by increasing the price limitation by \$562,500 from \$1,620,000 to \$2,182,500 and by extending the completion date from December 30, 2020, to June 30, 2021, effective retroactive to December 31, 2020, upon Governor approval. 100% Federal Funds.

The original contract was approved by the Governor on December 30, 2020, and presented to the Executive Council as an Informational Item on January 22, 2021 (Informational Item #H).

Funds are available in the following accounts for State Fiscal Year 2021, with the authority to adjust budget line items within the price limitation through the Budget Office, if needed and justified.

**05-95-90-900010-19510000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS
 DEPT OF, HHS: PUBLIC HEALTH SERV DIV, ADMINISTRATION, LONG TERM CARE
 FACILITIES – GOFERR FUNDS**

State Fiscal Year	Class / Account	Class Title	Job Number	Current Budget	Increased (Decreased) Amount	Revised Budget
2021	103-502507	Contracts for Op Svc	90029000	\$562,500	\$0	\$562,500
			Subtotal	\$562,500	\$0	\$562,500

**05-95-90-903010-19010000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS
 DEPT OF, HHS: PUBLIC HEALTH SERV DIV, BUREAU OF LABORATORY SERVICES, ELC
 CARES COVID-19**

State Fiscal Year	Class / Account	Class Title	Job Number	Current Budget	Increased (Decreased) Amount	Revised Budget
2021	102-500731	Contracts for Prog Svc	90183538	\$0	\$1,620,00	\$1,620,00
			Subtotal	\$0	\$1,620,000	\$1,620,000
			Total	\$562,500	\$1,620,000	\$2,182,500

EXPLANATION

This request is **Retroactive** because the funding for this agreement was not received from the Centers for Disease Control for COVID-19 testing until January 14, 2020. Consequently, the funds could not be accepted into the operating budget until after the completion date expired. This item is **Sole Source** because the agreement was originally approved as sole source and MOP 150 requires any subsequent amendments to be labeled as sole source. The Department, in the interest of the public's health and safety, determined the University of New Hampshire had the capacity to quickly respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and assist the New Hampshire Public Health Laboratory with processing a high volume of COVID-19 tests.

The purpose of this amendment to the cooperative project agreement is for the University of New Hampshire to continue to provide laboratory services to assist with testing COVID-19 samples from long-term care and other facilities. The University of New Hampshire is providing laboratory testing on COVID-19 samples that are received from long-term care and other facilities and completing pre-testing, testing, and post-testing functions. The University of New Hampshire is providing test collection supplies to the facilities, which include the swabs, tubes, and mail packaging materials. Once the samples are collected, the University of New Hampshire tests the samples in its laboratory and sends all COVID-19 test results to the Department; positive results must be faxed to the Department the same day. Results are communicated to the facility within seventy-two hours from sample testing.

The number of individuals served through this agreement, will depend on the trajectory of COVID-19. Through this agreement, the University of New Hampshire may perform up to 6,000 COVID-19 test per week.

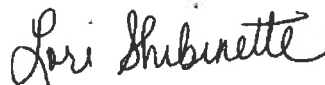
As referenced in Exhibit A, Project Period of the original cooperative project agreement, the parties have the option to extend the agreement for up to one (1) additional year, contingent upon satisfactory delivery of services, available funding, agreement of the parties, and appropriate State approval. The Department is exercising its option to renew services for six (6) months of the one (1) year available.

Area served: Statewide

Source of Funds: CFDA #93.323, FAIN #NU50CK000522

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

Respectfully submitted,



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I hereby approve this request pursuant to RSA 4:45, RSA 21-P:43, and Section 4 of Executive Order 2020-04 as extended by Executive Orders 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10, 2020-14, 2020-15, 2020-16, 2020-17, 2020-18, 2020-20, 2020-21, 2020-23, 2020-24, 2020-25, 2021-01, and 2021-02, and suspend the Manual of Procedures 150, V., B., 1 requirement.

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Date



Name: Governor Christopher T. Sununu