



**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
NH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AND
UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SPONSORED PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION**

This agreement is executed this 23rd day of June 2020, by and between the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT), located at the John O. Morton Building, 7 Hazen Drive, Concord, New Hampshire 03301, and the University of New Hampshire (UNH), located at 105 Main Street, Durham, New Hampshire 03824.

WHEREAS the NHDOT and UNH have a long-standing, mutually beneficial, cooperative relationship of transportation research, culminating in savings to the State while enhancing work force development and academic opportunities for graduate and undergraduate students at the University;

WHEREAS research studies conducted by UNH for the Department have led to numerous gains in the highway and bridge industry, enhancing the standing of both parties on the leading edge of technology and the corresponding recognition and benefits therefrom. Such successes have included advances in high performance concrete, stronger and longer lasting pavements, alternative materials and methods for bridge construction, increased use of recycled materials, and forensic analysis of transportation facilities;

WHEREAS available funds for research are in limited supply, demands for such funds are continually increasing, and the F&A rate for NHDOT-sponsored research has historically been capped at 35%;

WHEREAS the standard federally-sourced facilities and administrative (F&A) cost rates utilized by the University reduce the amount and extent of research eligible for funding by NHDOT, and the NHDOT provides relief from such costs on most projects by providing access to materials and transportation facilities, manpower, and other in-kind contributions.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree that the F&A rate for research shall be capped at 35% for on-campus and 26% for off-campus, and that the base rate is "Modified total direct costs" consisting of all salaries and wages, fringe benefits, materials, supplies, services, travel and subgrants and subcontracts up to the first \$25,000 of each subgrant or subcontract (regardless of the period covered by the subgrant or subcontract). Modified total direct costs shall exclude equipment, capital expenditures, charges for patient care, student tuition remission, rental costs of off-site facilities, scholarships, and fellowships as well as the portion of each subgrant and subcontract in excess of \$25,000.

The duration of this agreement is three (3) years and can be extended through mutual consent of both parties. All research agreements authorized during this time period shall be capped at the 35% F&A on-campus and 26% off-campus rate for the agreement duration. This agreement may be terminated by either party with thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party, provided that the parties agree to consult during the period prior to termination to seek agreement on amendments or other actions that would avoid termination.

Victoria Sheehan
NHDOT Commissioner

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