

**ED TECH JPA  
ASSOCIATE MEMBER AGREEMENT**

This Associate Member Agreement is made as of \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Effective Date”), by and between the Education Technology Joint Powers Authority (“Ed Tech JPA”) and (“Associate Member”).

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, Articles 1 and 2, Chapter 5, Division 7, Title 1 of the California Government Code (Section 6500 et seq.) permits two or more public agencies by agreement to exercise jointly powers common to the contracting parties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of Capistrano Unified School District, Irvine Unified School District, Clovis Unified School District and Fullerton School District (“Founding Members”) have executed a Joint Powers Agreement, formally establishing the Ed Tech JPA for the purpose of aggregating purchasing power and expertise to negotiate legally complaint and economically priced technology software agreements for procurement by its members; and

**WHEREAS**, Ed Tech JPA's Board issues requests for proposals, evaluates proposals, and negotiates Master Agreements with vendors that meet minimum criteria established by the Ed Tech JPA's Founding Members; and

**WHEREAS**, Ed Tech JPA negotiates with Vendors to establish the general terms for the purchase of the Product (“Master Agreement”) by current Ed Tech JPA members and by other “Eligible Entities” who elect to join the Ed Tech JPA: and

**WHEREAS**, Associate Members electing to use a Master Agreement will enter into a separate contract (“Purchase Agreement”) with the Vendor; and

**WHEREAS**, \_\_\_\_\_ is an Eligible Entity with the power to contract and desires to become an Associate Member of Ed Tech JPA so that it may avail itself to the pricing, terms, and conditions leveraged by Ed Tech JPA; and

**WHEREAS**, a condition of joining the Ed Tech JPA is execution of this Associate Member Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, if required, the Governing Board of \_\_\_\_\_ has reviewed the services available from the Ed Tech JPA and determined that the coordinated programs and services provided by Ed Tech JPA will result in benefits that are in the best interest of Associate Member.

**NOW**, therefore, for good and valuable consideration, the parties agree as follows.

**ARTICLE 1: DEFINITIONS**

“Associate Member” shall mean any Eligible Entity that has duly executed and delivered to the Ed Tech JPA an Associate Membership Agreement.

"Designated Representative" shall mean a member of the Associate Member's technology or business services department, or person with equivalent duties and background in education technology procurement, who shall serve as the authorized representative to the JPA. The Designated Representative will be identified on the Associate Membership Application.

"Ed Tech JPA" shall mean the Education Technology Joint Powers Authority created pursuant to the JPA Agreement executed by its Founding Members.

"Eligible Entity" shall mean (a) all California public school districts, county offices of education, and community college districts, and (b) any other public agency in the United States whose procurement rules, whether internal rules or rules enacted pursuant to statute, allow them to purchase goods or services through a procurement vehicle such as Ed Tech JPA.

"Founding Members" shall mean those public school districts, cities, counties, and other governmental units that are signatories to the Joint Powers Agreement and have a voting member serving on the JPA's Board of Directors.

"Implementation Plan" shall mean the mutually agreed upon contract fulfillment requirements established between Associate Member and Vendor for delivery of a product purchased pursuant to the JPA agreements, including timeline, infrastructure and data integration, testing, content creation, training and post-implementation support, and project evaluation.

"Master Agreement" shall mean an agreement entered into between Ed Tech JPA and Vendor following RFP selection process administered by Ed Tech JPA, setting forth the general terms for purchase of a Product.

"Purchase Agreement" shall mean an agreement, duly executed and approved by the Associate Member's authorized representative and, if required, approved by its governing Board, entered into between Associate Member and Vendor, based on the same general terms and conditions as the Master Agreement.

"Vendor" shall mean an entity or firm selected for a Master Agreement after submitting a responsive proposal in compliance with the specifications contained in this Request for Proposals, including meeting the essential requirements set forth by the Ed Tech JPA's Board.

## **ARTICLE 2: ASSOCIATE MEMBER POWERS, DUTIES, & RESTRICTIONS**

**2.1 Associate Member Status.** The \_\_\_\_\_ [Entity Name] is hereby made an Associate Member of the Ed Tech JPA for all purposes of the Agreement and the Bylaws of the Ed Tech JPA, the provisions of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference. From and after the date of execution and delivery of this Associate Membership Agreement by the Associate Member and the Ed Tech JPA, the Associate Member shall be and remain an Associate Member of the Ed Tech JPA.

**2.2 Term.** Membership shall be for one (1) year, and shall automatically renew from year to year, on the same terms and conditions as the prior term, unless terminated sooner by either party.

**2.3 Fees.** Ed Tech JPA may make reasonable charges for its services rendered to members as set forth below.

**2.3.1 Administrative Fee.** The Ed Tech JPA receives an administrative fee (the “Administrative Fee”) for each transaction, calculated as a small percentage of the gross invoiced amount (for some procurements a fixed fee applies) of any Purchase Agreement with Vendor. The administrative fee is used to cover overhead and administrative costs associated with conducting each product procurement and maintaining the JPA. Associate Member's payment to Vendors shall include the Administrative Fee for each executed Purchase Agreement, and Vendor shall deliver the Administrative Fee to Ed Tech JPA. Once a Purchase Agreement has been fully executed by the Associate Member and the Vendor, the Administrative Fee is non-refundable under any circumstances.

**2.3.2 Membership Fee.** Currently, there is no cost to Associate Member to join the Ed Tech JPA. The JPA reserves the right, and Associate Member acknowledges such reservation, to assess a fee, (“Membership Fee”) to its Associate Members at an undetermined future date. In such event, Associate Members shall be provided advance notice and be provided the opportunity to withdraw membership prior to assessment of the Membership Fee. Purchase Agreements executed prior to Associates Member’s withdrawal (if applicable), shall remain in effect through their natural termination and any extensions thereto, and the Administrative Fees associated with such Purchase Agreement(s) shall continue to be paid to Ed Tech JPA.

**2.3.3 Audits.** Ed Tech JPA will periodically audit Vendors, and Associate Members will cooperate in transaction reporting including, if requested, providing a copy of all executed Purchase Agreements to Ed Tech JPA within thirty (30) days of such request.

**2.3.4 Product Research.** Associate Member may browse products available for purchase and, if a suitable product is identified, Associate Member may enter into a Purchase Agreement directly with Vendor for that product. If a suitable product is not identified, Associate Members are free to solicit proposals and negotiate directly with a vendor not subject to a Master Agreement with the Ed Tech JPA.

**2.3.5 Minimum Price.** Associate Member acknowledges and agrees that the collective bargaining power of the Ed Tech JPA would be undermined if Associate Member used the terms and conditions obtained by the Ed Tech JPA to negotiate separately with Vendor for its own advantage. Associate Member agrees that it will not attempt to negotiate lower prices with a Vendor under contract with the JPA. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Associate Member is free to solicit proposals and negotiate directly with a vendor not subject to a Master Agreement with the Ed Tech JPA. Consistent with this goal, and in order to provide Associate Members with assurances regarding advantageous pricing by purchasing through the JPA, Vendors are requested to provide a Minimum Price Guarantee (MPG), whereby the Vendor will not sell directly, or through a reseller, to Ed Tech JPA’s Eligible Entities (regardless of whether the Eligible Entity is an Associate Member of the Ed Tech JPA) for a lower price. The requirements of this Section do not apply to contracts in existence prior to the establishment of a Master Agreement between Vendor and Ed Tech JPA.

**2.4 Designated Representative.** Associate Member shall appoint a Designated Representative to serve as the primary contact with Ed Tech JPA. The Designated Representative should be a member of the District's technology or business services department, or person with equivalent duties and background in education technology procurement. Associate Member will be provided a single sign-on to access to Ed Tech JPA product information. The Designated Representative will be the custodian of Associate Member's credentials and is responsible for account security. The Designated Representative shall be authorized by the District's governing board, if required, to conduct due diligence in product selection,

and develop an Implementation Plan with Vendors. The Designated Representative shall obtain authority from the District's governing board, if required, to negotiate and execute Purchase Agreements with Vendors. Purchase Agreements shall only be made for the direct use of Associate Member and not on behalf of any third party.

**2.5 Proprietary/Confidential Materials.** Associate Member acknowledges that Proposals and other documents may contain proprietary and confidential information. Associate Member agrees to maintain documents in a responsible manner with security measures reflecting best practices. Associate Member shall not share Proposals and documentation that may contain proprietary and confidential information with third-parties without prior consent from the Vendor and/or Ed Tech JPA as applicable unless required to do so by law. In the event that a third-party requests confidential or proprietary information from Associate Member, Associate Member shall notify Vendor and/or Ed Tech JPA so that Vendor/Ed Tech JPA may assist Associate Member to redact proprietary information prior to disclosing the requested information.

**2.6 Restrictions.** An Associate Member shall not be entitled to representation on the Board of Directors or to vote on any matter coming before the Board of Directors or the Ed Tech JPA. However, an Associate Member shall be entitled to participate in all programs and other undertakings of the Ed Tech JPA.

**2.7 Withdrawal.** An Associate Member may withdraw from membership in the Ed Tech JPA upon thirty (30) days advance written notice to the Ed Tech JPA. No such withdrawal, however, shall relieve such Associate Member from its obligations under any outstanding Purchase Agreements relating to the Ed Tech JPA. Effective immediately upon withdrawal, Associate Members shall not have access Ed Tech JPA Master Agreements and other documentation, or be entitled to participate in the other programs of the JPA.

**2.8 Independent Vendor Selection.** Ed Tech JPA does not warrant that the products available will be suitable for the specific needs of individual members. Associate Member agrees to conduct its own due diligence in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws, as well as the requirements of Associate Member's local procurement rules and regulations. Associate Member is solely responsible for determining suitability of product and compliance with local, state and federal procurement rules prior to entering into Purchase Agreement.

**2.9 Compliance with Laws.** Ed Tech JPA's competitively bid Master Agreements follow bidding and procurement procedures established by the California Public Contract Code and the local body overseeing each respective Founding Member. Associate Member has access to all the contract documentation prepared by Ed Tech JPA and is responsible for compliance with any additional or varying laws and regulations governing its purchases. Associate Member acknowledges that purchases made with federal funds may be subject to additional requirements. Associate Member is encouraged to seek approval from its own local agency(s) before entering into a Purchase Agreement with a Vendor.

Master Agreements are available to Associate Members "as is". Ed Tech JPA is under no obligation to revise the terms, conditions, scope, price, and/or any other conditions of the contract for the benefit of an Associate Member. Associate Members are permitted to negotiate directly with the Vendor and agree to additional terms and conditions that are separate from the base price.

Associate Member acknowledges and agrees that is solely responsible for (a) completing due diligence regarding the suitability of Vendor, including using price as a significant factor, and (b) prior to executing a Purchase Agreement, working directly with the Vendor to establish a suitable Implementation Plan for contract fulfillment. An Associate Member is not bound to a purchase until it has obtained approval from its Board, if required, and executed the Purchase Agreement with the Vendor for the Product. Associate Member acknowledges that Vendor is not bound to provide products and/or services prior to execution of the Purchase Agreement.

**2.10 Liabilities.** The debts, liabilities and obligations of the Associate Member shall be the debts, liabilities or obligations of the Associate Member alone and not of the Ed Tech JPA or its membership. There shall be no joint and several liabilities between Ed Tech JPA and Associate Member. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in no event, shall Ed Tech JPA be liable, regardless of whether any claim is based on contract or tort, for any special, consequential, indirect or incidental damages, including, but not limited to, lost profits or revenue, arising out of or in connection with this Agreement for the services performed in connection with this Agreement.

**2.11 Release.** Associate Member acknowledges that Ed Tech JPA is not a party to any Purchase Agreement between the Associate Member and the Vendor. Associate Member is solely responsible for all aspects of its purchase, including ordering its goods and/or services, inspecting and accepting the goods and/or services, and providing payment. Any dispute which may arise from Associate Member's participation in Purchase Agreement shall be resolved between the Associate Member and the Vendor. Associate Member will not seek remedy from Ed Tech JPA for issues arising from a Purchase Agreement and hereby waives and releases Ed Tech JPA from all possible claims.

**2.12 Reservation of Rights.** Ed Tech JPA reserves the right to cancel the whole or any part of this contract due to failure by the Associate Member to carry out any obligation, term or condition of the contract, including, failure to follow the established procedure for purchase orders, invoices and receipt of funds, and failure to pay.

**2.13 Indemnification.** Associate Member agrees to defend, indemnify and hold the Ed Tech JPA, its Governing Board and its Board members, as well as all of their respective officers, employees and agents, free and harmless from any claims, liabilities, costs, penalties, or interest arising out of any such use.

**2.14 Amendments.** This Agreement shall not be altered, changed or amended except by written amendment executed by both parties.

**2.15 Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and the rights, duties and obligations of the parties shall be determined and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

**2.16 Severability.** If any term, condition or provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nevertheless continue in full force and effect, and shall not be affected, impaired or invalidated in any way.

**2.17 Integration/Entire Agreement of Parties.** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior discussions, negotiations, and agreements, whether oral or written. This Agreement may be amended or modified only by a written instrument executed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the date indicated below.

**Associate Member**

**Education Technology JPA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Brianne Ford

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_