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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Education, Division of Learner Support, to enter into a **sole source** contract with WestEd, San Francisco, California (vendor code 177860), in the amount of \$336,000, to continue progress monitoring of Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) schools in order to improve student performance. This contract, with an option to renew for two (2) additional fiscal years, will be effective upon the date of Governor & Council approval through June 30, 2022. 100% Federal Funds

Funds to support this request are anticipated to be available in FY 22 in the account titled Title I-A Compensatory Ed., upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds in the future operating budget as follows:

06-56-56-562010-25090000-072-509073 Grants Federal	<u>FY 22</u> \$336,000
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EXPLANATION

The Department is requesting a **sole source** contract as the Department's original contract with this vendor was the result of a competitive bid process to perform data collection and reporting of New Hampshire schools that meet the criteria for Comprehensive Schools for Improvement (CSI). The CSI school designation is re-evaluated every three years based on student assessment results. Because the 2020 assessment was not able to be performed, as a result of the pandemic, the CSI schools status has been extended at least one additional year and is expected to be reevaluated based on the 2021 assessment results once those have been compiled. As a result, the Department believes it is in the best interest of the CSI schools to retain the continuity of the data collection and reporting vendor while their status as a CSI school is extended. The Department also anticipates that a competitive procurement process will be implemented for the next designation of CSI schools.

WestEd will continue to work closely with all 20 Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) schools to monitor improvement progress and to administer surveys and assessments

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about progress. Additional services from WestEd, in the form of analysis of reports and conducting and facilitating all meetings, will enable all work to be completed in a timely fashion.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Frank Edelblut
Commissioner of Education

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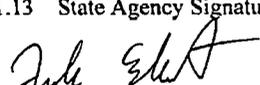
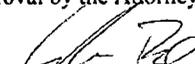
Notice: This agreement and all of its attachments shall become public upon submission to Governor and Executive Council for approval. Any information that is private, confidential or proprietary must be clearly identified to the agency and agreed to in writing prior to signing the contract.

AGREEMENT

The State of New Hampshire and the Contractor hereby mutually agree as follows:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. IDENTIFICATION.

1.1 State Agency Name NH Department of Education		1.2 State Agency Address 101 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301	
1.3 Contractor Name WestEd		1.4 Contractor Address 730 Harrison Street, San Francisco, CA 94107	
1.5 Contractor Phone Number 415-565-3000	1.6 Account Number See Exhibit C	1.7 Completion Date June 30, 2022	1.8 Price Limitation \$336,000
1.9 Contracting Officer for State Agency Ashley Frame, Administrator, ESEA Programs		1.10 State Agency Telephone Number 603-271-6579	
1.11 Contractor Signature  Date: Jul 16, 2021		1.12 Name and Title of Contractor Signatory Lauren Wrotniak Interim Director, Contracts & Grants	
1.13 State Agency Signature  Date: 8/5/2021		1.14 Name and Title of State Agency Signatory Frank Edelblut, Commissioner of Education	
1.15 Approval by the N.H. Department of Administration, Division of Personnel <i>(if applicable)</i> By: _____ Director, On: _____			
1.16 Approval by the Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) <i>(if applicable)</i> By:  Christopher Bond, Attorney On: 8/5/2021			
1.17 Approval by the Governor and Executive Council <i>(if applicable)</i> G&C Item number: _____ G&C Meeting Date: _____			

2. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED. The State of New Hampshire, acting through the agency identified in block 1.1 ("State"), engages contractor identified in block 1.3 ("Contractor") to perform, and the Contractor shall perform, the work or sale of goods, or both, identified and more particularly described in the attached EXHIBIT B which is incorporated herein by reference ("Services").

3. EFFECTIVE DATE/COMPLETION OF SERVICES.

3.1 Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, and subject to the approval of the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire, if applicable, this Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall become effective on the date the Governor and Executive Council approve this Agreement as indicated in block 1.17, unless no such approval is required, in which case the Agreement shall become effective on the date the Agreement is signed by the State Agency as shown in block 1.13 ("Effective Date").

3.2 If the Contractor commences the Services prior to the Effective Date, all Services performed by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date shall be performed at the sole risk of the Contractor, and in the event that this Agreement does not become effective, the State shall have no liability to the Contractor, including without limitation, any obligation to pay the Contractor for any costs incurred or Services performed. Contractor must complete all Services by the Completion Date specified in block 1.7.

4. CONDITIONAL NATURE OF AGREEMENT.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations of the State hereunder, including, without limitation, the continuance of payments hereunder, are contingent upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds affected by any state or federal legislative or executive action that reduces, eliminates or otherwise modifies the appropriation or availability of funding for this Agreement and the Scope for Services provided in EXHIBIT B, in whole or in part. In no event shall the State be liable for any payments hereunder in excess of such available appropriated funds. In the event of a reduction or termination of appropriated funds, the State shall have the right to withhold payment until such funds become available, if ever, and shall have the right to reduce or terminate the Services under this Agreement immediately upon giving the Contractor notice of such reduction or termination. The State shall not be required to transfer funds from any other account or source to the Account identified in block 1.6 in the event funds in that Account are reduced or unavailable.

5. CONTRACT PRICE/PRICE LIMITATION/PAYMENT.

5.1 The contract price, method of payment, and terms of payment are identified and more particularly described in EXHIBIT C which is incorporated herein by reference.

5.2 The payment by the State of the contract price shall be the only and the complete reimbursement to the Contractor for all expenses, of whatever nature incurred by the Contractor in the performance hereof, and shall be the only and the complete

compensation to the Contractor for the Services. The State shall have no liability to the Contractor other than the contract price.

5.3 The State reserves the right to offset from any amounts otherwise payable to the Contractor under this Agreement those liquidated amounts required or permitted by N.H. RSA 80:7 through RSA 80:7-c or any other provision of law.

5.4 Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, and notwithstanding unexpected circumstances, in no event shall the total of all payments authorized, or actually made hereunder, exceed the Price Limitation set forth in block 1.8.

6. COMPLIANCE BY CONTRACTOR WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS/ EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.

6.1 In connection with the performance of the Services, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county or municipal authorities which impose any obligation or duty upon the Contractor, including, but not limited to, civil rights and equal employment opportunity laws. In addition, if this Agreement is funded in any part by monies of the United States, the Contractor shall comply with all federal executive orders, rules, regulations and statutes, and with any rules, regulations and guidelines as the State or the United States issue to implement these regulations. The Contractor shall also comply with all applicable intellectual property laws.

6.2 During the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, color, religion, creed, age, sex, handicap, sexual orientation, or national origin and will take affirmative action to prevent such discrimination.

6.3. The Contractor agrees to permit the State or United States access to any of the Contractor's books, records and accounts for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with all rules, regulations and orders, and the covenants, terms and conditions of this Agreement.

7. PERSONNEL.

7.1 The Contractor shall at its own expense provide all personnel necessary to perform the Services. The Contractor warrants that all personnel engaged in the Services shall be qualified to perform the Services, and shall be properly licensed and otherwise authorized to do so under all applicable laws.

7.2 Unless otherwise authorized in writing, during the term of this Agreement, and for a period of six (6) months after the Completion Date in block 1.7, the Contractor shall not hire, and shall not permit any subcontractor or other person, firm or corporation with whom it is engaged in a combined effort to perform the Services to hire, any person who is a State employee or official, who is materially involved in the procurement, administration or performance of this Agreement. This provision shall survive termination of this Agreement.

7.3 The Contracting Officer specified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, shall be the State's representative. In the event of any dispute concerning the interpretation of this Agreement, the Contracting Officer's decision shall be final for the State.

8. EVENT OF DEFAULT/REMEDIES.

8.1 Any one or more of the following acts or omissions of the Contractor shall constitute an event of default hereunder ("Event of Default"):

8.1.1 failure to perform the Services satisfactorily or on schedule;

8.1.2 failure to submit any report required hereunder; and/or

8.1.3 failure to perform any other covenant, term or condition of this Agreement.

8.2 Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the State may take any one, or more, or all, of the following actions:

8.2.1 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and requiring it to be remedied within, in the absence of a greater or lesser specification of time, thirty (30) days from the date of the notice; and if the Event of Default is not timely cured, terminate this Agreement, effective two (2) days after giving the Contractor notice of termination;

8.2.2 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and suspending all payments to be made under this Agreement and ordering that the portion of the contract price which would otherwise accrue to the Contractor during the period from the date of such notice until such time as the State determines that the Contractor has cured the Event of Default shall never be paid to the Contractor;

8.2.3 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and set off against any other obligations the State may owe to the Contractor any damages the State suffers by reason of any Event of Default; and/or

8.2.4 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default, treat the Agreement as breached, terminate the Agreement and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both.

8.3. No failure by the State to enforce any provisions hereof after any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of its rights with regard to that Event of Default, or any subsequent Event of Default. No express failure to enforce any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of the right of the State to enforce each and all of the provisions hereof upon any further or other Event of Default on the part of the Contractor.

9. TERMINATION.

9.1 Notwithstanding paragraph 8, the State may, at its sole discretion, terminate the Agreement for any reason, in whole or in part, by thirty (30) days written notice to the Contractor that the State is exercising its option to terminate the Agreement.

9.2 In the event of an early termination of this Agreement for any reason other than the completion of the Services, the Contractor shall, at the State's discretion, deliver to the Contracting Officer, not later than fifteen (15) days after the date of termination, a report ("Termination Report") describing in detail all Services performed, and the contract price earned, to and including the date of termination. The form, subject matter, content, and number of copies of the Termination Report shall be identical to those of any Final Report described in the attached EXHIBIT B. In addition, at the State's discretion, the Contractor shall, within 15 days of notice of early termination, develop and

submit to the State a Transition Plan for services under the Agreement.

10. DATA/ACCESS/CONFIDENTIALITY/PRESERVATION.

10.1 As used in this Agreement, the word "data" shall mean all information and things developed or obtained during the performance of, or acquired or developed by reason of, this Agreement, including, but not limited to, all studies, reports, files, formulae, surveys, maps, charts, sound recordings, video recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings, analyses, graphic representations, computer programs, computer printouts, notes, letters, memoranda, papers, and documents, all whether finished or unfinished.

10.2 All data and any property which has been received from the State or purchased with funds provided for that purpose under this Agreement, shall be the property of the State, and shall be returned to the State upon demand or upon termination of this Agreement for any reason.

10.3 Confidentiality of data shall be governed by N.H. RSA chapter 91-A or other existing law. Disclosure of data requires prior written approval of the State.

11. CONTRACTOR'S RELATION TO THE STATE. In the performance of this Agreement the Contractor is in all respects an independent contractor, and is neither an agent nor an employee of the State. Neither the Contractor nor any of its officers, employees, agents or members shall have authority to bind the State or receive any benefits, workers' compensation or other emoluments provided by the State to its employees.

12. ASSIGNMENT/DELEGATION/SUBCONTRACTS.

12.1 The Contractor shall not assign, or otherwise transfer any interest in this Agreement without the prior written notice, which shall be provided to the State at least fifteen (15) days prior to the assignment, and a written consent of the State. For purposes of this paragraph, a Change of Control shall constitute assignment. "Change of Control" means (a) merger, consolidation, or a transaction or series of related transactions in which a third party, together with its affiliates, becomes the direct or indirect owner of fifty percent (50%) or more of the voting shares or similar equity interests, or combined voting power of the Contractor, or (b) the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Contractor.

12.2 None of the Services shall be subcontracted by the Contractor without prior written notice and consent of the State. The State is entitled to copies of all subcontracts and assignment agreements and shall not be bound by any provisions contained in a subcontract or an assignment agreement to which it is not a party.

13. INDEMNIFICATION. Unless otherwise exempted by law, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State, its officers and employees, from and against any and all claims, liabilities and costs for any personal injury or property damages, patent or copyright infringement, or other claims asserted against the State, its officers or employees, which arise out of (or which may be claimed to arise out of) the acts or omission of the

Contractor, or subcontractors, including but not limited to the negligence, reckless or intentional conduct. The State shall not be liable for any costs incurred by the Contractor arising under this paragraph 13. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State. This covenant in paragraph 13 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

14. INSURANCE.

14.1 The Contractor shall, at its sole expense, obtain and continuously maintain in force, and shall require any subcontractor or assignee to obtain and maintain in force, the following insurance:

14.1.1 commercial general liability insurance against all claims of bodily injury, death or property damage, in amounts of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate or excess; and

14.1.2 special cause of loss coverage form covering all property subject to subparagraph 10.2 herein, in an amount not less than 80% of the whole replacement value of the property.

14.2 The policies described in subparagraph 14.1 herein shall be on policy forms and endorsements approved for use in the State of New Hampshire by the N.H. Department of Insurance, and issued by insurers licensed in the State of New Hampshire.

14.3 The Contractor shall furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, a certificate(s) of insurance for all insurance required under this Agreement. Contractor shall also furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, certificate(s) of insurance for all renewal(s) of insurance required under this Agreement no later than ten (10) days prior to the expiration date of each insurance policy. The certificate(s) of insurance and any renewals thereof shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference.

15. WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

15.1 By signing this agreement, the Contractor agrees, certifies and warrants that the Contractor is in compliance with or exempt from, the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A ("*Workers' Compensation*").

15.2 To the extent the Contractor is subject to the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A, Contractor shall maintain, and require any subcontractor or assignee to secure and maintain, payment of Workers' Compensation in connection with activities which the person proposes to undertake pursuant to this Agreement. The Contractor shall furnish the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, proof of Workers' Compensation in the manner described in N.H. RSA chapter 281-A and any applicable renewal(s) thereof, which shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference. The State shall not be responsible for payment of any Workers' Compensation premiums or for any other claim or benefit for Contractor, or any subcontractor or employee of Contractor, which might arise under applicable State of New Hampshire Workers' Compensation laws in connection with the performance of the Services under this Agreement.

16. NOTICE. Any notice by a party hereto to the other party shall be deemed to have been duly delivered or given at the time of mailing by certified mail, postage prepaid, in a United States Post Office addressed to the parties at the addresses given in blocks 1.2 and 1.4, herein.

17. AMENDMENT. This Agreement may be amended, waived or discharged only by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto and only after approval of such amendment, waiver or discharge by the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire unless no such approval is required under the circumstances pursuant to State law, rule or policy.

18. CHOICE OF LAW AND FORUM. This Agreement shall be governed, interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, and is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assigns. The wording used in this Agreement is the wording chosen by the parties to express their mutual intent, and no rule of construction shall be applied against or in favor of any party. Any actions arising out of this Agreement shall be brought and maintained in New Hampshire Superior Court which shall have exclusive jurisdiction thereof.

19. CONFLICTING TERMS. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this P-37 form (as modified in EXHIBIT A) and/or attachments and amendment thereof, the terms of the P-37 (as modified in EXHIBIT A) shall control.

20. THIRD PARTIES. The parties hereto do not intend to benefit any third parties and this Agreement shall not be construed to confer any such benefit.

21. HEADINGS. The headings throughout the Agreement are for reference purposes only, and the words contained therein shall in no way be held to explain, modify, amplify or aid in the interpretation, construction or meaning of the provisions of this Agreement.

22. SPECIAL PROVISIONS. Additional or modifying provisions set forth in the attached EXHIBIT A are incorporated herein by reference.

23. SEVERABILITY. In the event any of the provisions of this Agreement are held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to any state or federal law, the remaining provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

24. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement, which may be executed in a number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties, and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings with respect to the subject matter hereof.

EXHIBIT A

Special Provisions

Additional Exhibits D-G

The NH Form P-37 General Provisions shall be amended as follows:

Delete Section 7.2 under **PERSONNEL**

Subject to Governor and Council approval, authorize the Department of Education to include a renewal option on this contract for two (2) additional fiscal years, subject to the contractor's acceptable performance of the terms therein, and pending legislative approval of the next two biennium budgets.

Federal Certification 2 CFR 200.415

Required certifications include: (a) To assure that expenditures are proper and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Federal award and approved project budgets, the annual and final fiscal reports or vouchers requesting payment under the agreements must include a certification, signed by an official who is authorized to legally bind the non-Federal entity, which reads as follows:

By signing this report, I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the report is true, complete, and accurate, and the expenditures, disbursements and cash receipts are for the purposes and objectives set forth in the terms and conditions of the Federal award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil or administrative penalties for fraud, false statements, false claims or otherwise. (U.S. Code Title 18, Section 1001 and Title 31, Sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812).

EXHIBIT B

Scope of Services

WestEd will provide the following services to the New Hampshire Department of Education effective upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2022:

Component 1 - Progress Monitoring Support for CSI Schools

WestEd will implement a year-long, four-phase progress monitoring cycle with all 20 Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) schools throughout the school year. Below is a description of services WestEd will provide during each phase.

Phase 1: Goal-Setting Meetings (August-October)

- Provide an introductory webinar for all CSI schools to explain the progress monitoring process for the year
- Support a Start-of-the-Year administration of the Comprehensive Assessment of Leadership for Learning (CALL) survey to be completed in advance of the Phase 1 Goal-Setting Meetings with the CSI schools
- Collect and analyze the following data from each CSI school
 - Self-reflection completed by school leaders
 - Notes from the 2020-21 progress monitoring process, and
 - Recent historical data from the CALL
 - Data from the recent administration of the CALL
- Facilitate a Phase 1 Goal-Setting Meeting with each CSI school in-person
- Administer a Progress Monitoring Experience and Feedback Survey for Phase 1
- Provide each school with a record of the meeting's decisions and outcomes

Phase 2: Progress Monitoring Check-in #1 (November-January)

- Collect and analyze the following data from each CSI school
 - Notes from Phase 1 meeting and the Start-of-the-Year CALL survey results
 - Local data on progress towards goals established during the Goal-Setting Meeting
- Facilitate a Phase 2 Progress Monitoring Check-In Meeting with each CSI school virtually
- Administer a Progress Monitoring Experience and Feedback Survey for Phase 2
- Provide each school with a record of the meeting's decisions and outcomes

Phase 3: Progress Monitoring Check-in #2 (January-March)

- Collect and analyze the following data from each CSI school
 - Notes from Phase 1 and 2 meetings
 - Local data on progress towards goals
- Facilitate a Phase 3 Progress Monitoring Check-In Meeting with each CSI school virtually
- Administer a Progress Monitoring Experience and Feedback Survey for Phase 3
- Provide each school with a record of the meeting's decisions and outcomes

EXHIBIT B

Scope of Services cont.

Phase 4: End-of-Year Review (April-June)

- Support the administration of the CALL survey to be done in advance of Phase 4 meeting with schools
- Collect and analyze the following data from each CSI school
 - Local data on progress towards goals
 - Notes from previous progress monitoring meetings
 - All CALL survey results from 2019-2022
- Facilitate a Phase 4 End-of-Year Review Meeting with each school in-person
- Administer an End-of-Year Progress Monitoring Experience and Feedback Survey
- Provide each school with a record of the meeting's decisions and outcomes

Note: As needed and depending upon circumstances, some services may shift between in-person and virtual supports.

Component 2 - CSI Progress Monitoring Support for NH Department of Education (DOE)

In addition to the services that WestEd will provide to support CSI schools during the 2021-22 school year, WestEd will also provide the following services for the NH DOE.

Phase 1: Goal-Setting Meetings (August-October)

- Conduct a kick-off meeting with NH DOE staff in order to plan the work for the school year
- Refine progress monitoring protocols based on feedback from NH DOE
- Conduct monthly check-ins with NH DOE staff in order to ensure work is occurring as planned and to prepare for the progress monitoring meetings
- Summarize and present a progress update and analysis across all 20 schools to the NH DOE at the conclusion of each phase
- Share the results of the Progress Monitoring Experience and Feedback Survey
- Draft Phase 1 communications to CSI Schools

Phase 2: Progress Monitoring Check-in #1 (November-January)

- Conduct monthly check-ins with NH DOE staff in order to ensure work is occurring as planned and to prepare for the progress monitoring meetings
- Summarize and present a progress update and analysis across all 20 schools to the NH DOE at the conclusion of each phase
- Share the results of the Progress Monitoring Experience and Feedback Survey
- Draft Phase 2 communications to CSI Schools

Phase 3: Progress Monitoring Check-in 2 (January-March)

- Conduct monthly check-ins with NH DOE staff in order to ensure work is occurring as planned and to prepare for the progress monitoring meetings
- Summarize and present a progress update and analysis across all 20 schools to the NH DOE at the conclusion of each phase
- Share the results of the Progress Monitoring Experience and Feedback Survey
- Draft Phase 3 communications to CSI Schools

EXHIBIT B

Scope of Services cont.

Phase 4: End-of-Year Review (April-June)

- Conduct monthly check-ins with NH DOE staff in order to ensure work is occurring as planned and to prepare for the progress monitoring meetings
- Share the results of the End-of-Year Progress Monitoring Experience and Feedback Survey
- Conduct an end-of-year review with NH DOE to review the work of the school year and discuss trends and recommendations for next steps
- Draft Phase 4 communications to CSI Schools

Component 3 - Comprehensive Assessment of Leadership for Learning (CALL) survey access through February 2023:

- Subscription for access to the on-line CALL survey for all 20 CSI Schools.

EXHIBIT C

Method of Payment

Component 1 - Progress Monitoring Support for CSI Schools

Phase 1: Goal Setting (August-October)	
Provide an introductory webinar for all CSI schools	\$5,000
Support the Start-of-the-Year administration of the CALL survey	\$2,500
Collect and analyze data from each CSI school in advance of the Phase 1 Goal-Setting Meeting	\$35,000
Conduct Phase 1 Goal-Setting Meeting with each school	\$25,000
Administer and Analyze Progress Monitoring Experience and Feedback Survey for Phase 1	\$1,500
Provide each school with a record of meeting decisions and outcomes	\$3,000
Sub-Total	\$72,000
Phase 2 (November-December)	
Collect and analyze data from each CSI school for the Phase 2 Progress Monitoring Meeting	\$21,000
Conduct Phase 2 Progress Monitoring Meeting with each school	\$21,000
Administer and Analyze Progress Monitoring Experience and Feedback Survey for Phase 2	\$1,500
Provide each school with a record of meeting decisions and outcomes	\$3,000
Sub-Total	\$46,500
Phase 3 (January-March)	
Collect and analyze data from each CSI school for the Phase 3 Progress Monitoring Meeting	\$21,000
Conduct Phase 3 Progress Monitoring Meeting with each school	\$21,000
Administer and Analyze Progress Monitoring Experience and Feedback Survey for Phase 3	\$1,500
Provide each school with a record of meeting decisions and outcomes	\$3,000
Sub-Total	\$46,500
Phase 4 (April-June)	
Support the start-of-year administration of the CALL survey	\$2,500
Collect and analyze local data from each CSI school for the Phase 4 End-of-Year Progress Monitoring Meeting	\$35,000
Facilitate a Phase 4 End-of-Year Review Meeting with each school in-person	\$25,000
Administer an End-of-Year Progress Monitoring Experience and Feedback Survey	\$1,500
Provide each school with a record of meeting decisions and outcomes	\$3,000
Sub-Total	\$67,000
Component 1 Total	\$232,000

Component 2 - CSI Progress Monitoring Support for NH DOE

Phase 1: Goal Setting (August-October)	
Conduct a kick-off meeting with NH DOE staff	\$1,500
Refine progress monitoring protocols based on feedback from NH DOE	\$1,500
Conduct monthly check-ins with NH DOE staff	\$1,500
Summarize and present a progress update and analysis of all 20 schools	\$4,000
Share results of the Progress Monitoring Experience and Feedback Survey	\$1,250
Draft Phase 1 communications to CSI schools	\$1,000
Sub-Total	\$10,750

EXHIBIT C

Method of Payment cont.

Phase 2 (November-December)	
Conduct monthly check-ins with NH DOE staff	\$1,500
Summarize and present progress update and analysis across all 20 schools for Phase 2	\$4,000
Share the results of the Progress Monitoring Experience and Feedback Survey for Phase 2	\$1,250
Draft Phase 2 communications to CSI schools	\$1,000
Sub-Total	\$7,750
Phase 3 (January-March)	
Conduct monthly check-ins with NH DOE staff	\$1,500
Summarize and present progress update and analysis across all 20 schools for Phase 2	\$4,000
Share the results of the Progress Monitoring Experience and Feedback Survey for Phase 2	\$1,250
Draft Phase 3 communications to CSI schools	\$1,000
Sub-Total	\$7,750
Phase 4 (April-June)	
Conduct monthly check-ins with NH DOE staff	\$1,500
Share results of the End-of-Year Progress Monitoring Experience and Feedback Survey	\$1,250
Conduct an end-of-year review with NH DOE to review the work of the school year	\$4,000
Draft Phase 4 communications to CSI schools	\$1,000
Sub-Total	\$7,750
Component 2 Total	\$34,000

Component 3 - Comprehensive Assessment of Leadership for Learning (CALL) survey access through February 2023:

CALL Survey Access through February 2023	
Online subscriptions to the Comprehensive Leadership for Learning (CALL) survey for all 20 CSI schools (\$3,500 per annual license for each school).	\$70,000
Component 3 Total	\$70,000

Limitation on Price: Upon mutual agreement between the state contracting officer and the contractor, line items in this budget may be adjusted one to another, but in no case shall the total budget exceed the price limitation of \$336,000.

Funding Source: Funds to support this request are available in FY 22 in the account titled Title I-A Compensatory Ed. as follows:

	FY 22
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EXHIBIT C

Method of Payment cont.

Method of Payment: Payment is to be made monthly on the basis of invoices which are supported by a summary of activities/deliverables that have taken place aligned to the scope of services and in accordance with the terms of the contract. If otherwise correct and acceptable, payment will be made for 100% of the expenditures listed. Invoices and reports shall be submitted to:

Ashley Frame
Administrator
Division of Learner Support
NH Department of Education
101 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301

EXHIBIT D

Contractor Obligations

Contracts in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold (currently set at \$250,000) must address **administrative, contractual, or legal remedies** in instances where the contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate. Reference: 2 C.F.R. § 200.326 and 2 C.F.R. 200, Appendix II, required contract clauses.

The contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the contractor's actions pertaining to this contract.

The Contractor, certifies and affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq., apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

Breach

A breach of the contract clauses above may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. § 5.12.

Fraud and False Statements

The Contractor understands that, if the project which is the subject of this Contract is financed in whole or in part by federal funds, that if the undersigned, the company that the Contractor represents, or any employee or agent thereof, knowingly makes any false statement, representation, report or claim as to the character, quality, quantity, or cost of material used or to be used, or quantity or quality work performed or to be performed, or makes any false statement or representation of a material fact in any statement, certificate, or report, the Contractor and any company that the Contractor represents may be subject to prosecution under the provision of 18 USC §1001 and §1020.

Environmental Protection

(This clause is applicable if this Contract exceeds \$150,000. It applies to Federal-aid contracts only.)

The Contractor is required to comply with all applicable standards, orders or requirements issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857 (h)), Section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations (40 CFR Part 15) which prohibit the use under non-exempt Federal contracts, grants or loans of facilities included on the EPA List of Violating Facilities. Violations shall be reported to the FHWA and to the U.S. EPA Assistant Administrator for Enforcement.

Procurement of Recovered Materials

In accordance with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. § 6962), State agencies and agencies of a political subdivision of a state that are using appropriated Federal funds for procurement must procure items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired in the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; must procure solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and must have established an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

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Exhibit E

Federal Debarment and Suspension

- a. By signature on this Contract, the Contractor certifies its compliance, and the compliance of its Sub-Contractors, present or future, by stating that any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, principal investor, project director, manager, auditor, or any position of authority involving federal funds:
1. Is not currently under suspension, debarment, voluntary exclusion, or determination of ineligibility by any Federal Agency;
 2. Does not have a proposed debarment pending;
 3. Has not been suspended, debarred, voluntarily excluded or determined ineligible by any Federal Agency within the past three (3) years; and
 4. Has not been indicted, convicted, or had a civil judgment rendered against the firm by a court of competent jurisdiction in any matter involving fraud or official misconduct within the past three (3) years.
- b. Where the Contractor or its Sub-Contractor is unable to certify to the statement in Section a.1. above, the Contractor or its Sub-Contractor shall be declared ineligible to enter into Contract or participate in the project.
- c. Where the Contractor or Sub-Contractor is unable to certify to any of the statements as listed in Sections a.2., a.3., or a.4., above, the Contractor or its Sub-Contractor shall submit a written explanation to the DOE. The certification or explanation shall be considered in connection with the DOE's determination whether to enter into Contract.
- d. The Contractor shall provide immediate written notice to the DOE if, at any time, the Contractor or its Sub-Contractor, learn that its Debarment and Suspension certification has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

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Exhibit F

Anti-Lobbying

The Contractor agrees to comply with the provisions of Section 319 of Public Law 101-121, Government wide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying, and 31 U.S.C. 1352, and further agrees to have the Contractor's representative, execute the following Certification:

The Contractor certifies, by signing and submitting this contract, to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, that:

- a. No federal appropriated funds have been paid or shall be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence any officer or employee of any State or Federal Agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal amendment, or modification of any Federal contract grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- b. If any funds other than federally appropriated funds have been paid or shall be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal Agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit the "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities" form in accordance with its instructions (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/sfillin.pdf>).
- c. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making and entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31 and U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.
- d. The Contractor also agrees, by signing this contract that it shall require that the language of this certification be included in subcontracts with all Sub-Contractor(s) and lower-tier Sub-Contractors which exceed \$100,000 and that all such Sub-Contractors and lower-tier Sub-Contractors shall certify and disclose accordingly.
- e. The DOE shall keep the firm's certification on file as part of its original contract. The Contractor shall keep individual certifications from all Sub-Contractors and lower-tier Sub-Contractors on file. Certification shall be retained for three (3) years following completion and acceptance of any given project.

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Exhibit G

Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract, Copy Rights and Confidentiality

Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement

Contracts or agreements for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work shall provide for the rights of the Federal Government and the recipient in any resulting invention in accordance with 37 CFR part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the DOE.

Any discovery or invention that arises during the course of the contract shall be reported to the DOE. The Contractor is required to disclose inventions promptly to the contracting officer (within 2 months) after the inventor discloses it in writing to contractor personnel responsible for patent matters. The awarding agency shall determine how rights in the invention/discovery shall be allocated consistent with "Government Patent Policy" and Title 37 C.F.R. § 401.

Confidentiality

All Written and oral information and materials disclosed or provided by the DOE under this agreement constitutes Confidential Information, regardless of whether such information was provided before or after the date on this agreement or how it was provided.

The Contractor and representatives thereof, acknowledge that by making use of, acquiring or adding to information about matters and data related to this agreement, which are confidential to the DOE and its partners, must remain the exclusive property of the DOE.

Confidential information means all data and information related to the business and operation of the DOE, including but not limited to all school and student data contained in NH Title XV, Education, Chapters 186-200.

Confidential information includes but is not limited to, student and school district data, revenue and cost information, the source code for computer software and hardware products owned in part or in whole by the DOE, financial information, partner information (including the identity of DOE partners), Contractor and supplier information, (including the identity of DOE Contractors and suppliers), and any information that has been marked "confidential" or "proprietary", or with the like designation. During the term of this contract the Contractor agrees to abide by such rules as may be adopted from time to time by the DOE to maintain the security of all confidential information. The Contractor further agrees that it will always regard and preserve as confidential information/data received during the performance of this contract. The Contractor will not use, copy, make notes, or use excerpts of any confidential information, nor will it give, disclose, provide access to, or otherwise make available any confidential information to any person not employed or contracted by the DOE or subcontracted with the Contractor.

Ownership of Intellectual Property

The DOE shall retain ownership of all source data and other intellectual property of the DOE provided to the Contractor in order to complete the services of this agreement. As well the DOE will retain copyright ownership for any and all materials, patents and intellectual property produced, including, but not limited to, brochures, resource directories, protocols, guidelines, posters, or reports. The Contractor shall not reproduce any materials for purposes other than use for the terms under the contract without prior written approval from the DOE.

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TO: Lauren Wrotniak, Interim Director of Contracts & Grants
FROM: Michael J. Neuenfeldt, Deputy Chief Financial Officer
DATE: April 5, 2021
Re: Delegation of Signature Authority

Whereas, policies adopted by the WestEd Board of Directors provide that its Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Glen H. Harvey, has all signature authorization required to enable the Agency to operate efficiently.

Whereas these authorizations were effective as of the date of her employment, July 1, 1997, these authorizations remain in effect at the present time, and it is the Board's intention that they will remain in effect for the duration of Dr. Harvey's services as WestEd's Chief Executive Officer. Whereas on January 24, 2012 Dr. Glen H. Harvey delegated to Michael J. Neuenfeldt, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, the authority to sign agreements which may legally bind WestEd.

Therefore based on the indications set forth herein, Michael J. Neuenfeldt delegates the following signature authority to Lauren Wrotniak in order to perform services as the Interim Director of Contracts & Grants of WestEd:

- *Authority to sign any funding Agreement, subcontract, hotel agreement or proposal document of any amount with any entity providing monetary funding or services to WestEd for program related work.*
- *Authority to sign any memorandum of understanding, teaming agreement, nondisclosure agreement, or any other type of agreement related to program services or joint program service related work.*
- *Upon approval by the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, or any of the Chiefs or General Counsel, authority to sign space or facilities rentals of any amount, vendor agreements, or any other binding agreements related to WestEd's ongoing business.*

This delegation shall be effective April 5, 2021 and shall remain in effect until the last date of employment of Lauren Wrotniak. This delegation is intended to override any prior delegation provided by any authorized signatory of WestEd.

Herein this delegation, there is no right to delegate authority to any other person.

ACKNOWLEDGED AND ACCEPTED


 Michael J. Neuenfeldt (Apr 9, 2021 11:21 PDT) Apr 9, 2021
 _____ Date
 Michael J. Neuenfeldt
 Deputy Chief Financial Officer
 WestEd

 Apr 9, 2021
 _____ Date
 Lauren Wrotniak
 Interim Director of Contracts & Grants
 WestEd

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Date: MAY 1 1997

- X = WestEd
EIN: 94-3233542
- Y = Far West Laboratory for Educational Research and Development
EIN: 94-1625540
- Z = Southwest Regional Laboratory for Educational Research and Development
EIN: 94-2428178
- Pact = Joint Powers Agreement
- Law 1 = Section 6500, Title 1, Division 7, Chapter 5, Article 1, California Government Code
- Law 2 = Section 6502, Title 1, Division 7, Chapter 5, Article 1, California Government Code
- Law 3 = Section 6507, Title 1, Division 7, Chapter 5, Article 1, California Government Code
- Law 4 = Section 6508, Title 1, Division 7, Chapter 5, Article 1, California Government Code
- Letter 1 = Determination letter dated August 16, 1966
- Letter 2 = Letter dated October 18, 1966
- District 1 = San Francisco District
- District 2 = Los Angeles District
- State 1 = California
- State 2 = Arizona
- State 3 = Nevada
- State 4 = Utah

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Dear Mr. Barnes:

This is in reply to a letter dated November 25, 1996, and subsequent correspondence, requesting a ruling that the income of X is excludable under section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code. The information submitted for consideration is summarized below.

X, Y and Z are public agencies under Law 1 of State 1. The members of X are Y and Z. The members of Y and Z are agencies of State 1, State 2, State 3 and State 4.

Under Law 2 of State 1, public agencies may agree to jointly exercise any power common to the agencies, even though one or more of the contracting agencies may be located outside State 1. Such agreements are known as "Pacts" and establish an entity that is itself a public agency for purposes of Law 1.

Under Law 3 of State 1, a Pact is a public entity separate from the parties forming it.

Under Law 4 of State 1, a Pact that has the power to hire employees, make contracts, or to hold, receive, or dispose of property can sue or be sued in its own name. X, Y, and Z each have these powers.

In Letter 1, the District Director of District 1 informed Y that it was not subject to federal income tax. The letter states that it is a determination letter, and cites section 115(1) of the Code.

In Letter 2, the District Director of District 2 informed Z that it was not subject to federal income tax, stating that Z was an instrumentality of a state.

Y and Z formed X to combine or merge the educational research and related educational activities previously conducted separately by Y and Z. X's goal, as stated in the documents relating to its formation as a Pact, is to develop fundamental improvements in education and to conduct educational research to benefit the public and private schools, colleges, and universities of States 1, 2, 3, and 4 ("Schools"). X's activities include:

1. Participating in school reform by converging educational research into practical applications, providing knowledge and assistance to Schools.
2. Distributing educational knowledge to Schools through publications, conferences, seminars, and electronic networks.

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3. Helping to plan and execute long-term educational reform programs.
4. Implementing new curricula within school districts.
5. Conducting applied educational research on practical questions, such as how students learn and what is needed to implement schoolwide changes.
6. Providing strategic policy analysis, evaluating efforts to change, and developing educational products such as training modules, instructional videos, planning guides and casebooks.

The goals and activities of X are virtually identical to those of Y and Z.

X is funded by federal, state, and local government, as well as private foundations, which provide grants and research contracts. X conducts its activities throughout the United States, but concentrates them in States 1, 2, 3, and 4. X's activities are conducted exclusively by its own employees, who are hired and paid directly by X. X is controlled by a board of directors composed of all of the directors of Y and Z. The directors of Y and Z are appointed by the governing bodies or executive officer, as the case may be, of the public agencies that are the membership of Y and Z.

Section 115(1) of the Code provides that gross income does not include income derived from any public utility or the exercise of any essential governmental function and accruing to a state or any political subdivision of a state.

Rev. Rul. 71-589, 1971-2 C.B. 94, provides that the income from property held in trust by a city that was to be used by the city for certain charitable purposes is not subject to federal income tax. Although Rev. Rul. 71-589 does not explicitly so state, the holding in the revenue ruling means that a determination was made that the income in question was derived from the exercise of an essential governmental function and accrued to a political subdivision within the meaning of section 115(1) of the Code. Rev. Rul. 71-589 specifically mentions several types of functions that the trust might perform, such as support of a hospital, schools, maintenance of a park, or other purposes ordinarily recognized as municipal functions.

Rev. Rul. 90-74, 1990-2 C.B. 34, concerns an organization that is formed, operated and funded by political subdivisions to pool their casualty risks, or other risks arising from their obligations concerning public liability, workers' compensation, or employees' health. Rev. Rul. 90-74 states that the income of

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the organization is excluded from gross income under section 115(1) of the Code if private interests do not participate in the organization or benefit more than incidentally from the organization. In Rev. Rul. 90-74 the benefit to the employees of the political subdivisions was excepted as incidental.

Under Rev. Rul. 77-261, 1977-2 C.B. 45, the income from a fund, established under a written declaration of trust by a state for the temporary investment of cash balances of the state and its political subdivisions, which purchase units of participation and have an unrestricted right of withdrawal, is excludible from gross income. The fund, however, is classified as a corporation and must file a federal income tax return.

Providing the Schools of States 1, 2, 3, and 4 with X's services is an essential governmental function because it is of direct benefit to the agencies comprising the memberships of Y and Z. These agencies are engaged in providing educational services, independently of the activities of X, Y, and Z. The fact that the work-product of X may be shared with private schools within States 1, 2, 3, and 4 or the rest of the United States, or to nonprivate schools within the rest of the United States, is merely an incidental private benefit. There are no facts indicating that the work-product of X is not the proprietary material of X, Y, or Z.

Accordingly, the income of X is excludable from gross income under section 115 of the Code.

This ruling is directed only to the taxpayer that requested it. Section 6110(j)(3) of the Code provides that it may not be used or cited as precedent.

Except as specifically provided otherwise, no opinion is expressed on the federal income tax consequences of the transaction described above.

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In accordance with the terms of a power of attorney on file in this office, a copy of this letter is being sent to your authorized representative.

Sincerely yours,

Acting Assistant Chief Counsel
(Financial Institutions & Products)

By: William E. Coppersmith
William E. Coppersmith
Chief, Branch 2

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Section 6110 (b) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

December 1, 1995

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

Establishing Joint Powers Agency

WestEd

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into pursuant to the provisions of Title 1, Division 7, Chapter 5, Article I of the California Government Code (the Joint Powers Act) and provides for the joint exercise of powers between Far West Laboratory for Educational Research and Development ("FWL") and Southwest Regional Laboratory for Educational Research and Development ("SWRL"):

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the parties hereto, FWL and SWRL, find and determine that it is to the mutual benefit of the parties and in the best public interest that said parties, both defined as public entities under the Joint Powers Act, join together to establish a Joint Powers Act Agency to accomplish the purposes hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto, FWL and SWRL, find and determine that more effective services can be provided while improving efficiencies in operations and eliminating duplication of effort by joining together to conduct operations under the auspices of a new Agency; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto, FWL and SWRL, find and determine that each party holds title to certain real property that is subject to grant conditions running to the respective party and it is desirable for each party to retain title to such property but to cooperate in the management of such real property; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto, FWL and SWRL, find and determine that there remains a need to develop fundamental, significant improvements in education and to conduct educational research in order to solve the problems and to serve the needs of the public and private schools, colleges and universities of Arizona, California, Nevada and Utah; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto, FWL and SWRL, have found that significant, fundamental improvements in education in Arizona, California, Nevada and Utah require thorough and complete planning and concentrated effort by the total community, including parents, local school board members, and the scientific, cultural, industrial sectors, as well as by the professional educators in schools, colleges, and universities; and

WHEREAS, the coordinating and cooperative efforts required of the public and private educational and research agencies are of such a magnitude that it is necessary for the parties to join together to establish an agency to be known as WestEd in order to accomplish the purposes set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties mutually agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1. TERMS OF AGREEMENT.

This Agreement shall be effective December 1, 1995 upon the execution hereof by FWL and SWRL, as attested by the signatures of execution on the final page hereof, and shall continue in effect until terminated as provided herein.

ARTICLE 2. NAME OF AGENCY.

FWL and SWRL hereby agree that a public agency, wholly separate and apart from FWL and SWRL, be and is hereby created under the aforesaid provisions of law, and shall hereafter be designated as "WestEd" and hereinafter referred to as "Agency,"

ARTICLE 3. CONTROL OF AGENCY.

The Agency shall be under the control of a Board of Directors, hereinafter referred to as the "Board,," who shall be the designated board members of FWL and SWRL and such additional members as may be appointed by the Board.

ARTICLE 4. NOTICES.

The Board, by resolution, shall designate a specific location at which it will receive notices, correspondence and other communications, and shall designate an officer for the purpose of receiving service on behalf of the Agency,

ARTICLE 5. MEETINGS.

The Board may hold special meetings as it may determine and shall hold regular meetings at least once every three months, The date, hour and place for each such regular meeting shall be fixed annually by resolution of said Board, which resolution shall be publicly posted for two weeks on the bulletin board regularly used for official notices by the Agency. The secretary to the Board shall cause to be kept minutes of its meetings, both regular and special,

ARTICLE 6. VOTING.

The presence of a majority of the directors then appointed shall be required in order to constitute a quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Board. No action of the Board shall be valid unless a majority of such quorum of directors then appointed concur therein by their votes.

ARTICLE 7. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION.

Selections of persons for appointment to the Board, and employment of persons in positions within the Agency will be conducted in a manner which ensures that there is no discrimination against any Board member or employee, or candidates for these positions, because of age, sex, race, color, religion, national origin, or handicap. Positive action will be taken to further and enhance the representation of women, members of minority groups, and handicapped persons on the Board and staff of the Agency.

ARTICLE 8. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.

The Board shall annually elect a chairperson from its members,

The Board shall appoint, and fix and cause to be paid, the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer, who shall act as Chief Administrative Officer of the Agency, and who shall perform such other and further duties as may be determined by the Board.

The members of the Board, other than the Chief Executive Officer serving ex officio, shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in connection with attendance at meetings of the Board or for necessary expenses incurred in performing services on behalf of and at the prior and express request of the Board,

The appointees and employees of said Agency shall not be deemed by operation of this Agreement to be the employees of either FWL or SWRL, No member of the Board nor any officer, appointee, or employee of the Agency shall be entitled to any compensation or fringe benefits, including but not limited to sick leave, retirement, pension, or vacation, from FWL or SWRL by virtue of his or her office or employment by the Agency. Provided that nothing shall prohibit the Agency from contracting for the services of employees of FWL or SWRL, or of other institutions or organizations, and reimbursing them for the costs, including salaries and fringe benefits, involved in providing such services. Further provided that nothing herein shall prohibit the Agency and FWL or the Agency and SWRL from agreeing that employees of FWL or SWRL, respectively, may also be employees of the Agency,

ARTICLE 9. SCOPE OF POWERS.

(a) The Agency shall be an administrative, initiating, advisory, coordinating, and evaluating entity, The Agency shall have the power and authority to exercise any power common to the parties hereto, FWL and SWRL, and to exercise any power set forth in the California Government Code, Section 6508, provided that the same are for furtherance of the objectives of this Agreement as contained herein and in the recitals set forth above, and may to

the extent permissible thereunder, enter into contracts in its own name with persons and with public or private agencies, boards, and other entities all subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

(b) Neither the Agency nor the Board shall have any power or authority to bind FWL, SWRL or the signatory parties to the Joint Powers Agreement creating FWL or SWRL to the debts, liabilities and obligations of the Agency and no debt, liability or obligation of the Agency shall be the debt, liability or obligation of FWL, SWRL or the signatory parties to the Joint Powers Agreement creating FWL or SWRL,

(c) Pursuant to Section 6509 of the California Government Code, the exercise of the powers of the Agency shall be in accordance with the manner of exercising such powers by FWL and SWRL, which is in accordance with the procedures followed by the Regents of the University of California.

(d) The Board shall adopt appropriate rules not inconsistent herewith for the orderly transaction of its business,

(e) The Agency shall have no power or authority to incur any obligations for itself or on behalf of FWL or SWRL in excess of the amount appropriated to its use by a funding source. Provided, however, the Agency is authorized to obtain funds for a short period of time to meet operational expenses from advances of funds from FWL or SWRL or from private lending sources.

(f) The Agency shall, without limitation, have the specific power to establish or contract with research centers and laboratories, to carry out or suggest experimental educational projects, to develop pilot educational programs, to conduct or authorize educational research and development including the development of all varieties of educational materials, teaching aids, and other educational components, to collect and disseminate educational information, to coordinate educational research programs, to develop educational prototypes, to evaluate educational programs and activities, and to engage in other similar, related activities.

ARTICLE 10. ADVISORY COUNCIL.

The Agency may from time to time establish and abolish one or more advisory councils to perform such functions as the Agency may determine.

ARTICLE 11. INSURANCE.

The Agency shall insure itself, FWL, SWRL and the members of the Board from loss, liability, and claims arising out of or in any way connected with the performance of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 12. FUNDS AND EXPENDITURES.

(a) The Agency shall have the power and authority to receive, accept, and expend or disburse, funds by contract or otherwise, for purposes consistent with the provisions hereof, which funds may be provided by the United States Government, any State, or any subdivision of a State, and from any other person, agency or organization, whether public or private, for the purposes specified herein, and shall have the duty to maintain at all times a complete and accurate system of accounting for said funds.

(b) The Agency shall have the power and authority to receive, accept, and utilize the services of personnel offered by FWL or SWRL, or their representatives or agents; to receive, accept, and utilize property, real or personal, from FWL or SWRL, or their agents or representatives; and to receive, accept, and expend or disburse funds, by contract or otherwise, for purposes consistent with the provisions hereof, which funds may be provided by FWL or SWRL, or their agents or representatives, The Agency is authorized to enter into interagency agreements with state agencies pursuant to Section 6514.5 of the California Government Code.

(c) Each and every expenditure of funds shall be authorized or approved by the Board pursuant to a budget process as described in subsection (f) hereof, or by other appropriate procedures approved by the Board, and shall be audited by a firm of certified public accountants to be selected by the Board and paid by the Agency,

(d) The Agency shall have no power or authority to assess FWL or SWRL, the signatory parties to the Joint Powers Agreement creating FWL or SWRL or the members of the Board for dues or contributions of any kind whatsoever.

(e) The Board shall establish procedures for the investment or deposit of its funds.

(f) The Board shall adopt appropriate budgetary procedures, The Agency shall file annually with the designated representatives of FWL and SWRL a statement of the actual income and expenditures made during the prior fiscal year.

(g) The "fiscal year" of the Agency shall be December 1 to and including the following November 30, or such other annual period as may be prescribed from time to time by resolution of the Board,

ARTICLE 13. WITHDRAWAL OF PARTIES AND TERMINATION.

The powers and authority of the Agency shall continue until termination of this Agreement, The Agreement may be terminated at any time upon mutual written agreement of FWL and SWRL, Upon two (2) year's prior written notice, FWL or SWRL may withdraw from its status as a party to this Agreement, provided that at such time it has either discharged, or has arranged to the satisfaction of the remaining party for the discharge of, any pending obligations it expressly may have assumed hereunder, and that written notice of intention to so withdraw has been served. upon the effective date of withdrawal, the Joint Powers Agreement will terminate. Upon the termination date all contracts held by the Agency shall be assigned, to the extent permitted under the contract, to the party with primary duties under the contract or according to terms mutually agreed upon by FWL and SWRL.

ARTICLE 14. DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY AND FUNDS.

In the event of the final termination of this Agreement, any property interest remaining in the Agency following discharge of all obligations due by the Agency shall be disposed of by sale or other disposition according to law, and the proceeds, in cash or by their fair market value in kind at the time of final termination, distributed to FWL or SWRL in proportion to its respective contributions to the Agency.

ARTICLE 15. DISPUTE RESOLUTION.

Any dispute arising from disposition of assets of the Agency, assignment of contracts or any other matter related to this Agreement shall be resolved by alternative dispute resolution procedures, culminating in binding arbitration with a single neutral arbitrator in San Francisco, California, Neither party shall have the right to bring an action in court against the other party for any dispute arising from or related to this Agreement.

ARTICLE 16. AMENDMENTS.

This Agreement may be amended at any time by mutual agreement of FWL and SWRL according to the procedures of said parties, provided said amendment is to further carry out the purposes hereinabove expressed. Any such amendment shall be effective upon the date of final execution thereof by FWL and SWRL.

ARTICLE 17. SEVERABILITY.

Should any portion, term, condition, or provision of this Agreement be decided by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or in conflict with any law of the State of California, or be otherwise rendered unenforceable or ineffectual, the validity of the remaining portions, terms, conditions, and provisions shall not be affected thereby.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by their authorized officers thereunto duly authorized as set forth herein below.

FAR WEST LABORATORY
FOR EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH
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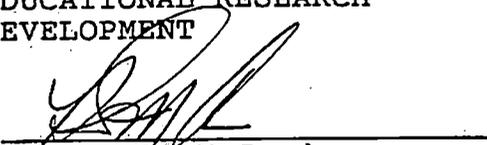
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