Agreement Between
The Danbury Public School System and
Western Connecticut State University
For Scholarship Credit Hours

This Agreement is made by and between the Danbury Public School System with offices at 63 Beaver Brook Road, Danbury, CT 06810 (hereinafter the “Contractor” or “Danbury Public School System”) and Western Connecticut State University, a constituent unit of the State of Connecticut System of Higher Education with campuses located at 181 White Street, Danbury, Connecticut, and Lake Avenue, Danbury, CT 06810 (hereinafter “WCSU” or the “University”).

1. Term and Termination: The term of this agreement shall be from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015. WCSU may terminate this Agreement by providing Danbury Public School System with five (5) days’ written notice of its intent to terminate.

2. Scholarship Credit Hours: WCSU shall provide Danbury Public Schools’ faculty as preapproved by the Superintendent of Schools of the Danbury Public School System a scholarship equivalent to fifteen percent per credit hour toward graduate coursework at WCSU. As part of this initiative, Danbury Public Schools shall provide WCSU graduate and undergraduate students access to all staff development programs provided by the Danbury Public School System. Danbury Public Schools shall forward to WCSU information regarding these programs on a semester basis. Danbury Public Schools shall also provide the University access to curriculum/instruction and instructional technology experts employed by the school district in support of these staff development programs.

3. Payment: There shall be no exchange of monies as part of this agreement. Faculty who enroll as part of this initiative shall be responsible for tuition and fees as set forth by WCSU.

4. Insurance: The Contractor agrees that while performing services specified in this agreement that he shall carry sufficient insurance as applicable according to the nature of the service to be performed so as to “save harmless” the State of Connecticut from any insurable cause whatsoever. If requested, the Contractor shall provide WCSU with certificates of insurance.

5. Applicable Law: This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Connecticut, without regard to its principles of conflicts of laws. The Contractor shall at all times comply with and observe all federal and state laws, local laws, ordinances, and regulations which are in effect during the period of this contract and which in any manner affect the work or its conduct.

6. Contract Assignment: No right or duty, in whole or in part, of the Contractor under this Agreement may be assigned or delegated without the prior written consent of the University.

7. Claims Against the State: The Contractor agrees that the sole and exclusive means for the presentation of any claim against the State of Connecticut arising from this agreement shall be in accordance with Chapter 53 of the Connecticut General Statutes (Claims Against the State) and the Contractor further agrees not to initiate legal proceedings in any state or federal court in addition to, or in lieu of, said Chapter 53 proceedings.
8. **Non-Discrimination:** References in this section to "contract" shall mean this Agreement.

(a) For purposes of this Section, the following terms are defined as follows:

i. "Commission" means the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities;

ii. "Contract" and "contract" include any extension or modification of the Contract or contract;

iii. "Contractor" and "contractor" include any successors or assigns of the Contractor or contractor;

iv. "Gender identity or expression" means a person's gender-related identity, appearance or behavior, whether or not that gender-related identity, appearance or behavior is different from that traditionally associated with the person's physiology or assigned sex at birth, which gender-related identity can be shown by providing evidence including, but not limited to, medical history, care or treatment of the gender-related identity, consistent and uniform assertion of the gender-related identity or any other evidence that the gender-related identity is sincerely held, part of a person's core identity or not being asserted for an improper purpose.

v. "good faith" means that degree of diligence which a reasonable person would exercise in the performance of legal duties and obligations;

vi. "good faith efforts" shall include, but not be limited to, those reasonable initial efforts necessary to comply with statutory or regulatory requirements and additional or substituted efforts when it is determined that such initial efforts will not be sufficient to comply with such requirements;

vii. "marital status" means being single, married as recognized by the State of Connecticut, widowed, separated or divorced;

viii. "mental disability" means one or more mental disorders, as defined in the most recent edition of the American Psychiatric Association's "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders", or a record of or regarding a person as having one or more such disorders;

ix. "minority business enterprise" means any small contractor or supplier of materials fifty-one percent or more of the capital stock, if any, or assets of which is owned by a person or persons: (1) who are active in the daily affairs of the enterprise, (2) who have the power to direct the management and policies of the enterprise, and (3) who are members of a minority, as such term is defined in subsection (a) of Connecticut General Statutes § 32-9n; and

x. "public works contract" means any agreement between any individual, firm or corporation and the State or any political subdivision of the State other than a municipality for construction, rehabilitation, conversion, extension, demolition or repair of a public building, highway or
other changes or improvements in real property, or which is financed in whole or in part by the State, including, but not limited to, matching expenditures, grants, loans, insurance or guarantees.

For purposes of this Section, the terms "Contract" and "contract" do not include a contract where each contractor is (1) a political subdivision of the state, including, but not limited to, a municipality, (2) a quasi-public agency, as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 1-120, (3) any other state, including but not limited to any federally recognized Indian tribal governments, as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 1-267, (4) the federal government, (5) a foreign government, or (6) an agency of a subdivision, agency, state or government described in the immediately preceding enumerated items (1), (2), (3), (4) or (5).

(b) (1) The Contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the Contract such Contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, mental retardation, mental disability or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such Contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the State of Connecticut; and the Contractor further agrees to take affirmative action to insure that applicants with job-related qualifications are employed and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, mental retardation, mental disability or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by the Contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved; (2) the Contractor agrees, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, to state that it is an "affirmative action-equal opportunity employer" in accordance with regulations adopted by the Commission; (3) the Contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which the Contractor has a collective bargaining Agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which the Contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Commission, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this section and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment; (4) the Contractor agrees to comply with each provision of this Section and Connecticut General Statutes §§ 46a-68c and 46a-68f and with each regulation or relevant order issued by said Commission pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 46a-56, 46a-68c and 46a-68f; and (5) the Contractor agrees to provide the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with such information requested by the Commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts, concerning the employment practices and procedures of the Contractor as relate to the provisions of this Section and Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56. If the contract is a public works contract, the Contractor agrees and warrants that he will make good faith efforts to employ minority business enterprises as subcontractors and suppliers of materials on such public works projects.

(c) Determination of the Contractor's good faith efforts shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following factors: The Contractor's employment and subcontracting policies, patterns and practices; affirmative advertising,
recruitment and training; technical assistance activities and such other reasonable activities or efforts as the Commission may prescribe that are designed to ensure the participation of minority business enterprises in public works projects.

(d) The Contractor shall develop and maintain adequate documentation, in a manner prescribed by the Commission, of its good faith efforts.

(e) The Contractor shall include the provisions of subsection (b) of this Section in every subcontract or purchase order entered into in order to fulfill any obligation of a contract with the State and such provisions shall be binding on a subcontractor, vendor or manufacturer unless exempted by regulations or orders of the Commission. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any such subcontract or purchase order as the Commission may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §46a-56; provided if such Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the Commission, the Contractor may request the State of Connecticut to enter into any such litigation or negotiation prior thereto to protect the interests of the State and the State may so enter.

(f) The Contractor agrees to comply with the regulations referred to in this Section as they exist on the date of this Contract and as they may be adopted or amended from time to time during the term of this Contract and any amendments thereto.

(g) (1) The Contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the Contract such Contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of sexual orientation, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or the State of Connecticut, and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their sexual orientation; (2) the Contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which such Contractor has a collective bargaining Agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which such Contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities advising the labor union or workers’ representative of the Contractor’s commitments under this section, and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment; (3) the Contractor agrees to comply with each provision of this section and with each regulation or relevant order issued by said Commission pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56; and (4) the Contractor agrees to provide the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with such information requested by the Commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts, concerning the employment practices and procedures of the Contractor which relate to the provisions of this Section and Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56.

(h) The Contractor shall include the provisions of the foregoing paragraph in every subcontract or purchase order entered into in order to fulfill any obligation of a contract with the State and such provisions shall be binding on a subcontractor, vendor or manufacturer unless exempted by regulations or orders of the Commission. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any such subcontract or purchase order as the Commission may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56; provided, if such Contractor
becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the Commission, the Contractor may request the State of Connecticut.

9. Executive Orders Nos. 3, 17, 16 and 7C: The Contract is subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. 7C of Governor M. Jodi Rell, promulgated July 13, 2006, concerning contracting reforms, Executive Order No. Sixteen of Governor John G. Rowland promulgated August 4, 1999, concerning violence in the workplace, Executive Order No. Seventeen of Governor Thomas J. Meskill, promulgated February 15, 1973, concerning the listing of employment openings and Executive Order No. Three of Governor Thomas J. Meskill, promulgated June 16, 1971, concerning labor employment practices, all of which are incorporated into and are made a part of the Contract as if they had been fully set forth in it.

10. Indemnification: The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless WCSU and the State of Connecticut, their officers and employees against any and all suits, actions, legal or administrative proceedings, claims, demands, damages, liabilities, monetary loss, interest, attorneys’ fees, costs and expenses of whatsoever kind or nature arising out of the performance of this Agreement, including those arising out of injury to or death of the Contractor’s employees or subcontractors, whether arising before, during or after completion of the services hereunder and in any manner directly or indirectly caused, occasioned or contributed to in whole or in part, by reason of any act, omission, fault or negligence of the Contractor or its employees, agents or subcontractors.

11. Sovereign Immunity: Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary contained in this agreement, it is agreed and understood that the State of Connecticut shall not be construed to have waived any rights or defenses of sovereign immunity which it may have with respect to all matters arising out of this contract.

12. Severability: If any provision of this agreement shall be held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate any other provision hereof.

13. Amendment: The parties may agree to amend or add provision of this Agreement only by written Amendment signed by the parties and approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

14. Entire Agreement: This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties and supersedes all prior communications, understandings and agreements relating to the subject matter hereof, whether oral or written. No specific level of activity or dollar amount is committed or assigned to the Contractor through this contract. CSUS reserves the right to solicit bids for any project and there is no special privilege or right of first refusal conveyed by the execution of this Agreement.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed this
Agreement.

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Danbury Public School System
By: 
Its: 
Dated: 4/3/13

Western Connecticut State University
By: 
Its: Vice President, Finance & Administration
Dated: 4-2-13

Approved as to form:
Office of the Attorney General of the State of Connecticut
By: 
Dated: 4-18-13
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
NONDISCRIMINATION CERTIFICATION – Representation
By Entity
For Contracts Valued at Less Than $50,000

Written representation that complies with the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties under Connecticut General Statutes §§ 4a-60(a)(1) and 4a-60a(a)(1), as amended

INSTRUCTIONS:
For use by an entity (corporation, limited liability company, or partnership) when entering into any contract type with the State of Connecticut valued at less than $50,000 for each year of the contract. Complete all sections of the form. Submit to the awarding State agency prior to contract execution.

REPRESENTATION OF AN ENTITY:

I, Sal Piscarella, Superintendent, of Danbury Public Schools

Title

Authorized Signatory

Name of Entity

Danbury Public Schools

Name of State or Commonwealth

an entity duly formed and existing under the laws of Connecticut, represent that I am authorized to execute and deliver this representation on behalf of

Danbury Public Schools

Name of Entity

Name of Entity

has a policy in place that complies with the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties of Connecticut General Statutes §§ 4a-60(a)(1) and 4a-60a(a)(1), as amended.

Authorized Signatory

Date

Sal Piscarella

Printed Name

4/3/13
April 3, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

The Danbury Board of Education authorizes our Superintendent, Sal Pascarella, to enter into and execute all agreements with Western Connecticut State University.

[Signature]

Richard Hawley, Secretary