Liblicense Model License Agreement & Commentary

INTRODUCTION

This Liblicense Model License Agreement ("LMLA") has been prepared to assist information professionals, executives, and others who regularly acquire digital content. The intent of this LMLA is to present information professionals with a sound and realistic template of the key issues involved in negotiating a license to acquire or use digital content.

While LMLA may be used in most digital content licensing situations, it has been drafted with a particular focus on licensing issues in higher education. LMLA's terms and conditions are based on United States common and statutory law, and references to US law would need to be changed if used in other jurisdictions. This document may be used as a template for a license or as a reference document that assists professionals in negotiating (or preparing to negotiate) digital content license agreements.

Several LMLA provisions (including the jurisdiction and warranty provisions) likely will require modification in order to serve your organization's purposes. If you plan to use LMLA as the basis for your institution's license agreement, Liblicense editors strongly recommend that you review and amend this model agreement with the assistance of a capable attorney or other licensing professional who has experience in dealing with commercial contracts, licensing, and institutional policy. This LMLA does not constitute legal advice.

A previous iteration of the LMLA included a Short Form Agreement. With the emergence of the Shared E-Resource Understanding ("SERU")¹ that is a NISO recommended best practice, Liblicense editors have discontinued the Short Form Agreement.

This LMLA is Version 4.0, and is effective May 2014. It supersedes previous LMLA versions. For comments, please contact the Liblicense editors.

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1. Editorial notes are enclosed in curly brackets and italicized like this: {*editorial notes in italics between curly brackets*}. These comments should not appear in an actual license agreement.

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¹ http://128.8.237.133/committees/SERU/index.html

4. Version 4.0 of the LMLA is available as a Word document and in AdobeTM Portable Document Format (.pdf).

5. Following common contract drafting practices, terms are defined the first time they appear, and are capitalized thereafter. For example, Authorized Users in section 3.

DISCUSSION DRAFT MODEL AGREEMENT

This License Agreement, along with any appendices or attachments (the "Agreement"), is made effective as of [enter date] (the "Effective Date") between [Enter publisher's official corporate name, address, city, state, and postal code] the "Licensor") and [Enter licensing institution's official corporate or entity name, address, city, state, and postal code] (the "Licensee").

In consideration of the mutual promises this Agreement contains, and other valuable and sufficient consideration, the Licensor and Licensee agree as follows:

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1.1. **Nature of Materials.** The materials that are the subject of this Agreement consist of [describe licensed materials with reasonable specificity] (the "Licensed Materials").

1.2. **Grant of License**. Licensor grants to Licensee non-exclusive, perpetual, worldwide access to and use of the Licensed Materials, and the right to provide the Licensed Materials to Authorized Users (which are defined in Section 4, below) in accordance with this Agreement's terms and conditions.

1.3 **Ownership of Intellectual Property.** The Licensee and its Authorized Users (which are defined in Section 4, below) acknowledge that the Licensor or its suppliers retain ownership of the Licensed Materials' copyright and any trademarks or service marks related to the Licensed Materials. Licensor agrees not to restrict re-use for any content in the Licensed Materials that are in the public domain in the United States and no longer protected by copyright.

Ownership of the Licensed Materials may be subject to terms, conditions, or exceptions set forth elsewhere in this Agreement.

2. FEES

2.1 **Fees and Payment.** Licensee shall pay Licensor for the Licensed Materials pursuant to the terms set forth in Schedule 1, which is attached hereto.

2.2 **Notice of price increases**. Licensor shall provide Licensee with a price list for all Licensed Materials no less than sixty (60) days prior to end of the current term.

3. AUTHORIZED USERS AND USES

3.1 **Authorized Users.** The Licensor and Licensee define "Authorized Users" as the following:

a. The Licensee's full-time and part time students, regardless of their physical location;

b. The Licensee's fulltime and part-time employees (including faculty, staff, affiliated researchers and independent contractors), regardless of their physical location; and

c. Patrons not affiliated with Licensee who are physically present at Licensee's site(s) ("Walk-ins").

3.2 **Authorized Uses.** The Licensee and the Authorized Users may access and use the Licensed Materials in ways that are consistent with this Agreement's terms and conditions and the Copyright Act of 1976 (17 U.S.C. § 101, et seq.) (the "Copyright Act"), including the Copyright Act's limitations on exclusive rights provisions, such as 17 U.S.C. § 107: Fair use. Additionally, the Licensee and Authorized Users may access or use the Licensed Materials for the following purposes:

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upgrades or functional changes to the Licensor's software and servers will be implemented in a manner that ensures that, at a minimum, the most recent two major releases and all of the associated subsets of prevailing web browsers at that time will continue to inter-operate with the Licensor's software and servers and be able to access, retrieve and display the Licensed Materials.

4.2 Access and Authentication. Licensor will allow the Licensee and its Authorized Users to have access to the Licensed Materials pursuant to the terms, conditions, and specifications set forth in Schedule 2, which is attached hereto. Licensor will use reasonable efforts to provide authentication methods which are current industry standards.

4.3 **Restrictions.**

Licensor and Licensee agree to the following use and access restrictions on the Licensed Materials.

- a. *Unauthorized Use.* Except as specifically provided elsewhere in this Agreement, Licensee shall not knowingly or intentionally permit anyone other than Authorized Users to use the Licensed Materials.
- b. *Modification of Licensed Materials.* Licensee shall not modify or create a derivative work of the Licensed Materials without the Licensor's express, prior, and written permission, except as provided for in this Agreement.
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- d. *Commercial Purposes.* Other than as specifically permitted in this Agreement, Licensee may not use the Licensed Materials for commercial purposes. This restriction expressly prohibits the Licensee from selling the Licensed Materials.

5. **PERFORMANCE OBLIGATIONS**

5.1 **Licensor Performance Obligations**. The Licensor agrees that its performance always will meet or exceed reasonable standards of the industry. Additionally, the Licensor agrees to the following performance standards.

- a. *Availability of Licensed Materials.* The Licensor will make the Licensed Materials available to the Licensee and Authorized Users within [enter time period] of the Effective Date.
- b. *Discovery of Licensed Materials*. Licensor shall make the Licensed Materials available through Licensee's Discovery Service System(s) for indexing and discovery purposes. Licensor shall provide to Licensee's discovery service vendors on an ongoing basis the citation metadata (including all subject headings and keywords), abstract and full-text content necessary to facilitate optimal discovery of the content for the benefit of Licensee and Authorized Users.

Discovery Service Systems: User interface and search systems for discovering and displaying content from local, database and web-based sources.

- c. *Persistent Linking*. Licensor will comply with the OpenURL standard, and will provide a mechanism for persistent links to content.
- d. *"Click-Through" License Terms.* In the event that Licensor requires Authorized Users to agree to terms relating to the use of the Licensed Materials before permitting Authorized Users to gain access to the Licensed Materials (commonly referred to as "click-through" of "clickwrap" licenses), or otherwise attempts to impose such terms on Authorized Users through mere use or viewing of the Authorized Materials, Licensor shall provide Licensee with notice of and an opportunity to comment on such terms prior to their implementation. In no event shall such terms materially differ from the provisions of this Agreement. In the event of any conflict between the terms and conditions of a clickwrap or online agreement and this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall prevail.
- e. *Disabilities Compliance*. Licensor shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), by supporting assistive software or devices such as large print interfaces, text-to-speech output, voice-activated input, refreshable braille displays, and alternate keyboard or pointer interfaces in a manner consistent with the Web Accessibility Initiative Web Content Accessibility Guidelines.² Licensor shall provide Licensee current completed Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT) to detail compliance with the federal Section 508 standards.
- f. *Documentation*. Licensor will provide full, complete, and up-to-date help and operational documentation for Licensee and Authorized Users in an electronic format. Additionally, Licensor will make this documentation available in a location on its Web site that does not require Authorized Users to log in, use, or otherwise access the Licensed Materials.
- g. *Support.* Licensor will provide activation and installation support, including assisting with the implementation of any Licensor software. Licensor will offer reasonable levels of continuing support to assist Licensee and Authorized Users in use of the Licensed Materials. Licensor will make its personnel available by email, phone or fax during Licensee's regular business hours, Monday Friday, [or enter another time period] for feedback, problem-solving, or general questions.
- h. *Training*. Licensor will provide appropriate training to Licensee's staff relating to the use of the Licensed Materials and any Licensor software. Licensor also will provide additional training to Licensee staff made necessary by any updates or modifications to the Licensed Materials or any Licensor software.
- i. *Updates*. Licensor will provide regular system and project updates to Licensee as they become available.
- j. *Quality of Service*. Licensor shall use reasonable efforts to ensure that the Licensor's server or servers have sufficient capacity and rate of connectivity to provide the Licensee and its Authorized Users with a quality of service comparable to current standards in the online information industry in the Licensee's locale. Licensor shall use reasonable efforts to provide continuous service with an average of 98% up-time per month. The 98% up-time includes

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- k. Licensed Materials Problems. If the Licensed Materials fail to operate, display, load or render in conformance with the terms of this Agreement, Licensee shall immediately notify Licensor, and Licensor shall promptly use reasonable efforts to restore access to the Licensed Materials as soon as possible. In the event that the non-conformity materially affects the Licensee's or Authorized Users' use of the Licensed Materials, and Licensor fails to repair the nonconformity within five (5) business days, Licensor shall reimburse Licensee for such problems in an amount that is proportional to the total fees Licensor owes pursuant to Section 2 and Schedule 1 of this Agreement.
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5.2 **Licensee Performance Obligations**. The Licensee agrees that its performance always will meet or exceed reasonable standards of the industry.

Additionally, the Licensee agrees to the following performance standards.

- a. *License Terms Notice*. Licensee shall make reasonable efforts to provide Authorized Users with appropriate notice of the terms and conditions under which access to the Licensed Materials is granted under this Agreement including any restrictions on the use of the Licensed Materials.
- b. *Protection from Unauthorized Use*. Licensee will use reasonable efforts to ensure that only Authorized Users can access the Licensed Materials.
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5.3. **Mutual Performance Obligations**. In addition to their respective, specific performance obligations, the Licensor and Licensee agree to be bound by the following performance standards.

a. *Confidentiality of User Data.* Licensor and Licensee agree to maintain the confidentiality of any data relating to the usage of the Licensed Materials by Licensee and its Authorized Users. Such data may be used solely for purposes directly related to the Licensed Materials and may only be provided to third

parties in aggregate form. Raw usage data, including but not limited to information relating to the identity of specific users and/or uses, shall not be provided to any third party.

- b. *Implementation of Developing Security Protocols.* Licensee and Licensor shall cooperate in the implementation of security and control protocols and procedures as they are developed during the term of this Agreement.
- c. *Notification of Unauthorized Use*. In the event the Licensee has notice of an unauthorized use of the Licensed Materials, the Licensee shall notify the Licensor. Any unauthorized use that is considered a breach of obligations under this Agreement shall be subject to Section 6.3, below, including the cure period.

In the event the Licensor has notice of unauthorized use of the Licensed Materials, the Licensor may

- i. terminate such Authorized User's access to the Licensed Materials; or
- ii. terminate the access of the Internet Protocol ("IP") address(es) from which such unauthorized use occurred. In such circumstances, the Licensor will notify the Licensee of its decision to terminate such access promptly after having done so; or
- iii. Licensee may terminate such Authorized User's access to the Licensed Materials upon Licensor's request.

Licensor shall take none of the steps described in this paragraph without first providing reasonable notice to Licensee (in no event less than [time period]) and cooperating with the Licensee to avoid recurrence of any unauthorized use.

6. TERM, RENEWAL AND TERMINATION

6.1 **Agreement Term**. This Agreement shall be in effect from the Effective Date until [enter specific time and time zone] on [enter date].

6.2 **Renewal**. This Agreement shall be renewable at the end of the current term for a successive [length of time] term unless either party gives written notice of its intention not to renew [time period] before expiration of the current term, provided that notification of non-renewal is no less than thirty (30) days after Licensor notifies Licensee of prices for the next term as provided for in Section 2.32

6.3 **Early Termination for Financial Exigency**. The Licensee may terminate this Agreement without penalty if sufficient content acquisitions funds are not allocated to enable the Licensee, in the exercise of its reasonable administrative discretion, to continue this Agreement. In the event of such financial circumstances, Licensee agrees to notify Licensor of the intent to terminate the Agreement as soon as is reasonably possible, but in any case, no less than [X days] prior to next payment date. {Liblicense editors suggest that this clause may be most appropriate for multiple year Agreements.}

6.4 **Termination for Breach**. If either party believes that the other has materially breached any obligations under this Agreement, such party shall so notify the other party of the alleged breach in writing.

The breaching party shall have [enter cure time period, such as thirty (30) days] from the receipt of notice to cure the alleged breach and to notify the non-breaching party in writing that cure has been effected. If the breach is not cured within the [enter cure time period, such as thirty (30) days], the non-breaching party shall have the right to terminate the Agreement without further notice. Once this Agreement ends, by early termination or otherwise, the Licensor may terminate (or cause termination of) access to the Licensed Materials by Licensee and Authorized Users subject to Section 8, Perpetual License and Archives. In addition, authorized copies of Licensed Materials made by Authorized Users may be retained for educational purposes and used subject to the terms of this Agreement.

6.5 **Refunds**. In the event of early termination as permitted by this Agreement, Licensee shall be entitled to a refund of any fees or pro-rata portion thereof paid by Licensee for any remaining period of the Agreement from the date of termination.

7. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

7.1 **Dispute Resolution.** In the event any dispute or controversy arising out of or relating to this Agreement, the parties agree to exercise their best efforts to resolve the dispute as soon as possible. The parties shall, without delay, continue to perform their respective obligations under this Agreement that are not affected by the dispute. If the Licensor and Licensee cannot resolve their dispute after reasonable effort and a reasonable period of time, the parties agree to resolve the dispute using one of the following methods in lieu of litigation. [*The mediation clause and arbitration clauses may be chosen together, or the arbitration clause may be chosen by itself.*]

a. *Mediation*. The Licensor and Licensee may submit their dispute to a neutral, non-binding mediation prior to he commencement of arbitration, litigation, or any other proceeding before a trier of fact. The parties to the dispute or claim agree to act in good faith to participate in mediation, and to identify a mutually acceptable mediator. (If a mediator cannot be agreed upon by the parties, each party shall designate a mediator and those mediators shall select a third mediator who shall act as the neutral mediator, assisting the parties in attempting to reach a resolution.) The Licensor and Licensee will share equally in the cost of the mediator(s), and commit to completing at least four hours of mediation before seeking any other dispute resolution method, legal remedy, or equitable remedy. If the mediation is successful, its resolution will be documented by a written agreement executed by all parties. If the mediation does not successfully resolve the dispute or claim, the mediator shall provide written notice to both parties. At this point, the Licensee and Licensor may seek another alternative form of resolution of the dispute or claim, consistent with the remaining terms of this agreement and other legal rights and remedies, or commence litigation.

b. *Arbitration*. If mediation does not resolve a controversy or dispute between the Licensor and Licensee, the parties shall resolve the dispute by binding arbitration in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association. The parties shall select a mutually acceptable arbitrator knowledgeable about issues relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. (In the event the parties are unable to agree to such a selection, each party will select an arbitrator and the arbitrators in turn shall select a third arbitrator.) The arbitration shall take place at a location that is reasonably centrally located between the parties, or otherwise mutually agreed upon by the parties. All

documents, materials, and information in the possession of each party that are in any way relevant to the claim(s) or dispute(s) shall be made available to the other party for review and copying no later than [enter time period] after the notice of arbitration is served.

The arbitrator(s) shall not have the authority, power, or right to alter, change, amend, modify, add, or subtract from any provision of this Agreement or to award punitive damages. The arbitrator shall have the power to issue mandatory orders and restraining orders in connection with the arbitration. The award rendered by the arbitrator shall be final and binding on the parties, and judgment may be entered thereon in any court having jurisdiction. The agreement to arbitration shall be specifically enforceable under prevailing arbitration law. During the continuance of any arbitration proceeding, the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under this Agreement.

8. **PERPETUAL LICENSE AND ARCHIVES**

8.1 **Perpetual License**. Notwithstanding anything else in the Agreement, Licensor grants to Licensee a nonexclusive, royalty-free, perpetual license to use any Licensed Materials that were accessible during the term of this Agreement. Such use shall be in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, which provisions shall survive any termination of this Agreement. The means by which Licensee shall have access to such Licensed Materials shall be in a manner and form substantially equivalent to the means by which access is provided under this Agreement.

8.2 **Archival Copy**. Upon request of Licensee, Licensor shall provide to Licensee or Licensee may create one (1) copy of the entire set of Licensed Materials to be maintained as an archival copy. Licensor shall provide an archival copy without any digital rights management in a mutually agreeable medium suitable to the content and any fees for provision of copies will be on a time and materials basis only.

In the event the Licensor discontinues or suspends selling or licensing the Licensed Materials, the Licensee may use such archived Licensed Materials under the same terms as this Agreement.

8.3 **Third Party Archiving Services**. Licensor acknowledges that Licensee may engage the services of third-party trusted archives and/or participate in collaborative archiving endeavors to exercise Licensee's rights under this section of the Agreement. Licensor agrees to cooperate with such archiving entities and/or initiatives as reasonably necessary to make the Licensed Materials available for archiving purposes. Licensee may perpetually use the third-party trusted system to access or store the Licensed Materials, so long as Licensee's use is otherwise consistent with this Agreement. Licensor further acknowledges and agrees that, in using the third-party archival system, Licensed Materials may be made available to other system participants who indicate a right to those Licensed Materials.

9. WARRANTIES & IDEMNIFICATION

9.1 **Warranties.** The Licensor warrants the following:

a. Licensor warrants it has all necessary legal and equitable rights, permissions, and clearances to license the Licensed Materials to the Licensee for the purposes outlined in this Agreement, and that use of the Licensed Materials by Authorized

Users in accordance with the terms of this Agreement shall not infringe the copyright of any third party;

b. Licensor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Licensee and any Authorized Users for any losses, claims, damages, awards, penalties, or injuries they incur (including reasonable attorney's fees) which arise from any third party claim that alleges contract breach, copyright infringement, or other intellectual property infringement arising from the Licensee's or an Authorized User's use or access of the Licensed Materials. Additionally, Licensor agrees that no liability limitation that may appear elsewhere in this Agreement applies to, overrides, or cancels this indemnification.

c. Licensor warrants that any physical object, medium, or container that contains the Licensed Materials is will be free from defects for a period of [enter time period] from delivery.

9.2 Warranty Disclaimers. Notwithstanding anything else in this Agreement,

a. Neither party shall be liable for any indirect, special, incidental, punitive or consequential damages, including loss of data, business interruption, or loss of profits that arises from the use of the Licensed Materials, or inability to use the Licensed Materials.

b. Except for the express warranties stated elsewhere in this Agreement, Licensor disclaims any and all other warranties, conditions, or representations (express, implied, oral or written), relating to the Licensed Materials or any part thereof, including, without limitation, any and all implied warranties of quality, performance, merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose.

9.3 **Indemnities.** Both Licensor and Licensee agree to indemnify and hold harmless the other party for any losses, claims, damages, awards, penalties, or injuries incurred by any third party (including reasonable attorney's fees) that arise from any alleged breach of the indemnifying party's representations and warranties made under this Agreement, so long as the indemnifying party is promptly notified of any such claims. The indemnifying party shall have the sole right to defend such claims at its own expense. The other party shall provide, at the indemnifying party's expense, such assistance in investigating and defending such claims as the indemnifying party may reasonably request. This indemnity shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

10. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

10.1 **Assignment and Transfer.** Neither party may assign, directly or indirectly, all or part of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party.

Neither party to this Agreement may unreasonably withhold or delay such written consent.

10.2 **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be interpreted and construed according to, and governed by, the laws of [venue convenient to Licensor and Licensee], excluding any such laws that might direct the application of another jurisdiction's laws. The federal or state courts located in [venue convenient to Licensor and Licensee] shall have jurisdiction to hear any dispute under this Agreement.

10.3 **Force Majeure**. Neither party shall be liable in damages or have the right to terminate this Agreement for any delay or default in performing hereunder if such delay or default is caused by conditions beyond its control, including Acts of God, Government restrictions (including the denial or cancellation of any export or other necessary license), wars, insurrections, labor strikes and/or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of the party whose performance is affected.

10.4 **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.

10.5 **Amendment.** No modification or claimed waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be valid except by written amendment signed by authorized representatives of Licensor and Licensee.

10.6 **Severability.** If any provision or provisions of this Agreement shall be held to be invalid, illegal, unenforceable or in conflict with the law of any jurisdiction, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

10.7 **Waiver of Contractual Right**. Waiver of any provision herein shall not be deemed a waiver of any other provision herein, nor shall waiver of any breach of this Agreement be construed as a continuing waiver of other breaches of the same or other provisions of this Agreement.

10.8 **Notices.** All notices given pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be sent to the contract addresses noted in the first paragraph of this Agreement. All notices may be hand delivered, or shall be deemed received within [enter time period] after mailing if sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. If any notice is sent by facsimile or electronic mail, confirmation copies must be sent by mail or hand delivery to the specified address. Either party may from time to time change its Notice Address by written notice to the other party.

10.9 **Survivability**. Sections 1, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10.1, and 10.2 hereof, all indemnification obligations and perpetual license rights shall survive the expiration or termination of the Agreement.

SIGNATURES

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement by their respective, duly authorized representatives as of the Effective Date.

Licensor:

By: ______ Signature of Authorized Signatory for Licensor

Date

Licensee:

By: ______ Signature of Authorized Signatory for Licensee

Date

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Schedule 1: Fees and Payment

A schedule dated [enter date] to the Agreement entered into on [enter date] between [enter name of Licensor] and [enter name of Licensee].

{Liblicense editors suggest that fees and payment terms be negotiated and addressed in this Schedule attached to the main Agreement. Liblicense editors recommend that both the applicable price and the basis on which the pricing is developed be described in this schedule. However, pricing models vary widely in license agreements, and examples of all pricing models are beyond the scope of this model agreement.}

TOTAL FEE:

TERM COVERED BY PAYMENT: {*The payment term may be for less than one year, one calendar year, one fiscal year (typically July 1 through June 30) or for multiple years.*}

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

All invoices will be paid within [enter time period] of receipt. {*Liblicense editors suggest* 30, 45 or 60 day time periods may be appropriate depending on your circumstance.}

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Schedule by their respective, duly authorized representatives as of the Schedule Date.

Licensor:

Date

[Printed Name] [Title] [Address] [Telephone Number] [Email Address]

Licensee:

By: _______ Signature of Authorized Signatory for Licensee

Date

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Schedule 2: Access and Authentication

A schedule dated [enter date] to the Agreement entered into on [enter date] between [enter name of Licensor] and [enter name of Licensee].

{Liblicense editors suggest that these issues be negotiated and addressed in this Schedule attached to the main Agreement. Like pricing models, access and authentication specifications vary widely in licensing contracts. The options include:

- \cdot IP addresses
- · Proxy servers
- · Passwords
- Public keys or certificates
- · Developing protocols not yet developed or tested at the time of Agreement signing

These access and authentication specifications typically may require the expertise of networking professionals; information security specialists; and the institution's chief information officer.}

ACCESS METHOD: {*An example: Unlimited use of the Licensed Materials on the Licensor's server via the World Wide Web.*}

AUTHENTICATION: {*An example: IP addresses for Licensee are:* 0.0.0.0 – 0.0.0.0 *and Proxy IP is:* 0.0.0.0.}

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Schedule by their respective, duly authorized representatives as of the Schedule Date.

Licensor:

By:

Signature of Authorized Signatory for Licensor

Date

[Printed Name] [Title] [Address] [Telephone Number] [Email Address]

Licensee:

By: _______ Signature of Authorized Signatory for Licensee

Date