This Agreement is made by the chief elected officials of The County of Champaign, The County of Ford, The County of Iroquois and The County of Piatt, each a body politic and corporate, by the authority of, on behalf of and in the names of those counties, respectively. Those counties are hereinafter called the “counties.”

1. The counties have created an entity known as the Champaign Consortium.

2. The Champaign Consortium was formed pursuant to the authority provided by the Illinois Constitution, Article VII, section 10, and by the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, Illinois Compiled Statutes, chapter 5, paragraph 220/1, et seq. The Champaign Consortium is a public agency, a unit of local government and a special district within the meaning of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act and the Illinois Constitution of 1970.

3. The purpose for which the Champaign Consortium was formed was and has been to operate employment training programs with the counties.

4. The employment training program and the statute under which it has been operated has changed from time to time.

5. The purpose of this Agreement in part is to restate and to update the authority and function of the Champaign Consortium.

6. The governing body of the Champaign Consortium is the Policy Board.

7. The Policy Board consists of the chief elected official of each of the counties plus one other member as designated below. Each chief elected official may appoint a member of the county board of that county to act in place of that chief elected official. In addition, the chief elected official of the County of Champaign will appoint one other member of that county board to serve as a member of the Policy Board. The Policy Board has five members, Chairperson of the Champaign

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County board who serves as the Chairperson of the Policy Board, the chief elected official of each of the remaining three counties, and the other Champaign County board designee. A quorum consists of three members. The Chairperson of the Policy Board is a non-voting member, except to cast the deciding vote in case of a tie between the four voting members or if he/she is the third member that constitutes a quorum. Each of the four voting members who is present at a meeting of the Policy Board has one vote. Any action upon which a vote is taken requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the members. Each chief elected official shall designate, in writing, an alternate to serve in his/her place when necessary.

8. The Champaign Consortium continues in existence with all the same authority and functions except as may be changed by this Agreement.

9. The presence of a provision in this Agreement does not necessarily imply that such provision did not exist previously.

10. The Policy Board has appointed an Executive Director. The Executive Director has the authority to appoint a staff and to engage the services of an attorney and other professionals as necessary to perform the day-to-day operations.

11. The Champaign Consortium has the authority to make contracts and to acquire, own and dispose of property.

12. The Champaign Consortium has such other authority as is reasonably necessary to perform its functions under this Agreement.

13. The Champaign Consortium shall continue in existence and this Agreement shall continue in effect until such time as they are terminated by the counties.

14. The purpose of this Agreement also is to authorize expressly the operation of an employment training and workforce development program under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (Title 29 United States Code, section 2801, et seq.). The
program under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 shall replace the program under the Job Training Partnership Act (Title 19 United States Code, section 1501, et seq.).

15. So that the Champaign Consortium can carry out its function under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, the following provisions are adopted.

16. The Champaign Consortium will be the grant recipient and fiscal agent under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

17. The Policy Board is authorized to enter into a grant relationship in the name of the Champaign Consortium with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO).

18. A local Workforce Development Board shall be formed.

a) The function of the local Workforce Development Board shall be to develop a local plan of workforce development.

b) The Policy Board shall appoint members of the local Workforce Development Board.

c) Nomination of members to the local Workforce Development Board shall be made to the Policy Board in accordance with criteria developed by the State of Illinois through the office of the Governor.

d) The appointments to the local Workforce Development Board shall be made in accordance with criteria developed by the State of Illinois through the office of the Governor.

e) The Policy Board shall work with the local Workforce Development Board to develop and to submit to the Governor of the State of Illinois a plan for the operation of the program under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.
f) The local Workforce Development Board shall adopt bylaws which shall be subject to approval of the Policy Board. Those bylaws shall set fixed and staggered membership terms and shall assure attendance and participation by members and shall provide for the election of a chairperson by the local Workforce Development Board.

g) The local Workforce Development Board, with the agreement of the Policy Board, shall designate the one-stop operator. The function of the one-stop operator is to operate a one-stop delivery system. The one-stop delivery system makes each of the programs, services and activities available at the same physical location.

h) The local Workforce Development Board, with the agreement of the Policy Board, shall develop and enter into a memorandum of understanding with the one-stop operator. The memorandum of understanding shall describe the services and operation of the one-stop delivery system.

i) In addition to the specified one-stop operator, the services of other human resource providers may be provided through the one-stop delivery system if the local Workforce Development Board and the Policy Board approve such participation.

j) The local Workforce Development Board shall develop its budget which shall be subject to the approval of the Policy Board.

k) The Policy Board will work with the local Workforce Development Board to provide guidance and oversight in the operation of the employment training and workforce development program.

19. A Youth Council shall be formed.

a) The Youth Council shall be a subgroup of the local Workforce Development Board.
b) The function of the Youth Council shall be to help develop youth employment and training policy, bring a youth development perspective to the establishment of such policy, establish linkages with other local youth service organizations and take into account a range of issues that can have an impact on the success of youth in the labor market.

c) The local Workforce Development Board shall appoint members of the Youth Council in cooperation with the Policy Board.

d) The appointments to the Youth Council shall be made in accordance with criteria developed by the State of Illinois through the Youth Council Task Force.

20. The Policy Board shall consult with the office of the Governor; and with local Workforce Development Board as necessary, regarding the following:

a) Negotiation of local performance measures.

b) Agreement on the provision of core or intensive services by the local Workforce Development Board, or on designation of the local Workforce Development Board as a one-stop operator.

c) Coordination in the development of a reorganization plan following any local Workforce Development Board decertification.

d) Coordination in the provision of rapid response activities.

e) Coordination in the establishment of fiscal and accountability management systems.

f) Consultation arrangements with the Governor or the Secretary of Labor concerning any activities in the local area funded by the State of Illinois or by the U. S. Department of Labor.
21. In the event of a disallowance by the State of Illinois or the United States of any expenditure by the Champaign Consortium, the Champaign Consortium shall be the entity liable for repayment of the amount. In the event the Champaign Consortium must obtain funds from the counties for any such repayment, the amount shall be distributed among the four counties as follows: Champaign County = 68.7 per cent; Ford Co. = 7.0 per cent; Iroquois Co. = 15.8 per cent; Piatt Co. = 8.5 per cent.

This Agreement has been executed by the chief elected official of each of the counties on the dates set forth below pursuant to resolutions adopted by each of the counties.

THE COUNTY OF CHAMPAIGN

By ___________________________ Date March 20, 2009
Chairperson, County Board

THE COUNTY OF FORD

By ___________________________ Date 4/20/2009
Chairperson, County Board

THE COUNTY OF IROQUOIS

By ___________________________ Date 7-01-09
Chairperson, County Board

THE COUNTY OF PIATT

By ___________________________ Date 5/21/09
Chairperson, County Board