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PROCUREMENT LAWS EXCEPTION AMENDMENT REQUEST

Hirsch Academy: A Challenge Foundation Academy, Inc. 07-82-04-000
(Charter Holder Name) (CTDS)

1 East Washington, Suite 500 Phoenix, AZ 85004
(Charter Holder Mailing Address) (City, State) (Zip)

Jason Klonoski (602) 686-4480 (602) 759-7310
(Charter Representative's Name) (Phone Number) (Fax Number)

Exception to the Procurement Laws -- (This exception will not be granted to State Board of Education sponsored charter schools)

Included are the following:
Board minutes approving the change (minutes must comply with Open Meeting Law ARS §38-431.01)
Complete policy for procuring goods and services (sample policy available on the ASBCS website)

PLEASE NOTE: Charter operators granted an exception to local and state procurement regulations under A.R.S. §15-183(E)(6) are still required to satisfy the federal procurement requirements as a condition to the receipt of certain federal funds.

The Arizona State Board for Charter Schools and Hirsch Academy: A Challenge Foundation Academy, Inc. (Charter Holder), herein agree to amend the terms of the charter contract.

In witness whereof, Charter Holder has signed this contract amendment as of the 23rd day of August, 2013, and the State Board for Charter Schools has signed this contract amendment as of this ___ day of ___, 20___, to take effect at such time as it is signed by both parties.

[Handwritten signature of Jason Klonoski]

Charter Representative Signature

Representative Signature for the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

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USFRCS EXCEPTION AMENDMENT REQUEST

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Exception to the USFRCS - (This exception will not be granted to State Board of Education sponsored charter schools)

Included are the following:
Board minutes approving the change (minutes must comply with Open Meeting Law ARS §38-431.01)
Complete policy for accounting (sample policy available on the ASBCS website)

All exceptions to the USFRCS will include:
Charter Holder must utilize Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
The Charter Holder is NOT exempt from filing the Annual Financial Report, the school report card data, annual auditing requirements, or any financial report request from the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools, the Auditor General, and the Arizona Department of Education
The Charter Holder is responsible for any "cross-walks" necessary to complete reporting requirements

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**Hirsch Academy
6535 East Osborn Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85251**

Procurement Policy

Hirsch Academy will follow accounting policies and procedures that comply with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Any procurement of goods and services shall be made by the procurement officer/authorized agent, in the best interest of the school, upon considering the totality of the circumstances surrounding the procurement, which may include but not be limited to: price, quality, timelines, reputation, and prior dealings.

Hirsch Academy shall not purchase any goods or services from any member of the governing board, an immediate family member of any member of the governing board nor from any entity in which any member of the governing board or an immediate family member may benefit from such a procurement, unless authorized by the governing board after a full disclosure of the potential benefits, and after the consideration set forth in paragraph 1 above.

Hirsch Academy understands that the policy cited above applies to purchases made using non-federal funds. As a condition of the receipt of certain federal funds, federal procurement requirements still apply.

Hirsch Academy
6535 East Osborn Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Accounting Policy

Hirsch Academy will follow accounting policies that comply with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). This includes using an accounting system that provides for the proper recording and reporting of financial data following standard internal control procedures. We will utilize a chart of accounts that has been developed to align with the chart of accounts found in the Uniform System of Financial Records for Charter Schools (USFRCS) for the purposes of complying with budgeting and annual financial reporting. Revisions will be made periodically for changes in laws, regulations and accounting pronouncements that cover charter school accounting, financial reporting and compliance with state and federal laws.

HIRSCH ACADEMY: A CHALLENGE FOUNDATION ACADEMY

REGULAR BOARD MINUTES August 28, 2013 MEETING

The meeting was held in person at Hirsch Academy and telephonically.

Members present were Joan Lange, Wendy Riddell, Jason Klonoski, and BJ Steinbrook

Others present: Tisha Crisler; Jennifer Sherman, Fellow; Eric Silverstein; Keven Barker;

Absent: Bill Cheatham and John Fisher

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 AZ time

Approval of Agenda as presented: Joan made the motion, seconded by Jason Klonoski. The motion passed.

There was no public comment.

New Business:

Keven Barker presented to the board the State Procurement and Accounting Documents prior to the meeting for review.

Approval of State Procurement Document: Wendy made the motion, seconded by Joan. The motion passed.

Approval of State Accounting Document approved: Jason made the motion, seconded by Wendy. The motion passed.

Keven Barker presented the Special Education policies to the board prior to the meeting for review.

Approval of State Special Education Document : Joan made the motion, seconded by Jason. The motion passed.

The next meeting will be held on September 4th at 4:00 at Hirsch Academy, Paiute Neighborhood Community Center.

Joan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:37 AZ time, seconded BJ. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Sherman, Fellow
