

# CROSS BORDER COMMUNITY AUDIT PROJECT

## PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

### I. Preamble

We, the undersigned economic and workforce development entities within the Connecticut River Valley, agree to come together as partners in this Cross Border Community Audit Project.

The *CAP* is an opportunity to implement a long-held desire on our parts to work together on common labor market and workforce development issues that impact on our combined economic regions. The *CAP* will build on existing efforts already in place in our regions, allowing us to capitalize on our already established partnerships.

By signing this agreement, we agree to provide overall support and direction to the *CAP* to ensure that the goals outlined in the grant proposal are attained.

### II. Terms of Agreement

This agreement shall be effective upon receipt of notification of a grant award and shall remain in effect for the duration of the grant, at a minimum.

However, it is our intent to achieve, as one of the goals of this project, a *sustained cross-border collaboration* that will ensure closer cooperation between us on key workforce and economic development issues within our common natural labor markets that will extend beyond the life of the grant period.

### III. Roles and Responsibilities of Partners

- The Regional Employment Board of Hampden County, Inc. (Hampden WIB) agrees to serve as the lead applicant and grant administrator, to convene project meetings, to oversee all research activities and to ensure that DOL reporting requirements are adhered to. We agree to represent the project on, and participate in, the national peer learning network. We also agree to consult with the Mayor of Springfield, as the WIA Chief Elected Official for Hampden County, on *CAP* activities.
- The WIBs of Hampden and Franklin/Hampshire counties in Massachusetts, and of Greater Hartford in Connecticut, agree to consult with all corresponding elected officials and regional councils of government to ensure that the project goals are in line with and supportive of economic development initiatives. We also agree to ensure the integration of the results of the research into the operational activities occurring through our region's respective One-Stop Career Center delivery system.
- We all agree to play an active role in participating in the *CAP's* research activities and to coordinate our roles in this project with our own organization's workforce development endeavors, to ensure that the overall project goals are met.

- We all agree to participate in the dissemination of the *CAP* report findings to various economic development, educational and community-based agencies.
- We all agree to meet regularly to participate in the oversight of the *CAP* as well as to explore ways to further build on the existing partnerships so that common workforce development and labor market issues become integrated into regional strategic planning activities.

#### IV. Signatories

Signed in the month of November, 2000:

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Peter Daboul, Chairperson  
Regional Employment Board of  
Hampden County, Inc. (MA)

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Michael J. Albano  
Mayor, City of Springfield, MA and WIA  
Chief Elected Official for Grant Applicant

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Alan Sax, Chairperson  
Franklin/Hampshire  
Regional Employment Board (MA)

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Richard A. McAloon, Chairperson  
Capital Region Workforce Development  
Board, Inc. (CT)

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John Shemo, Executive Vice-President  
Connecticut Capital Region  
Growth Council, Inc. (CT)

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Allan Blair, President and CEO  
Economic Development Council of  
Western MA, Inc. (MA)

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Tim Brennan, Executive Director  
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (MA)

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Richard Brown, President  
Pioneer Valley Labor Council,  
(MA AFL-CIO)

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John Olsen, President  
(CT AFL-CIO)