

**Terms:** This is an agreement by and between the Charter Schools Development Center, hereinafter referred to as “CSDC,” and the organization that has applied for and has been granted an annual CSDC membership, hereinafter referred to as “member.”

**Duration:** This one-year membership term shall begin upon receipt of member’s completed membership application and payment in full. This agreement may be terminated by either party prior to the end of its term, upon thirty (30) days of written notice. In face of cancellation, the member shall be liable for any costs incurred prior to the cancellation.

**Benefits Received:** The parties mutually agree that CSDC will provide the following services to assist member in the development, operation, and oversight of their charter school(s):

(1) Regular e-mail updates analyzing major fiscal, legislative, and regulatory changes affecting California charter schools.

(2) Access to CSDC’s online journal, *Charter Currents*, which contains information on issues relating to charter school development, accountability, oversight, facilities, finance, governance, grants, fundraising, instruction, assessment, law, policy, personnel, labor relations, special education, and research.

(3) Access to CSDC’s website, which hosts premium charter school resources and sample documents.

(4) A specified amount of “Technical Assistance” hours to provide responses by telephone or e-mail to specific questions of the member relating to the development, operation, and oversight of charter schools. These hours may not be used for detailed document reviews, legislative representation or advocacy, appearance as an expert witness, direct collect bargaining assistance, or the providing of depositions or declarations for legal issues. Any unused “Technical Assistance” hours will expire at the end of the membership term. For all services in excess of the complimentary “Technical Assistance” hours granted, a fee of \$150.00 per hour shall be charged.

(4)(a) Members that have paid the “Charter School,” “Charter Management Organization,” or “Charter Granting Agency” rate shall receive five (5) hours of “technical assistance.”

(4)(b) Members that have paid the “Charter Developer - Basic” rate shall receive one half-hour (0.5) of complimentary “technical assistance” and members that have paid the “Charter Developer - Plus+” rate will receive five (5) hours of technical assistance.

**Benefits Received (Continued):**

(5) Discounted prices on CSDC tool-kits, publications, workshops, events, and trainings.

(5)(a) Members that have paid the either the “Charter Developer - Basic” rate or the “Charter Developer - Plus+” rate shall receive free admission to CSDC’s *Start Smart Workshop for Charter School Developers*.

(6) School members will have access to a variety of insurance products, including insurance provided through the CharterShield School Benefits Trust, an exclusive benefit available only to CSDC Members.

(7) Advocacy on behalf of the charter school movement at both the state and federal level.

**Independent Contractor Relationship:** Both parties agree that CSDC, while performing the duties under this contract, is an independent contractor. This agreement is not intended to, and shall not be construed to, create the relationship of agent, employee, partnership, joint venture, or any other relationship other than independent contractor. CSDC shall be free to provide similar services to other member and/or non-members.

**Limited Nonexclusive License:** CSDC grants to member a limited, non-exclusive license to utilize Charter Currents, as well as documents, templates and samples created by CSDC and provided to member for the development, operation, and oversight of member’s charter school. Member agrees not to copy or otherwise distribute, in any form, these documents to other schools, consultants, school development groups, or other entities or individuals without express written permission by CSDC. CSDC retains the copyright to all of these documents.

**No verbal modifications:** This agreement is the full and complete agreement between the parties. Nothing other than items agreed to in this document have been agreed upon by the parties. No verbal modifications, additions to, or deletions from this agreement shall be permitted.