

THIS CONTRACT, made and entered into on or before this first day of October, 2016, in the State of California, by and between the

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
and the  
CHANCELLOR OF THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

The CHANCELLOR of the CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES  
(hereinafter Chancellor) and the

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
(hereinafter District) do agree that:

I.

Performance of this contract shall be pursuant to Government Code Sections 12419.2, 12419.5, 12419.7, 12419.9, 12419.10. Both parties' performance of this contract shall conform to the requirements of those statutes.

The Chancellor agrees to act on behalf of the District for the purpose of collecting through the State Franchise Tax Board's Interagency Offset Program, outstanding student financial aid and proper non-financial aid obligations owed to the District.

II.

The Chancellor's Office Tax Offset Program (hereafter known as COTOP) will be a (self-supporting) program with collection fees charged to the participating districts for the administrative costs incurred by the Chancellor in operating the program.

The Chancellor will, if a debtor owes an obligation to more than one college or district, eliminate the name of that debtor from the college or agency to which the debtor owes the smaller obligation.

The District will pay to the Chancellor an amount equal to but not greater than 25 percent (25%) of the amount which the Chancellor collects on behalf of the district from the Franchise Tax Board.

III.

The Chancellor will perform only those administrative services necessary to implement the legislation and related functions concerning the repayment of student financial aid and proper non-financial aid obligations through the COTOP program. Names and amounts submitted in error by the district will be treated as all other names and amounts and may be offset by the Franchise Tax Board.

The district may submit requests for deletions or revisions to the unpaid account balance to the Chancellor at any time and as often as needed.

Districts must enter their *initial* COTOP debtor data to the Chancellor's Office Tax Offset Program web-based system no later than November 18, 2016. Districts may make modifications to accounts (adds/changes/deletes) until November 18, 2016. All additional modifications (add/changes/deletes) can be made after January 2, 2017. If an offset occurs prior to the implementation of the deletion or modification by the Franchise Tax Board, it will be the responsibility of the District to make restitution directly to the debtor as required by Section IV.6 below.

The Chancellor or Franchise Tax Board will delete all names which cannot be processed by the Chancellor's Office or the Franchise Tax Board.

#### IV.

The District will:

1. Submit a single record for each affected individual as specified in #3 below according to the format and specifications in Appendices A and B which are incorporated into and made a part of this contract.
2. Notify those debtors whose names are submitted for collection of the pending action no later than submitting those names to the Chancellor's Office and review any objections received from those debtors. This notification should inform the debtor that the individual is entitled to request a review of the decision to collect the debt by the offset procedure. Immediately submit to the Chancellor's Office any modifications of the amount or deletions of any record found to be submitted in error, as necessary, as a result of the review as required by Appendix C, which is incorporated into and made a part of this contract.
3. Submit for collection through the COTOP program only the following types of debtor obligations:
  - A. defaulted Perkins, Nursing, Emergency and Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) loans;
  - B. campus financial aid funds; EOPS Grants and Board of Governors Enrollment Fee Waivers for which the student was ineligible;
  - C. other financial aid obligations.
  - D. Proper student non-financial aid obligations limited to: non-resident tuition; enrollment fees; library fines; library replacement material charges; parking fees; parking fines (incurred within 3 years of date submitted for collection only); residence hall rent contracts; cafeteria meal contracts; telephone bills; drop fees (incurred prior to January 1992); personal checks returned for non-sufficient funds (limited to bookstore and other charges listed in this section only); returned check service charges; child care charges; instructional equipment breakage/replacement charges; health fees; transcript fees; foreign student insurance charges; dental health center charges; community services fees; lost key charges; transportation charges/fees; audit fees; contract class charges; instructional material fees; damage to campus facilities/equipment charges; personal checks written to "Cash" returned for non-sufficient funds (including returned check service fee); auto repair costs (including parts, lab fee, sales tax on parts); student representation fee; student center fee.

4. For those student financial aid and non-financial aid obligations in default, send at least one written notice to the last known address of the debtor requesting that the debtor either pay the amount owed or contact the participating district regarding the debt. The written notice must be sent at least 30 days prior to Franchise Tax Board receiving the offset request. The district must retain copies of the notifications in the district/college file.
5. Do not submit names of any debtors who are:
  - A. not in default;
  - B. in litigation/bankruptcy.
6. Refund to debtor any overpayments or amounts collected in error resulting from collection through COTOP within 30 days from notification of offset by the Chancellor.

V.

The District agrees that the Chancellor is acting in reliance on the accuracy of information supplied by the District as to the names of debtors, identification of debtors, and amounts owed by debtors, and that the Chancellor shall not be liable for any damages arising from inaccuracies in information supplied by the District.

The District agrees that it will submit for collection only amounts which it is legally entitled to collect through this program.

The District agrees that it will respond to all debtor complaints received by the Chancellor regarding this program.

VI.

Each party agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless the other, its officers, agents and employees from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any and all contractors, subcontractors, materialmen, laborers and any other person, firm or corporation furnishing or supplying work, services, materials or supplies in connection with the performance of this contract, and from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any person, firm or corporation who may be injured or damaged by either party in the performance of this contract.

VII.

The District and the agents and employees of the District, in the performance of this agreement, shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers or employees or agents of the State of California.

VIII.

Time is of the essence of this agreement.

IX.

No alteration or variation of the terms of this contract shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties hereto, and no oral understanding or agreement not incorporated herein, shall be binding on any of the parties hereto.

X.

The term of this contract shall be from October 1, 2016 through December 20, 2017, which as defined by the Franchise Tax Board, is the end of the 2017 interagency program processing year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this agreement has been executed by the parties hereto, upon the date first above written.

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Erik Skinner \_\_\_\_\_ Date  
Interim Chancellor

\_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT  
(Name of District)

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ Date

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(Printed Name of Signature)

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