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Memorandum of Agreement

to form the

Missouri Instructional Coalition for Economics

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WHEREAS, the quality of life for the citizens of Missouri is enhanced through a thorough understanding of the importance that economic systems play in their daily lives, and

WHEREAS, Missouri's public colleges and universities are committed to offering and maintaining superior higher education opportunities for its citizens, and

WHEREAS, Missouri's public colleges and universities recognize the importance of the field of economics to better understanding the economic development challenges facing the state of Missouri and its citizens, and

WHEREAS, the state of Missouri's financial situation has created serious budget challenges for Missouri public higher education, and

WHEREAS, Missouri's public colleges and universities have demonstrated proper stewardship in the management of the public and private resources at their disposal, and

WHEREAS, Missouri's public colleges and universities are committed to promoting and enhancing efficiencies in their operations, and

WHEREAS, Missouri's public colleges and universities recognize the need to find new and more effective ways to deliver high quality higher education opportunities to Missouri's citizens, and

WHEREAS, Missouri's public colleges and universities understand that it is important to act in a timely manner to address the fiscal challenges facing higher education,

Therefore,

Let it be hereby resolved that the universities signing below hereby agree to enhance economics education in the State of Missouri through the establishment of the Missouri Instructional Coalition for Economics, and

Be it further resolved that the universities agree to collaboratively offer academic programming to address the emerging human resource needs of industry, government, and higher education in Missouri and throughout the United States, and

Be it further resolved that the Universities signing below agree to collaborate in offering undergraduate coursework in the field of economics, to be initiated in Fall 2011, that may be used by undergraduate students on their respective campuses to complete undergraduate degree programs in the field of economics and related academic fields, and

Be it further resolved that the universities agree to develop additional partnership opportunities as the need arises to ensure that the state of Missouri has the knowledge and personnel necessary to effectively address challenges related to economics education.

Agreed to on this day, October 25, 2010,

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