

**CITY OF AURORA SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT
FOR ILLUMINATE 9TH GRADE CAREER EXPLORATION EVENT**

THIS AGREEMENT, is entered on the Effective Date between the sponsor, City of Aurora, Illinois ("City") an Illinois home rule municipal corporation, with its office of City Clerk located at 44 E Downer Place, Aurora, Illinois and the sponsored party Valley Education for Employment System, Sugar Grove, IL, for the sponsorship herein described. The sponsor, City of Aurora, shall provide sponsorship for the Illuminate 9th Grade Career Exploration Event, being hosted by Valley Education for Employment System on October 23, 2026, as set forth more fully this agreement.

1. **Term.** The term of this sponsorship shall be limited to the preparation for and participation at the Illuminate 9th Grade Career Exploration Event to be held by Valley Education for Employment System on October 23, 2026, at Waubensee Community College in Sugar Grove.
2. **Standard of Performance.** The sponsored party shall perform all Services related to the sponsored event, with the degree, skill, care and diligence customarily required of a professional performing services of comparable scope, purpose and magnitude and in conformance with the applicable professional standards. Sponsored party shall, at all times, use its best efforts to assure timely and satisfactory rendering and completion of the Services. Sponsoring party shall ensure that it and all of its employees or subcontractors performing Services under this sponsorship agreement shall be: (i) qualified and competent in the applicable discipline or industry; (ii) appropriate licensed as required by law; (iii) strictly comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations or ordinances; and (iv) strictly conform to the terms of this Agreement. Sponsored party shall, at all times until the completion of the Services, remain solely responsible for the professional and technical accuracy of all Services and deliverables furnished, whether such services are rendered by the sponsored party or others on its behalf, including, without limitation, its subcontractors. No review, approval, acceptance, nor payment for any and all of the Services by the City shall relieve the sponsored party from the responsibilities set forth herein.
3. **Payment and Terms of Sponsorship.** The City will provide a sponsorship in the amount of \$20,000. A complete budget that outlines the contribution of each sponsoring party is attached to this agreement as Exhibit A. The City's sponsorship shall be in the form of providing items and goods on behalf of Valley Education for Employment System. It will also include the City reimbursing the Valley Education for Employment System for goods it will be providing for the event. The parties may adjust the budget line items in Exhibit A by agreement in writing, as long as the maximum award sponsorship amount is not exceeded.
4. **Media and Promotion.** The City shall be recognized as a sponsor for the event and shall be given the opportunity to approve all promotional materials that bear its name or logo, prior to these materials being distributed.
5. **Compliance with Laws.** Valley Education for Employment System, in the performance of its operations and activities for the Event, shall comply with, and Valley Education for Employment System shall cause all Event Vendors to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations in the performance of its operations and activities for the Event.
6. **Termination for Convenience.** The City has the right to terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, for any reason or if sufficient funds have not been appropriated to cover the estimated requirement of the sponsorship not yet performed, by providing sponsored party with thirty

(30) days notice specifying the termination date. On the date specified, this Agreement will end. After the termination date, sponsored party has no further contractual claim against the City based upon this Agreement and any payment so made to the sponsored party upon termination shall be in full satisfaction for Services rendered.

7. **Indemnification and Insurance.**

- a. **Hold Harmless:** To the fullest extent permitted by law, the sponsored party shall hold harmless, defend at its own expense, and indemnify the City of Aurora, its elected officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers, against any and all liability, claims, losses, damages, or expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, arising from all acts or omissions of the sponsored party or its officers, agents, or employees in rendering services under this contract; excluding, however, such liability, claims, losses, damages, or expenses arising from the City's sole negligence or willful acts.
- b. **Insurance Requirements:** The sponsored party must agree to have and maintain the policies set forth in Attachment B entitled "Contractor Insurance Requirements," which is attached hereto and incorporated herein. All policies, endorsements, certificates, and/or binders shall be subject to approval by the Chief Operating Officer/Risk Manager and the Law Department as to form and content. These requirements are subject to amendment or waiver only if approved in writing by the City's Chief Operating Officer/Risk Manager or his/her designee. A lapse in any required insurance coverage during the term of a contract shall be a breach of the contract.
- c. **Waiver of Subrogation.** The sponsored party agrees to a waiver of subrogation as indicated in Attachment B. That is, neither the Contractor nor its insurers shall have the right to pursue the City to recover its costs associated with a claim arising out of a contract.

8. **Certificate of Insurance.**

- a. The sponsored party must provide a compliant certificate of insurance (COI) prior to distribution of the sponsored items or funds. The COI must provide evidence of the coverage required and the terms of the applicable policies should extend through the duration of the project.
- b. The Sponsored party must also provide an endorsement naming the City of Aurora, its elected officials, employees, agents, and volunteers as primary, noncontributory, additional insureds on the commercial general liability (including completed operations), business auto, and umbrella/excess liabilities policies.
- c. All required policies shall include a Waiver of Subrogation in favor of the City as specified in Exhibit B. The Sponsored party's insurer(s) shall provide the City with no less than thirty (30) days' written notice of cancellation, non-renewal, or material change in coverage, and no less than ten (10) days for non-payment of premium.
- d. Insurers providing coverage on behalf of contractors shall have a minimum A.M. Best rating of A:VII.

9. **Miscellaneous Provisions.**

- a. **Illinois Freedom of Information Act.** The Contractor acknowledges the requirements of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and agrees to comply with all requests made by the City of Aurora for public records (as that term is defined by Section 2(c) of FOIA in the undersigned's possession and to provide the requested public records to the City of Aurora within two (2) business days of the request being made by the City of Aurora. The undersigned agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Aurora from all claims, costs, penalty, losses and injuries (including but not limited to, attorney's fees, other professional fees, court costs and/or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to its failure to provide the public records to the City of Aurora under this agreement.
- b. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement, along with the documents set forth in Section 1 and incorporated by reference elsewhere in this Agreement, with consent of the parties, represents the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the performance of the Services. No other contracts, representations, warranties or statements, written or verbal, are binding on the parties. This Agreement may only be amended as provided herein.
- c. **Consents and Approvals.** The Parties represent and warrant to each other that each has obtained all the requisite consents and approvals, whether required by internal operating procedures or otherwise, for entering into this Agreement and the undertakings contemplated herein.
- d. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- e. **Jurisdiction and Venue.** The Parties agree that in the event of litigation arising from this Agreement, the exclusive venue for the adjudication of such disputes shall be the Circuit Court of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Kane County and that the Illinois law shall apply to such disputes without regard to its choice of law principles.
- f. **Construction of Contract Provisions.** The Parties acknowledge that this Agreement and all the terms and conditions contained herein have been fully reviewed and negotiated by the Parties. Having acknowledged the foregoing, the Parties agree that any principle of construction or rule of law that provides that, in the event of any inconsistency or ambiguity, an agreement shall be construed against the drafter of the agreement shall have no application to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. This Agreement may only be amended as provided herein. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this agreement and Exhibit A or B, the terms of the agreement shall control and the Exhibits are subordinate thereto.
- g. **Licenses and Permits.** Valley Education for Employment System, shall be solely responsible for acquiring all necessary licenses, permits, and inspections as required by local, state, and federal governmental authorities in connection with this Event and shall provide, if requested by the City of Aurora, copies of said licenses, permits and inspections not less than five (5) business days prior to the Commencement Date.
- h. **Notices.** Notices shall be deemed properly given hereunder if in writing and either hand delivered or sent by United States mail, postage prepaid, or by email transmission with the sending Party retaining confirmation of receipt, to the Parties at their respective addresses

provided below:

Valley Education for Employment System:

Attn:

Rt 47 at Waubensee Drive

Sugar Grove, IL, 60554

Email:

Phone: (630) 466-5736

City of Aurora

Attn: Chris Ragona

44 E. Downer Ave

Aurora, IL 60507

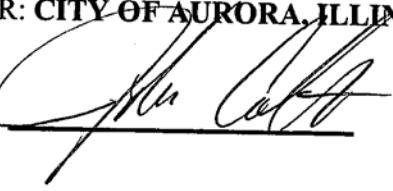
ragonac@aurora.il.us

Phone: (630) 256-3321

Notices personally delivered shall be deemed given on the date of delivery, notices sent by U.S. mail shall be deemed delivered following deposit in the mail, and notices sent by email transmission shall be deemed given on the date of transmission if sent on or before 5:00 p.m. on a business day, or, if later, the next business day.

Date: 06-30-2026

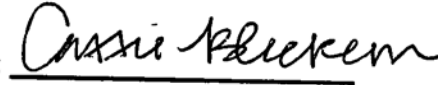
FOR: ~~CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS~~

By: 

Jolene Coulter

Director of Purchasing

FOR: SPONSORED PARTY

By: 

Print: Cassie Blickem

Title: Director

EXHIBIT A
TOTAL BUDGET FOR SPONSORED EVENT

Item	Budget
Breakfast and Boxed Lunches	\$6,000
Signage and Decorations	\$1,000
Pipe and Drape Rental and Delivery	\$13,000
Total	\$20,000

EXHIBIT B INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor, at its own expense, shall secure and maintain in effect throughout the duration of this contract, insurance of the following kinds and limits to cover all locations of the Contractor's operations.

The Contractor shall furnish Certificates of Insurance to the City before starting or within ten (10) days after the execution of the contract, whichever date is reached first. All insurance policies shall be written with insurance companies approved by the City and licensed to do business in the State of Illinois and having a rating of not less than A VII according to the latest edition of the A.M. Best Company; and shall include a provision preventing cancellation of the insurance policy unless thirty (30) days prior written notice is given to the City.

This provision shall also be stated on each Certificate of Insurance as: "Should any of the above described policies be canceled before the expiration date thereof, the issuing company will endeavor to mail ten (10) days written notice to the certificate holder named to the left."

If requested, the awardee of this proposal will give the City a copy of the insurance policies. The policies must be delivered to the City within two weeks of the request.

The limits of liability for the insurance required shall provide coverage for not less than the following amount, or greater where required by law:

- (1) Worker's Compensation Insurance - \$1,000,000.00
- (2) General Liability Insurance:
 - (a) \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 general aggregate
 - (b) \$50,000 per occurrence for Property Damage to rented premises
 - (c) \$1,000,000 per occurrence for Personal Injury and Products-comp/ Op Agg
 - (d) \$5,000.00 Medical Expense (per person)
- (3) Auto Liability Insurance:
 - (a) Combined Single limit not less than \$1,000,000
- (4) Umbrella excess liability of \$2,000,000 per occurrence, \$2,000,000 aggregate

The Contractor shall include the City as a primary, non-contributory additional named insured on both General and Auto Liability Insurance policies and indicate said status on any Certificates of Insurance provided to the City pursuant to this project. The Contractor shall pay all insurance premiums without cost to the City.



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
06/30/2025

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER MARSH USA LLC. 155 N. WACKER, SUITE 1200 CHICAGO, IL 60661 Attn: Chicago.CertRequest@marsh.com	CONTACT NAME:	
	PHONE (A/C, No, Ext):	FAX (A/C, No):
INSURED Waubensee Community College, a Member of the Illinois Community College Risk Management Consortium Rt 47 at Waubensee Drive Sugar Grove, IL 60554	E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE	
	INSURER A: N/A	
	INSURER B: Safety National Casualty Corporation	
	INSURER C: N/A	
	INSURER D: N/A	
INSURER E:		
INSURER F:		
NAIC #		

COVERAGES **CERTIFICATE NUMBER:** CHI-008274601-33 **REVISION NUMBER:** 9

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSD	SUBR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
B	☒ COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY ☐ CLAIMS-MADE ☒ OCCUR GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: ☐ POLICY ☐ PRO-JECT ☐ LOC OTHER:			ICCRMC2025-516	07/01/2025	07/01/2026	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 5,000,000 DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$ 100,000 MED EXP (Any one person) \$ PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 5,000,000 PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$ OTHER: \$
B	☒ AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY ☒ ANY AUTO ☐ OWNED AUTOS ONLY ☐ SCHEDULED AUTOS ☐ HIRED AUTOS ONLY ☐ NON-OWNED AUTOS ONLY			ICCRMC2025-516	07/01/2025	07/01/2026	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$ 5,000,000 BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$ OTHER: \$
B	☒ UMBRELLA LIAB ☒ EXCESS LIAB ☐ DED ☐ RETENTION \$ ☐ CLAIMS-MADE			ICCRMC2025-516	07/01/2025	07/01/2026	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 5,000,000 AGGREGATE \$ OTHER: \$
B	☒ WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	☒ Y ☒ N	N/A	PRP4055204	07/01/2025	07/01/2026	☒ PER STATUTE ☐ OTH-ER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ 2,000,000 E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ 2,000,000 E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$ 2,000,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)
The above Named Insured is a member of the Illinois Community College Risk Management Consortium, an Intergovernmental Insurance Pool. The City of Aurora and its trustees, collectively and individually, officers, members, employees and/or agents are included as additional insured under the general liability coverage as evidenced herein as required by contract.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER City of Aurora 44 East Downer Grove Aurora, IL 60507	CANCELLATION SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE <i>Marsh USA LLC</i>
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