

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

**The Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia**

and

**The Community Colleges For International Development, Inc.,**

This document represents an agreement between **The Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia (MoES)**, Tbilisi, Georgia, and **The Community Colleges for International Development, Inc. (CCID)**, Iowa, United States of America.

### I. OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this agreement is to engage in a program of activities to reform the system of professional education in Georgia adapted to Georgian conditions from the U.S. community college model through technical assistance, cooperative programs between higher education institutions in the two countries, and other methods. The parties have agreed that dependent upon funding:

1 Officials from **MoES** and staff from Georgian higher educational institutions will visit colleges in the United States to gain a greater understanding of their role, function and operations and develop curriculum.

2 American higher education officials and teachers will visit Georgia to offer technical assistance to Georgian colleagues in organizing re-training programs for teachers, preparing curricula, and establishing economic and workforce development programs.

### II. SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT

Exchanges and cooperative ventures conducted under the terms of this agreement will be based on the spirit of reciprocity and mutual benefit and may encompass the following areas: the exchange of faculty, staff, and administrators; (student exchanges & study abroad activities); joint proposal development and exchange of consultants; cultural exchanges; and short term training programs of mutual benefit; curriculum development; and other disciplines as determined from time to time.

The major area of emphasis will be developing professional education institutions in all regions of Georgia, development of curriculum, developing relations with regional stakeholders, training of teachers, and preparing the Professional Education institutions to function effectively. A high priority will be given to developing connections between workforce development and economic development in

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Georgian regions. Examples of needed programs include engineering, agriculture, business and economics, and tourism and hospitality.

### III. PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

**MoES**, and **CCID**, will act as principals for the promotion and implementation of this agreement and as central agencies for information about facilitation of, and coordination of new programs to be developed between the **MoES** and **CCID**. The needs of both parties will be registered, reviewed, and coordinated through consultation with each other.

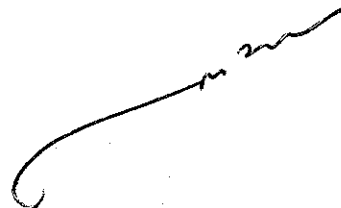
**MoES** and **CCID**, each in its own country, may support possible fund-raising efforts in support of projects which fall under this basic agreement of educational exchange and cooperation. Joint program development activities may be supported through letters of endorsement, technical writing in support of grant applications, and coordination of promotion and marketing efforts for cooperative programs and exchange activities.

Implementation of joint projects will be facilitated for **MoES** and **CCID**, which will assist in logistics, planning, and organizing program activities, e.g., re-training teachers, disseminating prepared curricula, organizing visits by each side to the other country, etc.

### IV. ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT

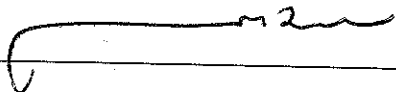
Both parties agree to monitor the progress of this basic agreement through generation of review-reports and exchange visits. Written correspondence and e-mail will be the customary working method of evaluation, but when necessary, meetings for consultation and decision will be held. Sub-agreements will explain how financial arrangements will be made to carry out specific activities envisioned under this agreement.

### V. DURATION OF AGREEMENT

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This agreement becomes effective upon signing by both parties and is continued under the signature of officials representing the two parties. Either party may terminate this agreement by giving written notice of termination to the other, with the understanding that any sub-agreements and elements of this cooperative agreement then in progress will be completed according to the provisions of the sub-agreement.

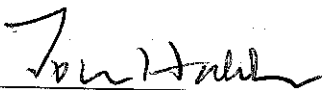
**FOR THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE OF GEORGIA**



Date: 6.4.2006

**Alexander Lomaia, Minister**

**FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, INC.**



Date: April 6<sup>th</sup> 2006

**John A. Halder, CCID President**