

# **COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**

**Between**

**Gori University  
Gori, Georgia**

**And**

**Community Colleges For International Development, Inc.  
United States of America**

This document represents an agreement between **Gori University** and **Community Colleges for International Development, Inc. (CCID)**.

## **I. OBJECTIVE**

The purpose of this agreement is to record the understanding and commitment of the two parties to the goal of promoting and strengthening the “Gori College” program which CCID and Gori University have jointly established and operated. The two parties have agreed as follows:

## **II. SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT**

The agreement covers the content and methodology operating at the College as of October 1, 2009 and any further cooperative ventures to be jointly established during the time of this cooperative agreement. Activities coming under the terms of this agreement will be based on the spirit of reciprocity and mutual benefit and may encompass the following areas: curriculum development, accreditation, teacher training, and business and community outreach in the areas of the four specialties already operating at the college, the vocational education program starting in fall 2009, and any others which may be developed during the future operation of this agreement; quality assurance and administration of the college study program; career services and other student development programs; exchange of faculty, staff, and administrators; student exchanges and study abroad activities; joint proposal development and exchange of consultants; cultural exchanges; short term training programs of mutual benefit; and other activities as mutually determined, from time to time.

The partners, assisted by the CCID office at Georgian Technical University, further agree to place a high priority on the following initiatives:

- continuing the high level of teaching and learning in the core curricula now operating: business English, hotel/hospitality, small business, agricultural business, and construction management subjects, as well as in ones that may be added;
- preserving the unique character of this higher professional education program serving students, employers, and the communities in the Shida Kartli region;
- meeting the requirements of accreditation by the Georgian Ministry of Education & Science of the academic program and the internship/practice program;
- participating in the development and operation of a network of colleges (and higher professional education programs) including other regions of Georgia; and
- sharing experiences and curricula via distance education among the colleges, which will contribute to Gori College’s sustainability and enhance Gori University’s status as an innovative higher educational institution serving students, employers, and the communities in the Shida Kartli region.

### III. PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

Gori University, on behalf of the Gori College program, and CCID, through the leadership initiatives undertaken by the CCID home office in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and the CCID representative office in Tbilisi, 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 for Gori College by Gori University and CCID. The needs of both parties will be registered, reviewed, and coordinated through consultation with each other.

Gori University, CCID, and the CCID representative office may support possible fund-raising efforts in Georgia, the U.S., and in other countries in support of projects which fall under this agreement. 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.

### IV. ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT

Both parties agree to monitor the progress of this basic agreement through generation of reports and, where possible, 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. Both parties agree with the importance of continuous communication between and among officials of Gori College, Gori University, and the CCID representative office at Georgian Technical University for these administrative activities. Any international travel to and within the receiving country will be covered by the visiting party or through grant funding.

### V. DURATION OF AGREEMENT

This agreement becomes effective upon signing by both parties under the signatures 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.

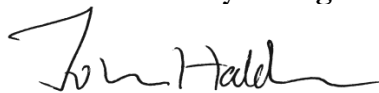
**FOR Gori University on behalf of Gori College**



**Zaza Tsotniashvili, Rector**

**Date: September 21, 2009**

**FOR Community Colleges for International Development, Inc.**



**John Halder, President**

**Date: September 4, 2009**