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**ADDENDUM  
BETWEEN  
THE STATE OF INDIANA  
AND  
THE WESTERN GOVERNORS UNIVERSITY**

The State of Indiana (“State”) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Western Governors University (“WGU”) in 1998 (“1998 MOU”). The State and WGU now desire to take certain steps to build upon the goals and objectives outlined in the 1998 MOU to provide greater access to higher education opportunities for Hoosier adults through new technologies and on-line learning by establishing WGU Indiana to serve Indiana students as described in this Addendum.

In furtherance thereof, the State and WGU will take the following steps:

1. The State, through an Executive Order, will, among other things, establish WGU Indiana in partnership with WGU to provide on-line, competency-based degrees for Indiana citizens with a particular focus on working adults. As an integral part of the establishment of WGU Indiana, the State pledges its support of WGU’s efforts in Indiana and will take the following actions:

A. The State will charter WGU Indiana to provide on-line, competency-based degree programs within Indiana.

B. Through the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (“CHE”), the State will recognize and endorse on-line, competency-based education as an important component of Indiana’s higher education system and of CHE’s efforts to achieve the performance goals regarding the same which CHE has established

and may identify in the future and shall work to eliminate unnecessary barriers to the delivery of such education programs provided by WGU Indiana.

C. Through the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, the State will explore methods for promoting on-line competency-based educational opportunities like WGU Indiana for those dislocated workers and other Hoosiers in need of seeking higher education achievement and Bachelor's degrees.

D. Through the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana ("SSACI"), the State has taken and will continue to take in the future all necessary steps to ensure that WGU Indiana students will be eligible to apply for and receive student financial aid on the same basis as students at Indiana's public universities. Pursuant to this Addendum, SSACI will exempt WGU and WGU Indiana from the following SSACI participation eligibility guideline criteria:

- a. Requiring a physical location of the campus in Indiana;
- b. Requiring that more than half of the provider's students at the applying campus must be taking more than half of their courses on site in a bricks and mortar setting.

E. Through the CHE and SSACI, the State will work with WGU Indiana to create an appropriate data sharing process for any information as may be required by state and Federal guidelines to demonstrate WGU Indiana's performance and ability to help the State achieve certain CHE goals for Indiana's higher education system.

2. WGU will undertake the following steps:

A. WGU will establish, in partnership with the State, WGU Indiana as a wholly controlled subsidiary of WGU under the laws of the State of Indiana.

B. WGU Indiana will have an office in Indiana and will staff such office with Hoosiers in positions for which they are qualified.

C. WGU Indiana will grant degrees under the current accreditation of WGU to Hoosier students who successfully satisfy WGU's competency-based degree requirements.

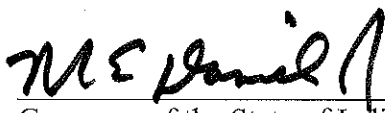
D. WGU will maintain its status as an accredited institution of higher education.

E. WGU will have a financial aid office in Indiana, will verify student residency each six-month term according to SSACI residency standards for state public universities, will establish a refund policy consistent with federal and SSACI guidelines, and will not reconcile payments from or through SSACI for students residing outside of Indiana.

F. WGU will cooperate with the State, CHE and SSACI and other organizations to assure that the objectives stated herein and in the 1998 MOU are achieved for the benefit of Hoosiers in need of higher education.

3. WGU Indiana will have an advisory board whose members shall be jointly appointed by the Governor and WGU.

This Indiana Addendum supplements the understandings between WGU and the State reflected in the 1998 MOU and does not alter or modify any other Memoranda of Understanding between WGU and any one or more other states.

  
Governor of the State of Indiana

Dated: 6/11, 2010

  
Western Governors University

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