**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**KANSAS CITY COMMUNITY-WIDE INFORMATION NETWORK**

Whereas, governments, institutions, and organizations in the Kansas City metropolitan area recognize the benefits for the metropolitan area of having robust regional data and a set of quality neighborhood indicators and a system for the public to access to this data; and

Whereas, the development and maintenance of such data and neighborhood indicators can only succeed with a collaborative effort of governments, institutions, and organizations; and

Whereas, the Community-Wide Information Network has the membership and mission to be the vehicle for this collaboration;

Therefore, the members of the Community-Wide Information Network (CWIN) recognize the following mission of the organization:

*The mission of the Community-Wide Information Network (CWIN) is to foster collaboration and learning around the development, maintenance, and use of regional data and a neighborhood information network for the Kansas City metropolitan area.*

*(Partner Organization)* determined that it desires to be a partner in the Community-Wide Information Network and therefore is entering this Memorandum of Understanding with CWIN and its fellow partners.

**Benefits**

The partner organization is joining CWIN through this Memorandum of Understanding because it anticipates the following benefits for its organization and the community it serves:

* CWIN will expand the availability of and access to regional and neighborhood level data and indicators which will help organizations, local governments, businesses, and the public make better decisions about their community
* CWIN will foster not only better access to data, but a better understanding of that data and how to use it and contribute to the region’s data IQ
* CWIN will enhance the validity of data that is made available by insisting on certain standards for data that becomes a part of the CWIN database
* CWIN will support the region’s membership in the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership (NNIP) and assist in providing access to its benefits
* CWIN will promote learning among its members
* My organization will benefit because it will have access to a richer array of data which will improve decision-making within my organization

**Partner Obligations**

By executing this Memorandum of Understanding *(Partner Organization)* assumes the following obligations in support of the Community-Wide Information Network and its mission:

* Offer the name of its organization in public support of CWIN and its activities
* Be actively engaged in CWIN activities, problem-solving, and decision-making
* Appoint a member of our organization as a representative to CWIN
* Provide CWIN access to regional and neighborhood level data managed by my organization subject to contractual and policy requirements governing the use of the data
* Provide to CWIN support in developing and maintaining the regional data and neighborhood indicators database and Web site
* Assist CWIN in promoting the use of regional data and neighborhood indicators
* Support and promote the standards established by the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership and CWIN in its efforts to meet and exceed these standards
* Assist CWIN in its mission by assisting in raising funds and in providing in-kind support when feasible

**CWIN Obligations**

CWIN is responsible for its mission, for providing the benefits enumerated above, and for providing a collaborative forum for the development, maintenance, and use of a robust regional data and neighborhood indicators database for the Kansas City metropolitan area. CWIN will support the membership of the region in the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership and assure adherence to its standards:

* Building and operating an advanced information system with integrated and recurrently updated information on neighborhood conditions in the region;
* Facilitating and promoting the direct practical use of data by community, city, and regional leaders in community building and local policy making; and
* Giving emphasis to using information to build the capacities of institutions and residents in distressed neighborhoods.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have signed this Agreement

PARTNER ORGANIZATION

By:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_