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AIR QUALITY MONITORING SITE LEASE

THIS LEASE ("Lease") is entered into by and between **Deschutes County, a political subdivision of the State of Oregon**, ("Landlord"), and the State of Oregon ("State") acting by and through its Department of Environmental Quality ("Tenant"). This Lease is effective when it has been executed by both Landlord and Tenant (the "Parties"), and all required approvals have been received (the "Effective Date").

BACKGROUND

- **A.** Landlord owns real property in Bend, Deschutes County, Oregon, at The Deschutes County Road Department location at 61150 SE 27th Street. (the "**Property**").
- **B.** Tenant operates an air quality monitoring program designed to provide public information regarding pollution concentrations and long-term trends from a wide array of airborne pollution sources.
- **C.** Tenant desires to renew and update the agreement to lease a portion of the Property for use in connection with its air quality monitoring program. This property provides a favorable location for an air monitoring site since it provides unobstructed exposure in many different directions and is situated down-wind from many possible air pollution sources. DEQ has monitored air quality at this location since 2008 and desires to remain at the Property for long term data continuity.
- **D.** Landlord desires to lease a portion of the Property to Tenant for air quality monitoring purposes.
- E. Lease entirely replaces and cancels the Revocable License 2008-026 as of March 1, 2023.

The Parties agree as follows:

1. <u>LEASE OF PREMISES</u>

Landlord hereby leases to Tenant a portion of the Property which includes an approximately 12ft x 12ft area located 110.5 ft westerly of the Hazmat Building, 80 ft Northerly of Building E, and 11.2 ft Southerly of chain link fence and is more particularly described and depicted in **Exhibit 1**] (the "**Premises**"), together with the right of unrestricted access, as further described in Section 10.

2. PERMITTED USE

Tenant may use the Premises for: (1) the construction, installation, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement and upgrade of a air quality monitoring station consisting of a 7ft x 7ft x 8ft high prefabricated instrument shelter and an adjacent 30ft meteorological tower, **together with**

any Third Party (as defined below) equipment (the "Monitoring Station"); and (2) the transmission of communications signals from the Monitoring Station. (collectively, the "Permitted Use"). Subject to the insurance and indemnification requirements provided in Sections 6 and 8, and in connection with Tenant's Permitted Use, third parties, including but not limited to Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") auditors, private researchers, representatives from academia, and industry representatives (the "Third Parties"), may also access the Premises with DEQ personnel and temporarily place equipment thereon for monitoring, evaluation, and comparison study purposes.

3. TERM

- (a) The term of this Lease is one (1) year, commencing on the Effective Date (the "**Term**").
- (b) Subject to the termination provisions in Section 5, at the expiration of the Term, this Lease will automatically renew for successive one (1) year terms (each a "**Renewal Term**"). Unless this Lease has been amended pursuant to Section 21, and subject to Section 4, Rent, each Renewal Term will be on the same terms and conditions as the Term.

4. <u>**RENT**</u>

- (a) The revocable access license issued by Landlord shall be without cost or charge to DEQ.
- (b) Tenant shall reimburse Landlord for non-submetered electrical service at agreed-upon flat rate detailed in section 12.
- (c) The Parties may renegotiate Rent prior to each Renewal Term.

5. <u>TERMINATION</u>

- (a) This Lease may be terminated as follows:
 - (A) By agreement of the Parties at any time.
 - (B) By Landlord upon sixty (60) days prior written notice to Tenant for any reason,
 - (C) In the event of a default by a Party under Section 13, by the non-defaulting party after thirty (30) days prior written notice, if the defaulting party remains in default after the applicable cure period set forth in the notice.
 - (D) Immediately, or at such later date as stated by Tenant upon written notice to Landlord, if Tenant: (1) determines in its sole discretion that the Monitoring Station does not meet Tenant's requirements for continued use as described in Section 2; or (2) experiences interference, in accordance with Section 7.
 - (E) By Tenant upon written notice to Landlord for any reason, at any time prior to Tenant's placement of the Monitoring Station at the Premises.
 - (F) By Tenant upon sixty (60) days prior written notice to Landlord for any reason.
 - (G) By Tenant in accordance with Section 14. The termination pursuant to this provision shall be without penalty and shall not constitute an event of default under any provision of this Lease.

6. **INSURANCE**

- (a) Tenant is self-insured pursuant to the State of Oregon Insurance Fund, ORS Chapter 278, and the state self-insurance program. Upon request by Landlord, Tenant shall provide written proof of self-insurance to Landlord.
- (b) Tenant shall require all Third Parties, excluding EPA, to: (A) obtain and maintain insurance equivalent to the insurance provided by Tenant hereunder, or a commensurate program of self-insurance, prior to accessing the Premises; and (B) maintain such insurance while accessing and using the Premises.

7. <u>INTERFERENCE</u>

- (a) Landlord shall not grant, after the date of this Lease, a lease, license or any other right to any third party for the use of the Property, if such use may in any way adversely affect or interfere with the Monitoring Station, the operations of Tenant or the rights of Tenant under this Lease.
- (b) Landlord shall not use, nor shall Landlord permit its employees, tenants, licensees, invitees or agents to use, any portion of the Property in any way which interferes with the Monitoring Station, the operations of Tenant or the rights of Tenant under this Lease. Landlord shall cause such interference to cease within twenty-four (24) hours after receipt of notice of interference from Tenant. In the event any such interference does not cease within the aforementioned cure period then the Parties acknowledge that Tenant will suffer irreparable injury, and therefore, Tenant may, in addition to any other rights that Tenant may have at law or in equity for Landlord's breach of this Lease, elect to enjoin such interference or to terminate this Lease upon notice to Landlord.

8. CONTRIBUTION/THIRD PARTY INDEMNIFICATION

- (a) If any third party makes any claim or brings any action, suit or proceeding alleging a tort as now or hereafter defined in ORS 30.260 (a "Third Party Claim") against a Party (the "Notified Party") with respect to which the other Party (the "Other Party") may have liability, the Notified Party shall promptly notify the Other Party in writing of the Third Party Claim and deliver to the Other Party, along with the written notice, a copy of the claim, process and all legal pleadings with respect to the Third Party Claim that have been received by the Notified Party. Each Party is entitled to participate in the defense of a Third Party Claim, and to defend a Third Party Claim with counsel of its own choosing. Receipt by the Other Party of the notice and copies required in this Section and a meaningful opportunity for the Other Party to participate in the investigation, defense and settlement of the Third Party Claim with counsel of its own choosing are conditions precedent to the Other Party's contribution obligation under this Section 8 with respect to the Third Party Claim.
- (b) With respect to a Third Party Claim for which Tenant is jointly liable with Landlord (or would be if joined in the Third Party Claim), Tenant shall contribute to the amount of expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred and paid or payable by Landlord in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative fault of Tenant on the one hand and of Landlord on the other hand in connection with the events that resulted in such expenses, judgments, fines or settlement amounts, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative fault of Tenant on the one hand and of Landlord on the other hand shall be determined by reference to, among other

things, the Parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent the circumstances resulting in such expenses, judgments, fines or settlement amounts. Tenant's contribution amount in any instance is capped to the same extent it would have been capped under Oregon law if the State of Oregon had sole liability in the proceeding.

- (c) With respect to a Third Party Claim for which Landlord is jointly liable with Tenant (or would be if joined in the Third Party Claim), Landlord shall contribute to the amount of expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred and paid or payable by Tenant in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative fault of Landlord on the one hand and of Tenant on the other hand in connection with the events that resulted in such expenses, judgments, fines or settlement amounts, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative fault of Landlord on the one hand and of Tenant on the other hand shall be determined by reference to, among other things, the Parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent the circumstances resulting in such expenses, judgments, fines or settlement amounts. Landlord's contribution amount in any instance is capped to the same extent it would have been capped under Oregon law if it had sole liability in the proceeding.
- (d) TENANT SHALL REQUIRE ALL THIRD PARTIES, EXCLUDING EPA, TO INDEMNIFY AND DEFEND LANDLORD FROM AND AGAINST ANY LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY OR DAMAGE TO LIFE OR PROPERTY ARISING OUT OF, OR RELATING TO THE INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT OR RECKLESS OR NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF THIRD PARTIES OR THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS.

9. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

- (a) Landlord represents and warrants as follows:
 - (A) Landlord is a public County Government, duly organized and validly existing. Landlord has the power and authority to enter into and perform this Lease.
 - (B) When delivered and executed, this Lease will be a valid and legally binding obligation of the Landlord enforceable in accordance with its terms.
 - (C) Landlord owns the Property.
 - (D) To the best of Landlord's knowledge, the Property is in full compliance with applicable state and federal environmental laws and regulations affecting it.
 - (E) The Property is not encumbered by any liens, restrictions, mortgages, covenants, conditions, easements, leases, or any other agreements of record or not of record, which would adversely affect Tenant's Permitted Use and enjoyment of the Premises under this Lease.
 - (F) Landlord's execution and performance of this Lease does not violate any laws, ordinances, covenants or the provisions of any mortgage, lease or other agreement binding on the Landlord.

- (G) The individual signing this Lease for Landlord has the authority to enter into this Lease on behalf of Landlord.
- (b) Tenant represents and warrants as follows:
 - (A) It has the right, power and authority to enter into and perform this Lease.
 - (B) When delivered and executed, the Lease will be a valid and legally binding obligation of Tenant, enforceable in accordance with its terms.
 - (C) The individual signing this Lease for Tenant has the authority to enter into this Lease on behalf of Tenant.

10. ACCESS

Landlord hereby grants to Tenant, its employees, agents, contractors, Tenant's successors and assigns, and Third Parties at all times throughout the Term of this Lease and any Renewal Term, **twenty-four (24) hour per day, seven (7) day per week access to the Premises.** In addition, Landlord agrees to provide to Tenant and Third Parties such codes, keys and other instruments necessary for such access at no additional cost.

11. <u>REMOVAL/RESTORATION</u>

All portions of the Monitoring Station brought onto the Property by Tenant shall be and remain Tenant's personal property and, at Tenant's option, may be removed by Tenant at any time during the Term. Landlord covenants and agrees that no part of the Monitoring Station installed or placed on the Premises by Tenant will become, or be considered as being affixed to or a part of, the Property, it being the specific intention of the Landlord that all improvements of every kind and nature installed or placed by Tenant on the Premises remain the property of Tenant and may be removed by Tenant at any time during the Term. Within thirty (30) days of the termination of this Lease, Tenant shall remove the Monitoring Station and Tenant shall, to the extent reasonable, restore the Premises to its condition at the commencement of this Lease, reasonable wear and tear and loss by casualty or other causes beyond Tenant's control excepted.

12. MAINTENANCE/UTILITIES

- (a) Tenant shall keep and maintain the Premises in good condition, reasonable wear and tear and damage from the elements excepted. Landlord shall maintain and repair the Property, excluding the Premises, and access thereto, in good and useable condition, subject to reasonable wear and tear and damage from the elements.
- (b) Tenant shall pay all utility charges for electricity or any other utility used by Tenant on the Premises. In the event Tenant cannot secure its own metered electrical supply, Tenant may: (A) pay an agreed-upon flat fee to Landlord for Landlord-provided electricity; or (B) submeter from the Landlord at Tenant's cost and expense. The agreed-upon flat rate fee to Landlord is \$30.00 monthly, payable in an annual payment of \$360.00.
- (c) The Parties may renegotiate the agreed-upon flat rate prior to each Renewal Term.

13. <u>DEFAULT AND RIGHT TO CURE</u>

(a) The following will be deemed a default by Tenant and a breach of this Lease: (i) non-payment of Rent if such Rent remains unpaid for more than thirty (30) days after receipt of

written notice from Landlord of such failure to pay; or (ii) Tenant's failure to perform any other term or condition under this Lease within forty-five (45) days after receipt of written notice from Landlord specifying the failure. No such failure, however, will be deemed to exist if Tenant (1) has commenced to cure such default within such period and provided that such efforts are prosecuted to completion with reasonable diligence and (2) has a good faith basis upon which to challenge the alleged failure. Delay in curing a default will be excused if due to causes beyond the reasonable control of Tenant. If Tenant remains in default beyond any applicable cure period, Landlord may exercise any and all rights and remedies available to it under law and equity.

(b) Landlord's failure to perform any term, condition, or breach of any warranty or covenant under this Lease within forty-five (45) days after receipt of written notice from Tenant specifying the failure will be deemed a default by Landlord. No such failure, however, will be deemed to exist if Landlord has commenced to cure the default within such period and provided such efforts are prosecuted to completion with reasonable diligence. Delay in curing a default will be excused if due to causes beyond the reasonable control of Landlord. If Landlord remains in default beyond any applicable cure period, Tenant may exercise any and all rights available to it under law and equity, including the right to cure Landlord's default and to deduct the costs of such cure from any monies due to Landlord from Tenant.

14. AVAILABLE FUNDS

The State of Oregon's payment obligations under this Lease are conditioned upon Tenant receiving funding, appropriations, limitations, allotments, or other expenditure authority sufficient to allow Tenant, in the exercise of its reasonable administrative discretion, to meet its payment obligations under this Lease. Nothing in this Lease is to be construed as permitting any violation of Article XI, Section 7 of the Oregon Constitution or any law regulating liabilities or monetary obligations of the State of Oregon.

15. ASSIGNMENT/SUBLEASE

Tenant shall not assign this Lease or sublet any portion of Tenant's rights under this Lease without Landlord's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

16. NOTICES

All notices, requests, demands and communications hereunder must be given by first class certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, or by a nationally recognized overnight courier, postage prepaid, to be effective when properly sent and received, refused or returned undelivered. Notices must be addressed to the Parties as follows:

If to Tenant: Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality – LEAD

7202 NE Evergreen Pkwy. Suite 150

Hillsboro, OR 97124-6166

Attn: Air Quality Monitoring Manager

If to Landlord: Deschutes County Property Management

If to Payment: P.O. Box 6005

Bend, OR 97703

Attn: Property Manager (541) 385-1414

Either party hereto may change the place for the giving of notice to it by thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other as provided herein.

17. SEVERABILITY

If any term or condition of this Lease is found unenforceable, the remaining terms and conditions will remain binding upon the Parties as though said unenforceable provision were not contained herein. However, if the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision materially affects this Lease then the Lease may be terminated by either Party on ten (10) business days prior written notice to the other party hereto.

18. <u>CONDEMNATION</u>

If during the Term there is a taking or damaging of all or any portion of the Property by the exercise of any governmental power, whether by legal proceedings or otherwise, or a transfer by Landlord either under threat of condemnation or while legal proceedings for condemnation are pending (a "Condemnation"), such that there can be no reasonable use of the Property by Tenant, this Lease will terminate on the date the government agency has the right to possession of the property being condemned. In the event of Condemnation, Landlord shall reimburse Tenant for any prepaid Rent on a prorata basis. If during the Term there is a partial taking of a part of the Property by condemnation, and Landlord and Tenant determine that a reasonable use can be made of the Premises, then this Lease will remain in effect. In the event of a partial taking of the Property, the Parties shall negotiate revised Rent if the Tenant's use of the Premises is adversely impacted or restricted in any manner.

19. CASUALTY

If any part of the Monitoring Station or Property is damaged by fire or other casualty so as to render the Premises unsuitable, in Tenant's sole determination, then Tenant may terminate this Lease by providing written notice to the Landlord, which termination will be effective as of the date of such damage or destruction. Upon such termination, Tenant may collect all insurance proceeds payable to Tenant on account thereof, and Landlord shall reimburse Tenant for any prepaid Rent on a prorata basis.

20. <u>LIMITATION OF LIABILITY</u>

Except for the liability arising under or related to Section 8 of this Lease, neither Party is liable to the other for any indirect, incidental, consequential, or special damages under this Lease.

21. AMENDMENT AND WAIVER

This Lease cannot be amended, modified or revised unless done in writing and signed by an authorized agent of Landlord and an authorized agent of Tenant. No provision may be waived except in a writing signed by both Parties.

22. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Lease and the exhibits attached hereto, all being a part hereof, constitute the entire agreement of the Parties hereto and supersede all prior offers, negotiations and agreements with respect to the subject matter of this Lease.

23. GOVERNING LAW, VENUE AND CONSENT TO JURISDICTION

This Lease shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Oregon without regard to principles of conflicts of law. Any claim, action, suit or proceeding between Landlord and Tenant shall be brought and conducted solely and exclusively within the Circuit Court of Marion County for the State of Oregon. LANDLORD, BY EXECUTION OF THIS LEASE, HEREBY CONSENTS TO THE IN PERSONAM JURISDICTION OF SAID COURT.

24. <u>COUNTERPARTS</u>

This Lease may be executed in two or more counterparts, by facsimile or otherwise, each of which is an original, and all of which together are deemed one and the same instrument, notwithstanding that all Parties are not signatories to the same counterpart.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Lease to be effective as of the last date written below.

"LANDLORD"	"TENANT"
Deschutes County	State of Oregon acting by and through its
Board of County Commissioners	Department of Environmental Quality
By:	By: Tom Roick
Print Name: ANTHONY DEBONE	Print Name: Tom Roick
Title: Chair	Title: Air Quality Monitoring Manager
Date:	Date:1/31/2023
By:	
Print Name: PATTI ADAIR	
Title: Vice Chair	
Date:	
By:	
Print Name: PHIL CHANG	
Title: Commissioner	
Date:	
ATTEST:	
Recording Secretary	

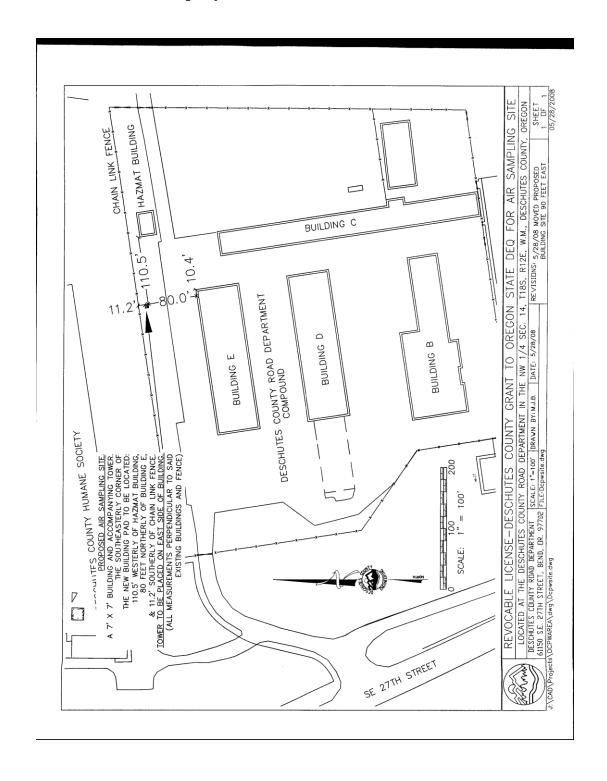
EXHIBIT 1

DESCRIPTION AND DEPICTION OF PREMISES

A 7ft x 7ft x 8ft high prefabricated instrument shelter and an adjacent 30ft meteorological tower. This infrastructure has been established since 2008.



Location of Premises on Property.





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POLICY MANUAL

Issuing Program: Risk Management

Subject: Liability Self-Insurance Policy Manual

(Agency Liability Policy)

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I. Purpose

Under Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) Chapter 278 and ORS 30.260-300, the state pays its own cost of resolving tort liability claims. The state Insurance Fund provides self-insurance that pays the state's legal liability for torts and legal defense cost. These services are provided to state agencies by the Department of Administrative Services, Enterprise Goods & Services Risk Management program.

This purpose of this policy manual is to establish the liability self-insurance coverage, for state agencies alone, by the Insurance Fund and the conditions, standards, and other requirements that govern or control the use of this coverage. It does not purport to create, define or otherwise affect the rights or powers of anyone except the state's agencies. It does not limit or define the state's rights or defenses in any action at law. This policy does not affect any insurance policy we may own. Should any provision in this policy be contrary to law, the law prevails. This edition applies to all claims with a date of loss on or after the effective date of this policy.

Changes and exceptions to the terms of this policy manual are only effective if the Enterprise Goods & Services Administrator or Risk Manager signs a written policy Amendment or Endorsement. This policy manual is subject to change without prior notice.

Additional liability coverage and related information may also be available under:

- Policy 125-7-101, Property Self-Insurance Policy Manual;
- Policy 125-7-202, Liability Self-Insurance Policy Manual for State Officers, Employees, and Agents;
- Policy 125-7-203, Employee Dishonesty Self-Insurance Policy Manual;
- Policy 125-7-204, Volunteer Injury Coverage Policy
- Policy 125-7-301, Aircraft and Pilot Standards
- Policy 125-7-401, Alcohol Risk Control Policy
- Policy 125-7-501, State Business & Travel Status Policy, and
- OAR Chapter 125, Division 155, State Vehicle Use and Access

II. Self-Insurance Agreement

The Insurance Fund pays tort liability claims for harm wrongly or negligently done by or on behalf of the state and defends against claims including claims that appear false or unfounded. This self-insurance policy includes the following lines of coverage for state agency tort liability, unless the loss is otherwise excluded or limited in this policy manual:

- A. General Tort Liability
- B. Vehicle Liability & Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist
- C. Fair Labor Standards Act Claims

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III. General Definitions and Exclusions

Throughout this policy manual, "you" and "your" refer to the state and its agencies. "Staff" refers to your officers, employees and agents unless otherwise specified. "We" "us" and "our" refer to the Department of Administrative Services, Enterprise Goods & Services Risk Management. General Definitions and Exclusions apply to all lines of coverage. Other terms have the meaning stated in each respective line of coverage definition and exclusion section.

General Definitions

- A. Agency means a board, commission, department, division, institution or branch of the State of Oregon. A public corporation is an agency if we have agreed in writing to provide its legal liability.
- B. **Agent**. The courts are likely to decide someone is your agent if that person performs a duty or function on your behalf and is subject to the direction and control of you or your staff. That direction and control applies to the method, manner, means, location and timing of the duty or function.
- C. **Claim** means a formal assertion, notice or demand seeking damages by or on behalf of a third party alleging that you or your staff harmed someone by committing a tort.
- D. Contract means any purported agreement or promise which is asserted to impose upon you a legal duty to perform or refrain from some action. The contract need not meet all the contractual tests of legal enforceability. It may be created by operation of law or by federal or state administrative regulations which define benefits or procedures you have chosen to administer.
- E. **Damages** mean all sums recoverable by law from any liability claim covered under this policy manual including judgment awards, settlements, penalties and awards of plaintiff's attorney fees or court costs in connection with a tort claim.
- F. **Losses** mean our costs of defense, damages and related costs for claims against you or your staff. If a claim names multiple defendants or an incorrect defendant, we will determine to whom losses will be charged for premium allocation purposes. Losses also include employee dishonesty losses under this policy manual.
- G. **Property Damage** means injury to or destruction of tangible property.
- H. State Business (or official state business or state duties) means any activity directed and controlled by a state agency to advance the lawful policies and purposes of the agency. Note: State law requires a narrow interpretation of state business when it involves any use of vehicles. Coverages under this policy require that you were acting in the scope of your employment or duties. Essentially that means you were engaged in state business at the direction and control of your agency. To determine that, we may look at your position description, your agency's enabling statutes, and other helpful sources.
- Tort is defined by statute as the breach of a legal duty that is imposed by law, other than a
 duty arising from contract or quasi-contract, the breach of which results in injury to a specific
 person or persons for which the law provides a civil right of action for damages or for a
 protective remedy.

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In evaluating a claim to determine whether it is covered as a tort, we look for these elements:

- 1. A breach by you or your staff of a legal duty that is not established by a contract or under related contractual theories.
- 2. The breach of duty must inflict injury to a particular person or class in a manner that is distinct from the injury that the breach inflicts on the general public.
- 3. The law must provide for, and the claimant must be claiming, damages or some type of protective relief (injunction, declaratory judgment, writ of mandamus) for that injury.
- 4. Special injury to a particular person or class is a legal element of the relevant claim or of its statutory remedy. (If the complainant may obtain the same remedy without alleging an injury different from the injury to the general public, the claim generally is not a tort.)
- 5. The procedural conditions for bringing a particular claim are consistent with and can be satisfied without violating the Tort Claims Act (ORS 30.260-300) procedural system (statute of limitations, notice requirements, etc.).
- 6. There are indications of a legislative intent that the Tort Claims Act not apply to the claim (for example, the claim could already have been brought against the state before the Tort Claims act was passed in 1967).

The first three are essential elements. The rest help us determine claims which remain arguable.

J. **Volunteer**: An unpaid person appointed by a state agency to work on its behalf. Volunteers are appointed to do state business under agency direction and control. They receive no remuneration. In this policy, volunteer and agent may be used interchangeably unless the context requires otherwise. See further definition of agent.

General Exclusions

- 1. Costs of preventing claims. Each agency must take reasonable steps to prevent wrongful acts or foreseeable harm to people who may encounter its property, staff or activities.
- 2. Legal costs you incur before you report a claim to us or any costs or claims which you have already paid or promised to pay without our approval. Note: You may not deny, approve, pay or defend tort claims for yourself. You may not pay someone to withdraw or abandon a tort claim. We must administer all claims. Even without this exclusion, no state official may, without statutory authority, use public monies to pay anyone for any kind of demand or claim which is not a valid obligation of the State. Avoid personal liability; call us or your counsel if you are unsure.
- 3. Costs of complying with a protective remedy. This exclusion also applies to fines, penalties, contempt citations or judgments for your delayed conformance to a court's order. Awards of plaintiff's attorney fees are not excluded.
- 4. Double-dipping. Court awards or judgments for (i) payment of goods or services you have received and for which you should have paid; (ii) For the payment of monies you are withholding in your accounts; or (iii) Payment or transfer of funds required by law, rule or contract which you have refused to pay. This exclusion applies, for example, to wages and

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related taxes or benefits you may be ordered to pay. It applies to money the court concludes you are wrongfully withholding. Awarded penalties and plaintiff's costs and your defense are not excluded.

- 5. Civil fines or penalties imposed by federal or state agencies.
- 6. Defense or damages for alleged torts by your staff which are excluded from coverage by the Liability Self-Insurance Policy Manual for Officers, Employees and Agents.
- 7. Contractual liability. Liabilities created by contract. You may not extend coverage to anyone who is not covered as a matter of law and of fact without our knowledge and written permission. Only we may obligate the Insurance Fund or issue certificates of self-insurance or endorsements thereto on behalf of the state.
- 8. Medical treatment costs for persons in state custody unless treatment is for injury caused by a tort committed by you or your staff.
- 9. Non-torts. Except as provided for mixed claims, defense or damages for claims that do not meet the definition of 'tort', and claims that we have historically regarded as 'non-tort' in our administration of the Insurance Fund. A list of these "non-tort" claims includes, but is not limited to the following:
 - a. Administrative Procedures. Administrative hearings or other proceedings under ORS Chapter 183 or other statutes, including judicial review or appeals of your administrative orders, hearings or rules.
 - b. "CERCLA" Cost-Recovery Claims. Claims/actions brought by the United States Government, or any other person, for recovery of costs incurred in removing or cleaningup hazardous substances, under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 ("CERCLA"), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, 42 USC 9601 et seg.
 - c. Contract Issues. Breach of contract, contract disputes, disputes over requests for proposals, bid openings and selection, and related causes of action.
 - d. Election Law Claims. Appeals from acts or omissions of election officers under elections laws brought pursuant to ORS 246.910.
 - e. Habeas Corpus. Actions brought to challenge the legality of confinement, conditions of confinement, conviction or sentence under state and federal constitutions and statutes.
 - f. Public Meetings Law Claims. Actions brought to require compliance, prevent violations, and/or determine the applicability of public meetings law, ORS 192.610 to 192.690, pursuant to ORS 192.680.
 - g. Public Records Law Claims. Actions brought for disclosure of public records under public records law, ORS 192.410 to 192.505.
- 10. Challenges to election law requirements of ballot titles, measure explanations, and related technical allegations customarily administered by the Secretary of State's Election Division.

This exclusion does NOT apply to substantive constitutional claims regardless of attorney fee requests, which include but are not limited to, revision claims, single subject claims, and Guaranty Clause claims.

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- 11. Allegations that the Department of Consumer and Business Services has violated requirements of workers' compensation law in its handling of workers' compensation claim(s).
- 12. Allegations of inverse condemnation or of damage to properties adjacent to a highway project, and appeals over the condemnation or takings of real property rights and interests by the Department of Transportation, Highway Division.
- 13. Allegations that the Department of Water Resources has harmed someone by taking administrative actions of issuing orders that impair, reduce, deny or cut-off any right to take or use water.
- 14. Challenges to environmental studies, reports, or findings; or to alleged environmental impacts; or allegations of federal environmental regulation; all in connection with construction projects federally funded through a state agency.

Note: these exclusions from coverage do not mean that these allegations or challenges do not constitute or contain tort allegations. Rather, these are delegated to the named agencies to resolve at their direct expense and, with the Department of Justice, to defend against any torts that arise within these exclusions.

IV. General Tort Liability

A. Coverage

Subject to the provisions of this policy manual:

- Tort Claims Seeking Money Damages. We will pay damages or defend claims against you
 for your alleged torts. Coverage for your staff, while acting within the scope of their
 employment or duties, is described in our Liability Self-Insurance Policy Manual for State
 Officers, Employees, and Agents.
- 2. **Tort Claims Seeking Non-Monetary, Protective Remedies.** We will defend you against actions seeking a protective remedy for an alleged tort. We will also defend non-tort mandamus actions against the Judicial Department or its staff and against District Attorneys, all in their official capacities. We will also pay awards of plaintiff's attorney fees.
- 3. Mixed Claim Coverage.
 - a. If non-tort elements of a Mixed Claim arise from a contract, we will defend the non-tort portion of the Mixed Claim against you or your staff only while the part of the claim which alleges a tort continues to be pled and has not been dismissed or withdrawn. If the dismissal of the tort elements is appealed, we will offer to resume defense of the non-tort portion of the Mixed Claim while the tort continues to be appealed. The coverage is for defense cost only.
 - b. Coverage for the **tort** portion of the mixed claim will be provided as stated under IV. General Tort Liability, A. 1. & 2.
- 4. Constitutional Challenges. We will pay the cost to defend declaratory or injunctive actions seeking to prevent implementation of new state laws if the legal action alleges the new law is unconstitutional. The new law must have been written by the Legislative Assembly or by citizen-petitioners and not have been drafted by a state agency.

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B. Definitions

- Declaratory Judgment Action is the legal determination of a court that resolves legal
 uncertainty for the litigants. It is a form of legally binding preventive adjudication by which a
 party involved in an actual or possible legal matter can ask a court to conclusively rule on
 and affirm the rights, duties, or obligations of one or more parties in a civil dispute (subject to
 any appeal).
- 2. **Employment claim** means a tort claim based on a state employee's legally protected employment rights and interests. It does not include claims based on rights or interests arising out of collective bargaining agreements or other contracts.
- Mixed claim means a legal action which is not excluded from coverage and which
 complains of torts and of contractual breaches or other issues which do not fall within the
 definition of tort.
- 4. Injunctive Action is a court order directing a party to do or cease doing a specific action.
- 5. **Protective remedy** means legal actions which seek declaratory judgment, injunctive relief or writs of mandamus as remedies for torts.
- 6. **Writ of Mandamus** is an order from a court to an inferior government official ordering the government official to properly fulfill their official duties or correct an abuse of discretion.

C. Exclusions

Except as expressly provided, we do not pay for liability arising out of any General Exclusions under III, GENERAL EXCLUSIONS.

D. Limits of Liability

Your liability to most tort claims is limited by the Oregon Tort Claims Act in ORS 30.260 to 30.300. There is no limit on your amount of coverage for tort claims under this policy manual.

Coverage for the non-tort portion of a Mixed Claim is only for defense cost and is limited as described under IV. General Tort Liability, A. 3. a.

E. Deductibles

There are no deductibles. However, we may require that any primary insurance or valid and collectible insurance be applied before the state's self-insurance.

F. Conditions for Coverage

- 1. Cooperate fully with us and the Department of Justice. Coverage may be forfeited if you fail to cooperate honestly and fully in our investigation, settlement or defense, and recovery of loss from the claim. If coverage is forfeited, you will be informed in writing of our decision and the reason for the decision.
- 2. You must comply with the terms and conditions of this policy manual.

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G. Claim Filing

Per ORS 30.275, only a claimant or representative of a claimant can provide notice of claim, and the claim must be submitted to us.

H. Right of Recovery

If we defend or pay damages on a claim, we have the right to recover costs or damages from any party in connection with the claim. We will handle any recovery actions. Our recovery will reduce your losses used in fixing your future billings for coverage. If our recovery efforts could have repercussion on your agency, please notify us of your concern in writing. Recovery, excess of our coverage and costs, will be paid to you.

V. Vehicle Liability

A. Coverage

- 1. **State Vehicle Liability**. We will pay or defend claims against you for property damage or bodily injury to others while your staff operates a state auto or any other state vehicle within the scope of their employment or duties.
- 2. Personal or Private Vehicle Liability. If you authorize your staff to use a personal or private auto on state business, he or she is responsible to carry the minimum liability insurance required by law. Likewise, for private boats, airplanes or other vehicles, he or she is responsible to carry normal and reasonable liability insurance. If your staff operates a personal or private auto, boat, airplane or other vehicle on state business, their personal liability insurance policies are primary and our coverage is secondary. If the amount of liability to third parties exceeds their private policy limits, we will indemnify them according to our policy manuals.

B. Definitions

Additional definitions relating to Vehicle Liability are included in section III, General Definitions.

- 1. **Accident** means a sudden vehicular event allegedly causing unplanned and unexpected damage to property or injury to a specific person or persons.
- 2. **Private or personal vehicle** means a vehicle owned by your staff or any vehicle not owned, rented or leased by, nor in the possession or control of, the state.
- 3. State vehicle means a motor vehicle owned, commercially rented, borrowed, leased, or otherwise under the possession and control of the state. A commercially rented vehicle is a state vehicle if it is rented and used by a duly authorized employee at the cost of the state, solely for official state business. A vehicle, owned by DAS and lawfully rented to a local government or other non-state entity, is not a state vehicle for purposes of this policy. A state vehicle used for any purpose other than official state business is used unlawfully and at the personal liability of the driver.

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C. Exclusions

Except as expressly provided in this policy, we do not pay for anything excluded under Section III. General Exclusions or any of the following:

 Any other coverage for private vehicles. Except for the excess vehicle liability coverage described, we do not provide any coverage under this policy for any kind of private vehicle (motor vehicle, boat, airplane, or others), regardless of its use, authorization, or contract terms.

D. Limits of Liability

Your liability to most tort claims is limited by the Oregon Tort Claims Act in ORS 30.260 to 30.300. There is no limit on your amount of coverage for tort claims under this policy manual.

Coverage for the non-tort portion of a Mixed Claim is only for defense cost and is limited as described under IV. General Tort Liability, A. 3. a.

E. Deductibles

There are no deductibles. However, we may require that any primary insurance or valid and collectible insurance be applied before the state's self-insurance.

F. Conditions of Coverage

- Cooperate fully with us and the Department of Justice. Coverage may be forfeited if you
 fail to cooperate honestly and fully in our investigation, settlement or defense, and recovery
 of loss from the claim. If coverage is forfeited, you will be informed in writing of our decision
 and the reason for the decision.
- 2. You must comply with the terms and conditions of this policy manual.

G. Claim Filing

Per ORS 30.275, only a claimant or representative of a claimant can provide notice of claim, and the claim must be submitted to us.

VI. Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) Claims

A. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to insure agencies against unexpected budget disruption for claims alleging violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), promote accountability of agencies that violate the FLSA, and prevent additional exposure to the state for tax, benefit or other liabilities when paying wage settlements/awards.

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B. Coverage

1. We will defend, settle, or pay damages for a defendant agency. FLSA damages may include wages, liquidated damages, reinstatement and attorney fees.

C. Definitions

Additional definitions relating to FLSA Claims are included in section III, General Definitions.

- 1. **Exempt Employees** means employees working in occupations and establishments that are exempt from the minimum wage and/or overtime pay provisions, with the largest category: the managerial exemption (usually referred to as "exempt employees")
- 2. Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) is the federal law that sets the federal minimum wage, overtime pay, recordkeeping and child labor standards on full-time and part-time workers in the private sector and in federal, state, and local governments. It also includes recordkeeping obligations for employers for each covered, nonexempt worker concerning the hours worked and the wages earned.

D. Exclusions

Except as expressly provided in this policy, we do not pay for anything excluded under Section III. General Exclusions or any of the following:

- 1. We do not pay for costs of employee benefits, nor for agency staff time or other agency expenses.
- 2. Double-dipping. Court awards or judgments for (i) payment of goods or services you have received and for which you should have paid; (ii) For the payment of monies you are withholding in your accounts; or (iii) Payment or transfer of funds required by law, rule or contract which you have refused to pay. This exclusion applies, for example, to wages and related taxes or benefits you may be ordered to pay. It applies to money the court concludes you are wrongfully withholding. Awarded penalties and plaintiff's costs and your defense are not excluded.

E. Deductibles

There are no deductibles. However, the state is not normally insured for FLSA risks covered by this policy manual. Therefore, any valid and collectible insurance is normally primary, paying before these self-insured coverages.

F. Conditions of Coverage

- Cooperate fully with us and the Department of Justice. Coverage may be forfeited if you fail to cooperate honestly and fully in our investigation, settlement or defense, and recovery of loss from the claim. If is coverage forfeited, you will be informed in writing of our decision and the reason for the decision.
- 2. You must comply with the terms and conditions of this policy manual.

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G. Loss Settlement

- With our and Department of Justice approval the defendant agency pays the wage portion of any settlement/award to the claimant(s) through its payroll system with appropriate deductions. We will then reimburse the agency for the wage portion of any settlement/award.
- 2. Alternatively, when it is in the state's interest to do so, we may elect to pay a compromised lump sum settlement. In that case, the claimants will indemnify the state for any benefit or tax liability.

Wages, liquidated damages, attorney fees (both defendant and plaintiff), and compromised settlements will accrue as regular losses in the agency's loss history, which determines future risk charges.

VII. Special Services

Do you have any special needs to cover losses excluded by our policy manuals? Contact us. Options may include amending our policy manuals, endorsing a special coverage for your unique need, developing a new plan of self-insurance, obtaining commercial insurance or controlling the risk to remove the need for coverage.

The major limits on revisions and new coverages are that they should be legal, consistent with statewide risk management policy and timed or funded to merge with budget processes. Some changes require approval of the Emergency Board.

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