Thank you for your interest in sponsoring a course project at the University of Maryland ("UMD"). The project will offer students an opportunity to apply their knowledge to a real-world case study by focusing on a challenge of interest to the project sponsor.

In exchange for providing sponsorship funds and mentorship to the students, project sponsors gain access to project results that can be applied to their own business practices if desired.

In order to sponsor a project, authorized representatives of the Sponsor and UMD must sign the Academic Course Project Sponsorship Agreement, which contains the basic terms and conditions of sponsorship. Due to the small size of the project and short timeframe, UMD is unable to make any substantive changes to the Agreement so the terms should be considered amongst the determining factors of whether or not to sponsor a project.

Sponsors should consider the following prior to signing the Academic Course Project Sponsorship Agreement:

- **Public information**: UMD is a public academic institution and cannot agree to restrict release of project information including the identity of the sponsor, the existence and nature of the agreement and project results (other than sponsor-furnished confidential or proprietary information).
- **Project results**: UMD faculty and students will use reasonable efforts to conduct the project but do not guarantee any particular results or deliverables. UMD and its students make no guarantee or warranty on the quality of project results.
- **Confidential information**: UMD can agree to use reasonable efforts to protect sponsor-furnished confidential or proprietary information but will not accept liability for any unauthorized releases or uses of such information. As a result, sponsors are strongly discouraged from providing any sensitive company information to course participants where an accidental disclosure could be harmful to the sponsor. Students are not permitted to sign sponsor NDAs. UMD can furnish approved NDA for projects if required by the sponsor.
- **Intellectual Property (IP)**: UMD policy requires that students own IP they create in connection with course work. UMD cannot require students to assign their IP to project sponsors. Students may, however, voluntarily elect to grant a sponsor a non-exclusive royalty free license to use their project results. If the sponsor wants such a license, it must notify the program before the deadline for students to select their project so students can take that into consideration in deciding on project selection. UMD has prepared a non-exclusive royalty free IP license that must be used for this purpose and is not negotiable.
- **Consideration to Students**: If the sponsor wants students to grant an IP license, the sponsor should provide appropriate consideration to students.
- **Publication**: With the exception of confidential information Company properly discloses to UMD in connection with the Research Project, Project Results may be published by students without any Company restrictions provided that students submit the publication to Company at least thirty (30) days in advance of its anticipated release date for Company to review for the inclusion of Company confidential or patentable information.
• **Other agreements**: Sponsors are not permitted to require students to sign any contracts with them in connection with their participation in the project unless UMD has given its prior written approval to the agreements.

• **Export controlled information**: UMD faculty and students may be non-US persons as defined in US export laws. The sponsor is prohibited from sharing export-controlled information with students.