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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF

The Computing Center of Excellence, Inc.

(Corporation Name)

Under Section 402 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law

FIRST: The name of the corporation is:

The Computing Center of Excellence, Inc.

SECOND: The corporation is a corporation as defined in subparagraph (5) of paragraph (a) of Section 102 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law.

THIRD: *(Select all that apply)*

The purpose(s) for which the corporation is formed is:

- any purpose for which corporations may be organized under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law as a charitable corporation.
- any purpose for which corporations may be organized under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law as a non-charitable corporation.
- any purpose for which corporations may be organized under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law as a charitable corporation or as a non-charitable corporation. *(Note: Checking this box results in the corporation being categorized as a charitable corporation in paragraph FIFTH.)*
- the following specific purpose(s).

The Corporation is formed for the following charitable purposes:

(a) to provide multi-disciplinary scientific research and education for government and industry with an emphasis on the area of cyber security, trusted secure computer systems and software operating systems therefor, provided that such scientific research shall not be of a kind conducted as a part of commercial or industrial operations; (b) to conduct such scientific research and education for the benefit of the public and not the for commercialization of products or processes developed by the scientific research; (c) to promote education of the public on subjects beneficial to individuals and communities by publishing information and hosting public forums and workshops; and (d) to facilitate education and the sharing of scientific knowledge in trusted secure computer systems and computer software operating systems between public and private institutions, including the Air Force Research Laboratory at Rome, and New York based colleges and universities, private businesses and not-for-profit entities.

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FOURTH: (Check the appropriate statement)

- The corporation is not formed to engage in any activity or for any purpose requiring consent or approval of any state official, department, board, agency or other body. No consent or approval is required.
- The corporation is formed to engage in an activity or for a purpose requiring consent or approval of a state official, department, board, agency or other body. Such consent or approval is attached.

FIFTH: The corporation is a: charitable corporation non-charitable corporation under Section 201 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law.

SIXTH: The office of the corporation is to be located in the County of Oneida State of New York.

SEVENTH: The names and addresses of the initial directors of the corporation are: (A minimum of three is required)

Name: Mr. Patrick Hurley

Address: Griffiss Institute, Inc. 592 Hangar Rd Rome, NY 13441

Name: Dr. Jason Li

Address: Siege Technologies, 4511 Singer Ct, Suite 300, Chantilly, VA 20151

Name: Dr. Gregg Wildes

Address: DomerWorks, 3445 Lake Eastbrook Blvd SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

EIGHTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the corporation upon whom process against it may be served.

The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process accepted on behalf of the corporation is: Griffiss Institute, Inc., 592 Hangar Road, Rome, New York 13441

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NINTH: *(Optional – Corporations seeking tax exempt status may include language required by the Internal Revenue Service in this paragraph. See Not-for-Profit Incorporation Instructions.)*

The following language relates to the corporation's tax exempt status and is not a statement of purposes and powers. Consequently, this language does not expand or alter the corporation's purposes or powers set forth in paragraph THIRD.

The Corporation shall not engage in any activities for the pecuniary profit or financial gain of its directors or officers.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Certificate of Incorporation, the Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes, as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax law (the "Code") and shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (a) a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Code Section 501(c)(3) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Code Section 170(c)(2).

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its directors, officers, or any other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its purposes as set forth in this Certificate of Incorporation.

No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by Code Section 501(h)), and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate, or participating in, or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

NAME, SIGNATURE & ADDRESS OF INCORPORATOR:

Joseph A. Mancini, Esq.
(Print or Type Name of Incorporator)

X *Joseph A. Mancini*
(Signature of Incorporator)

592 Hangar Road
(Address of Incorporator)

Rome, New York 13441
(City, State, Zip Code)

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OF

The Computing Center of Excellence, Inc.

(Corporation Name)

Under Section 402 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law

Filer's Name and Mailing Address:

Joseph A. Mancini, Esq.

Name:

Griffiss Institute, Inc.

Company, if Applicable:

592 Hangar Road

Mailing Address:

Rome, New York 13441

City, State and Zip Code:

NOTES:

1. §301 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law requires that the name contain "Incorporated" or "Inc." or one of the other words or abbreviations indicative of corporate character unless the corporation qualifies for one of the exceptions in §301.
2. This simple form is provided by the New York State Department of State for filing a certificate of incorporation.
3. This form is designed to satisfy the minimum filing requirements pursuant to the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law. The Department of State will accept any other form which complies with the applicable statutory provisions.
4. The Department of State recommends that this legal document be prepared under the guidance of an attorney.
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6. This certificate must be submitted with a \$75 filing fee made payable to the Department of State.

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Your document has been filed by the Department of State.

We have attached the official filing receipt and related document(s) for the following entity:

DOS ID: 6379107
Entity Name: THE COMPUTING CENTER OF EXCELLENCE, INC.

- Retain this letter and attachment(s) for your records. The Department of State does not mail additional copies of the filing receipt or related attachment(s).
- You may obtain a Federal Employer Identification Number(EIN) from the Internal Revenue Service(IRS). You must obtain an EIN to identify your business to the IRS and the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance. Visit <https://www.irs.gov>, for more information.
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Contact Information

- Department of State: Email the Division of Corporations at corporations@dos.ny.gov.
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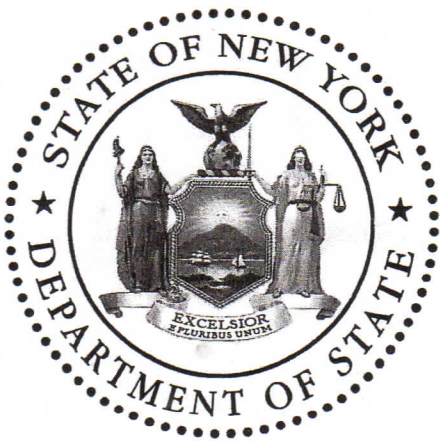
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I hereby certify that the annexed copy for THE COMPUTING CENTER OF EXCELLENCE, INC., File Number 220119002058 has been compared with the original document in the custody of the Acting Secretary of State and that the same is true copy of said original.



WITNESS my hand and official seal of the
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Brendan C. Hughes

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BY-LAWS
OF
THE COMPUTING CENTER OF EXCELLENCE, INC.

ARTICLE I.
NAME, TERRITORY, OFFICE & CORPORATE STATUS

Section 1. *Name.* The Corporation shall be known as: The Computing Center of Excellence, Inc. (hereinafter “The Corporation”).

Section 2. *Territory.* The Corporation shall conduct activities primarily in the County of Oneida in the State of New York, unless otherwise stipulated in the Corporation’s Certificate of Incorporation, as may be amended.

Section 3. *Office.* The principal office of the Corporation shall be located in the County of Oneida, State of New York. This office shall direct corporate activities and be the depository for all corporate records. The Corporation may also have offices at such other places within the state as the Board of Directors may, from time-to-time, determine and/or the business or operations of the Corporation may require.

Section 4. *Corporate Status.* The Corporation is a New York Not-for-Profit Corporation, a “Charitable Corporation” as defined by the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law and exempt from income taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE II.
CORPORATE PURPOSES & DOCUMENT CONSTRUCTION

Section 1. *Corporate Purposes.* The purposes of the Corporation are set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation, as may be amended, and qualify the Corporation for exemption from income taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as may be amended.

The mission of the Corporation is to create and maintain a center of excellence that identifies and promotes the best practices for the development of trusted computer systems and software that public and private research partnerships can provide to:

- Facilitate the principled development of trusted computer systems and software
- Facilitate the transfer and adoption of trusted computer systems and software
- Establish and foster a sustainable program that will provide a center of excellence for trusted computer systems and software

Section 2. *Document Construction.* Any amendment to the purposes of the Corporation must be rendered in accordance with the requirements of Article XIV herein. If there is any conflict between the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation, as may be amended, and these By-Laws, provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation, as may be amended, shall govern.

ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. *Initial Membership Authorized.* Unless otherwise stipulated herein, the Corporation shall have the Griffiss Institute, Inc.; Intelligent Automation, Inc. (IAI); Siege Technologies; DornerWorks, Ltd.; and Adventium Labs as the initial voting members. The initial non-voting members shall comprise the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL), and seL4 Foundation, LLC.

Section 2. *Qualifications & Criteria for Membership.* The Board of Directors may establish qualifications and criteria for Membership, including a schedule of dues, and any waivers thereof, as well as procedural requirements for, and prohibitions applicable to, prospective Members, unless otherwise proscribed by statute, the Certificate of Incorporation and/or these By-Laws. New Members shall be limited to individuals, Universities, US Federal and State agencies, not-for-profit and for-profit organizations that are involved and knowledgeable in the fields of cyber science, cyber security, and trusted computer systems and software. New Members may be admitted upon the approval of their membership application and, subject to the type of membership or directorship role, upon payment of the annual membership fee set by the Board of Directors.

2.1 *Membership Dues.* Platinum, Gold, & Silver members shall be dues paying and are voting members. Auditor and Individual members shall pay significantly reduced dues and are considered non-voting members. Associate members shall pay no dues and are considered non-voting members. Members having a representative serving on the Board of Directors shall have at least one vote. The Board of Directors shall have the discretion to set, reduce or eliminate a member's annual dues in accordance with a member's technical contributions to the Corporation.

Section 3. *Evidence of Membership.* Each Member shall be issued appropriate evidence or proof of Membership, which shall be nontransferable.

Section 4. *Termination of Membership.*

4.1. *Termination by the Membership.* Termination of Membership by the Members, themselves, shall be authorized, with, or without cause, by majority vote of the Membership at the Annual Meeting or a Special Meeting of the Membership called for that purpose.

4.2 *Termination by the Board of Directors.* Termination of Membership by the Board of Directors shall be authorized, for cause, by majority vote of the Board at any Regular or Special Meeting of the Board called for that purpose. For purposes of this Section, failure to timely remit required dues, if any, shall be considered sufficient cause for termination of Membership by vote of the Board.

Section 5. *Annual Meeting.* A meeting of the Members entitled to vote shall annually be held for purposes of the election of Directors and the transaction of any other business of the Corporation in a month to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. *Special Meetings.* Special Meetings of the Members entitled to vote may be called at any time by the Board of Directors, the Executive Director, a majority vote of the Board of Directors, or upon the written request of at least ten percent (10%) percent of the Members entitled to vote. No business shall be conducted at a Special Meeting that is not included in the issued Notice as stipulated herein.

Section 7. *Meeting Notice.*

7.1. *Notice Requirements.* Notice shall be given to each Member entitled to vote prior to each Meeting of Membership, stating the place, date and hour of the Meeting. Notice of a Special Meeting shall, in addition,

identify:

- i. the person, or persons, calling the meeting; and,
- ii. the purpose, or purposes, for which said meeting is being called.

7.2. *Written Notification.* Unless the Corporation has over five hundred (500) Members, written notice of any Meeting of the Membership shall be given personally or by first class mail, facsimile or by electronic mail, not less than ten (10) nor more than fifty (50) days before the date of the Meeting. Notice shall be deemed given as stipulated below:

- i. if personally, upon receipt by the Member;
- ii. if mailed, when deposited in the United States Mail, with postage prepaid, directed to the Member at the Member's current address of record as it appears on the list of Members; or,
- iii. if sent by electronic mail or facsimile, when forwarded to the facsimile number, or electronic mail address, as either appear on the list of Members, excepting that any such notice shall not be considered properly delivered if the Corporation is:

- a) unable to deliver two (2)-consecutive notices to the designated electronic mail address or facsimile number or,
- b) is otherwise made aware that notice cannot be delivered to the Member or electronic mail or facsimile.

7.3. *Notification by Publication.* Provided the Corporation has more than five hundred (500) Members, notice of Meetings of the Membership may be given by publication. Any such notice shall be:

- i. published in a newspaper published in the County in which the principal office of the Corporation is located once a week for 3-successive weeks immediately preceding the Meeting; and,
- ii. prominently posted on the homepage of the Corporation's website continuously from the date of newspaper publication through the date of the Meeting.

Section 8. *Waiver of Notice.* Should any Member fail to receive proper notice of a Meeting of the Membership, as otherwise required by these By-Laws, the Member shall waive his/her right to any such notice if:

- i. the Member attends the Meeting of the Membership without objection to the lack of proper notice, prior to said Meeting being called to order; or,
- ii. either before or after the Meeting, the Member submits, a waiver of notice, which if tendered personally, in writing or by facsimile, shall be validated by written or electronic signature; or if submitted by electronic mail, shall include information from which the Corporation can reasonably determine that the waiver was properly authorized.

Section 9. *Qualification of Voters.* The Board of Directors may fix a date as the record date for the purpose of determining the Members entitled to vote and/or the number of votes each member is entitled to at any Meeting of the Membership, or to express consent to or dissent any proposal without a Meeting. The record date shall not be more than fifty (50) nor less than ten (10) days before the date of the Meeting.

Section 10. *Quorum.* At any, duly called Meeting of the Membership, the lesser of ten percent (10%), or one-hundred (100) eligible voting Members entitled to vote, present as a consequence of physical attendance and/or use of telephone/video-conference technology and/or use proxy shall constitute a quorum. When a quorum is once present to organize a meeting, it is not broken by the subsequent withdrawal of any Member(s).

Section 11. *Organization.*

11.1. *Chairperson.* At all meetings of the Membership, the Executive Director, or, in his/her absence, the Vice-President or, in his/her absence, another Director chosen by the Membership shall preside.

11.2. *Secretary.* At all meetings of the Membership, the Secretary, or, in his/her absence, any Assistant Secretary or, in his/her absence, another Director chosen by the Membership shall act as secretary at the meeting.

Section 12. *Voting.* Each Member in good standing shall have the following number of votes per member class:

Platinum Member: 10 representatives; 10 votes

Gold Member: 5 representatives; 2 votes

Silver Member: 2 representatives; 1 vote

Auditor Member: 1 representative; no votes generally, but 1 vote when serving on the Board of Directors

Associate Member: 1 representative; no votes generally, but 1 vote when serving on the Board of Directors

Individual Member: 1 representative; no votes generally, but 1 vote when serving on the Board of Directors

Section 13. *Action by the Membership.*

13.1. *Action Defined.* Except as otherwise provided by statute and/or these By-Laws, an “act,” or “action,” of the Membership shall mean an action at a Meeting of the Membership authorized by vote of a majority (50% +1) of the Members present at the time of the vote, provided a sufficient quorum is present.

13.2. *Electronic Communication.* Any, or all, Members may participate in any Meetings of the Membership, by means of a conference telephone, electronic video screen communication or similar communications equipment allowing all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting of the Membership.

13.3. *Proxies.* Every Member entitled to vote at a Meeting of the Membership may authorize another person, or persons, to act on his/her behalf by use of proxy. To be valid and enforceable, each proxy must be submitted before, or presented at, the Meeting of the Membership for which it is intended. If tendered personally, in writing or by facsimile, the proxy shall be validated by written or electronic signature. If submitted by electronic mail, it shall include information from which the Corporation can reasonably determine that the proxy was properly authorized. No proxy shall be valid after the expiration of eleven (11) months from the date thereof, unless otherwise provided by proxy. Every proxy shall be revocable at the pleasure of the Member executing same, except as may otherwise be provided by law.

Section 14. *Action by Members on Unanimous Written Consent.* Any act, or action, required or permitted to be taken by the Membership may be taken without a Meeting if each Member submits to the Secretary, or his/her designee, a written consent, delivered personally or by regular mail, facsimile and/or electronic mail, authorizing a resolution to permit the action. A copy of the resolution, and all written consents thereto, shall

be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Membership.

Section 15. *Reports.* In a manner sufficient to comply with applicable statutory obligations, the Board of Directors shall annually present to the Membership a report, verified by appropriate Officers, or certified by an Independent Auditor, if so required, outlining, in appropriate detail, the Corporation's fiscal status, including an annual balance sheet and profit and loss statement or a financial statement performing a similar function for the preceding fiscal year, confirming assets (restricted and unrestricted) and liabilities, revenues and receipts and expenses and disbursements, together with any, and all necessary and/or required supporting documentation. Each such report shall be filed with the records of the Corporation and a copy, or an abstract thereof, shall be entered in the minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting of the Members at which the report is presented.

ARTICLE IV DIRECTORS

Section 1. *General Management.* The Board of Directors shall have ultimate authority in governing the operations, finances and affairs of the Corporation. The Board, with the advice of various committees, if so authorized, shall implement, monitor and modify, as may be needed, policies and procedures necessary for proper corporate management. It shall be empowered to employ necessary staff, retain necessary professional assistance, authorize agreements and expenditures and take all necessary and proper steps to advance the purposes and promote the best interests of the Corporation.

Section 2. *Number.* There shall be, at least, five (5), but no more than twelve (12) seats on the Board of Directors, including Officers, with the exact number to be established from time-to-time by majority vote of the Board.

Section 3. *Ex Officio Directors.* The Board majority vote may also appoint *ex officio*, non-voting Directors to serve on the Board, if deemed to be in the best interests of the Corporation. Any such *ex officio*, non-voting Directors shall be entitled to all rights and entitlements of other Directors, and obligated to honor all corresponding fiduciary duties, excepting they shall not be entitled to:

- i. attend, or receive notice of, any Meeting of the Board, or its various committees, if the purpose of said Meeting(s) relates to concerns with respect to the given *ex officio*, non-voting Director;
- ii. be counted for purposes of determining quorum for any Meeting of the Board, or its various committees;
- iii. vote on any matter being considered by the Board, or its various committees; and/or,
- iv. hold elective Office with the Corporation.

The Executive Director shall serve as an *ex-officio*, non-voting Director while employed by the Corporation.

Section 4. *Qualifications.* All Officers and Directors must be a member in good standing, at least eighteen (18) years of age, be U.S. citizens, and be committed to advancing the purposes of the Corporation. A member's organization may occupy only one Board of Director's position.

Section 5. *Selection Procedure, Terms of Office, Newly Created Directorships & Vacancies*

5.1. *Selection Procedure.* At each Annual Meeting, the Membership, by a plurality of the votes cast, shall elect new Directors to replace those whose terms are expiring to terms of two (2) years in duration.

5.2. *Terms of Office.* The term of office for a Director shall be two (2) years in duration, unless otherwise provided in these By-Laws. The Corporation will maintain two classes of directors that are approximately equal in size. The term end dates for each class shall be laddered over two years. The terms of office for all Directors shall begin on the day of their election and shall conclude upon the election of their successors.

5.3. *Newly Created Directorships.* Newly created Directorships resulting from an increase in the number of Directors shall be filled by vote of a majority of the Membership. Directors elected to fill newly created Directorships shall hold office in accordance with their classification and until their successors have been elected and qualified.

5.4. *Vacancies.* A vacancy in office shall arise upon the resignation, removal, incapacitation or death of a Director. A vacancy on the Board of Directors occurring in the interim between Annual Meetings may be filled by an interim successor appointed by the Board of Directors. At the next Annual Meeting following the vacancy, the Membership may elect, by majority vote, a permanent successor for the vacant position. Directors elected to fill vacancies shall hold office for the remainder of the term of the vacated position in accordance with the classification of said position and until their successors have been elected and qualified. No period of interim service shall be considered for purposes of establishing limitations on the terms of Directors.

Section 6. *Resignation.* A Director may resign, at any time, by giving written notice to the Board of Directors, the Executive Director or the Secretary. Unless otherwise specified in notice, the resignation shall take effect upon receipt thereof by the Board of Directors, the Executive Director or the Secretary, and the acceptance of the resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 7. *Suspension & Removal.*

7.1. *Suspension.* Any Director may be temporarily suspended, for cause, by a two-thirds (2/3s) majority vote of the Board of Directors at any Regular Meeting or Special Meeting of the Board called for that purpose. The period of suspension can last only until such time as the next Annual Meeting. At any Meeting where a vote is to be taken to suspend a Director, the Director in question may attend and shall be given a reasonable opportunity argue in his/her defense.

7.2. *Removal.* Any, or all, of the Director(s) may be permanently removed for cause, by a two-thirds (2/3s) majority vote of the Board of Directors at any Regular Meeting or Special Meeting of the Board called for that purpose, or with, or without, cause, by a majority vote of the Membership at any Annual Meeting or Special Meeting of the Members called for that purpose. At any Meeting where a vote is to be taken to remove a Director, the Director in question may attend and shall be given a reasonable opportunity argue in his/her defense.

Section 8. *Meetings.*

8.1. *Annual Meetings.* The Board of Directors, by yearly resolution of the Board, shall as soon as practicable after the Annual Meeting of the Membership, convene an Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors for the purpose of appointing Officers of the Corporation. Reasonable advance notice of the Annual Meeting, including time, date and location, shall be given by means of establishing a customary Meeting date, publishing the date of the meeting on the website of the Corporation, regular mail, facsimile, electronic communication, telephone and/or personal delivery.

8.2. *Regular Meetings.* The Board of Directors, in accordance with a schedule to be determined by resolution to the Board, shall endeavor to annually convene, at least, four (4) Regular Meetings. Reasonable

advance notice of the Regular Meetings, including time, date and location, shall be given by means of the advance scheduling of meeting dates, publishing the dates of the Meetings on the website of the Corporation, regular mail, facsimile, electronic communication, telephone and/or personal delivery.

8.3 *Special Meetings.* The Board of Directors, whenever called by the Executive Director, the Secretary, or any three (3) Directors, may convene Special Meetings to consider specific matters that may be confronted by the Corporation between Regular Meetings, provided the order of business is limited solely to purposes specified in the Meeting notice. Notice of Special Meetings, including purpose, time, date, and location, shall be given by regular mail, facsimile, electronic communication, telephone and/or personal delivery. If notice is given by telephone or personal delivery, it shall be given not less than three (3) days before the Meeting. If notice is given by regular mail, facsimile, or electronic communication, it shall be given not less than five (5) days before the meeting.

Section 9. *Waivers of Notice.* Notice of any meeting of the Board of Directors need not be given to any Director who submits a signed waiver of notice, by regular mail, electronic mail, facsimile, or personal delivery, to the Board, the Executive Director or the Secretary, either before or after the meeting, or who attends the meeting without protesting prior to formal commencement, the lack of formal notice.

Section 10. *Quorum.* A quorum shall be required for the legal and proper conduct of the business of the Board of Directors. A majority of the Entire Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business. When a quorum is once present to organize a meeting, it is not broken by the subsequent withdrawal of any Directors.

Section 11. *Organization.*

11.1. *Executive Director.* At all meetings of the Board of Directors, the Executive Director, or, in his/her absence, the Vice-President, or, in his/her absence, another Director chosen by the Board shall preside.

11.2. *Secretary.* At all meetings of the Board of Directors, the Secretary, or, in his/her absence, another Director chosen by the Board shall act as secretary of the Meeting.

Section 12. *Voting.* Each Director shall have one (1) vote for purposes of the appointment of Officers and the transaction of any other business considered by the Board of Directors.

Section 13. *Parliamentary Law.* In all matters of parliamentary procedure not covered or contradicted by these By-Laws, or applicable statute, regulation or contractual obligation, Roberts Rules of Order, newly revised, shall be used as a guideline in answering all questions of proper parliamentary procedure.

Section 14. *Action by the Board of Directors.*

14.1. *Action Defined.* Except as otherwise provided by statute and/or these By-Laws, an “act,” or “action,” of the Board of Directors shall mean an action at a Meeting of the Board authorized by vote of a majority of the Directors present at the time of the vote, provided a sufficient quorum is present.

14.2. *Written Unanimous Consent.* Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if the Entire Board submits to the Secretary of the Corporation, or his/her designee, a written consent, delivered by regular mail, facsimile and/or electronic mail, authorizing a resolution to permit the action. A copy of the resolution, and all written consents thereto, shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board.

14.3. *Electronic Communication.* Any, or all, Director(s), or committee member(s), may participate in

any meetings of the Board of Directors, by means of a conference telephone, electronic video screen communication or similar communications equipment allowing all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting of the Board.

Section 15. *Presumption of Concurrence.*

15.1. *Meeting Participation.* A Director who participates in a meeting of the Board of Directors at which an act, or action, on any corporate matter is taken shall be presumed to have concurred to the action taken unless said Director:

- i. assures that his/her dissent is entered in the minutes of the meeting;
- ii. files a written dissent to such act or action with the Secretary of the meeting before the adjournment thereof, or;
- iii. forwards a written dissent, by regular mail, facsimile, electronic communication or personal delivery, to the Secretary, immediately after the adjournment of the meeting.

15.2. *Meeting Absence.* A Director who is absent from a meeting of the Board at which an act, or action, on any corporate matter is taken shall be presumed to have concurred to the action taken unless said Director:

- i. forwards a written dissent, by personal delivery and/or registered mail, to the Secretary; or, a personally delivers, or, sends by registered mail, his/her written dissent thereto to the Secretary; or,
- ii. assures that his/her dissent is entered in the minutes of the meetings of the Board within a reasonable time after learning of such action.

Section 16. *Attendance.* A Directors who has missed the majority of the Meetings of the Board of Directors within the calendar year shall be asked to resign. In the event it is determined that a given Director will not fulfill the majority meeting requirement if he or she is not present at the next scheduled Regular Meeting of the Board, the Secretary shall submit a notice, by regular mail, facsimile and/or electronic mail, to such a Director advising him/her that if he/she does not attend said Meeting, a motion to this effect will be made for his/her permanent removal.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Section 1. *Officers, Appointment & Term.* The Board of Directors shall appoint by majority vote an Executive Director, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other Officers as it may determine are needed from time-to-time, who shall be given such duties, powers and functions as hereinafter provided. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the same person may not hold the offices of Executive Director and Secretary. Officers shall be appointed to hold office for one (1) year from the date of appointment. Each Officer shall hold office for the term for which he/she is appointed and until his or her successor has been appointed.

Section 2. *Suspension, Removal, Resignation.* Officers serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Any Officer appointed by the Board may be suspended or removed by a majority vote of the Board. In the event of the resignation, suspension, removal, incapacitation or death of an Officer, the Executive Director of the Board shall appoint an acting successor to fill the un-expired term. This appointment shall be

confirmed by a majority vote of the Board within the next two (2) Regular Meetings.

Section 3. *Duties.*

3.1. *Executive Director.* The Executive Director shall be the principal volunteer executive officer of the Corporation and shall in general monitor and supervise the business and affairs of the Corporation. He/she shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall be a voting member of all Committees of the Board and Committees of the Corporation, unless otherwise precluded by statute, regulation and/or these By-Laws. The Executive Director is authorized to sign any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts or other instruments that the Board has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board, these By-Laws and/or applicable regulation or statute to some other Officer or agent of the Corporation. The Executive Director is the sole Officer or Director authorized to speak on behalf of the Corporation, unless the Executive Director and/or the Board of Directors have otherwise delegated such authority to another Officer, Director and/or representative or otherwise directed by these By-Laws. The Executive Director shall perform such other duties as from time-to-time may be assigned to him/her by the Board.

3.2. *Vice President.* In the absence of the Executive Director, or in the event of his/her inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the Executive Director, and when so acting shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Executive Director. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as from time-to-time may be assigned to him/her by the Executive Director and/or the Board.

3.3. *Secretary.* The Secretary shall generally be responsible for assuring that the records of the Corporation are properly recorded, documented, and stored and that all informal or formal notices that may be issued by the Corporation are tendered in a manner in compliance with all applicable statutes, regulations, contracts, ethical obligations, the Certificate of Incorporation, as may be amended, and these By-Laws. The Secretary shall assure that the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors, and Committees of the Board or Corporation, if any, are properly recorded, documented and stored; keep a record of the post office address, telephone number and, when possible electronic address of each Member, Director, Officer and member of a committee who does not serve on the Board, if any; notify Directors of election and members of committees of appointment; and, generally serve as custodian of the records of the Corporation. He/she may delegate recording, documentation and storage and other duties, as deemed appropriate, to other Officers, excepting the Executive Director, Directors, or employees of the Corporation. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as from time-to-time may be assigned to him/her by the Executive Director and/or the Board.

3.4 *Treasurer.* The Treasurer shall be responsible for the supervision and accounting of all funds received or expended by the by the Corporation and shall keep the Board of Directors informed on all pertinent financial matters. If an Independent Director, he/she shall ordinarily, but need not necessarily, serve on the Audit and Finance Committee, or its functional equivalent, if applicable, and, but not as Chair of any such Committee of the Board, of the Audit Committee. The Treasurer shall provide a financial report at all Regular Meetings of the Board in a format prescribed by the Board. The Treasurer shall perform other duties as from time-to-time may be assigned to him/her by the Executive Director and/or the Board.

**ARTICLE VI.
COMMITTEES**

Section 1. *Committee Types & General Authority & Responsibilities.* The Board of Directors may

permissibly charge committees to perform various functions on behalf of the Corporation in either of the two (2) available types: Committees of the Board and Committees of the Corporation. Each Committee of the Board and Committee of the Corporation, and every member thereof, shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. All Committees shall keep minutes of all proceedings, to be regularly submitted to the Secretary for subsequent distribution to the Entire Board, and report to the Board, at its next scheduled Regular Meeting, all activities and determinations.

Section 2. *Committees of the Board.* Committees of the Board of Directors shall be comprised solely of, at least, three (3) voting Directors elected by majority vote of the Entire Board and shall have either standing authority and/or may be designated specific authority from time-to-time by the Board to take action within statutory limitations that would legally bind the Board and/or the Corporation. No Committee of the Board shall have such the authority in the following matters:

- i. submission to Members, if any, of any act, or action, requiring Members approval by statute and/or these By-Laws;
- ii. filling of vacancies on the Board, or in any of its various Committees;
- iii. fixing of compensation for Directors, or members of its various Committees;
- iv. authorization of any form of Fundamental Corporate Change, as set forth in these By-Laws, including, but not limited amendment, or repeal, of these By-Laws or the adoption of new By-Laws; and/or,
- v. amendment, or repeal, of any resolutions of the Board, which by its terms, shall not be capable of amendment or repeal.

Section 3. *Committees of the Corporation.* Committees of the Corporation shall be comprised of, at least, three (3) individuals elected by majority vote of the Entire Board and shall either have standing authority or may be designated specific authority from time-to-time by the Board. Committees of the Corporation are advisory in nature and cannot under any circumstances take actions that bind the Board and/or the Corporation.

The Board shall appoint, at least, three (3) voting Directors, Members and/or other non-Directors, to serve on the following standing Committees of the Corporation: Executive Committee, Audit & Finance Committee, and Technical Steering Committee. The Board, by resolution adopted by the majority of the Entire Board, may designate other standing, or *ad hoc*, Committees of the Corporation, with such authority as the applicable resolution shall provide.

Section 4. *Qualifications.* The Board of Directors may establish or waive qualifications for committee membership at its discretion.

Section 5. *Meetings.* Meetings of committees, of which no formal notice shall be necessary, shall be held at such time and place as may be fixed by the Executive Director or the Chair of the applicable Committee or by majority vote of the members of the committee.

Section 6. *Quorum and Manner of Acting.* Unless otherwise provided by resolution of the Board of Directors, a majority of all of the members of a committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the vote of a majority of all of the members of the committee shall be the act of the committee. The procedures and manner of acting of all committees shall be subject at all times to the direction of the Board.

Section 7. *Executive Committee.* The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the elected Officers of the Corporation, Executive Director, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer; and any additional members of the Board of Directors that may be appointed to serve on the Committee from time-to-time.

The Executive Director shall serve as the Chair of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall maintain surveillance of the operations and affairs of the Corporation and shall be empowered to transact only such business as may be necessary between Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors, unless otherwise authorized by the Board. Meetings of the Committee may be called by the Chair or by any three (3)-members of the Committee.

Section 8. *Audit & Finance Committee.* The Audit and Finance Committee shall be comprised of, at least, three (3) Directors, found by resolution of the Board of Directors to be “Independent Directors” (as defined by Attachment “A”); however, under no circumstances shall the Corporation’s “Independent Auditor” (as defined by Attachment “A”) or a partner, employee of business associate or “Relative” (as defined by Attachment “A”) of the Independent Auditor’s firm to serve on the Committee. Provided the Treasurer is found to be an “Independent Director,” he/she shall serve on the Committee, but shall be precluded from serving as Chair. The Audit and Finance Committee shall be responsible for overseeing all audits and the overall fiscal affairs of the Corporation. The Committee shall also develop a budget for approval by the Board of Directors; propose policies governing the finances of the Corporation for adoption by the Board; and, endeavor to assure that all the Corporation’s institutional funds are deposited, invested and withdrawn in a manner consistent with all applicable statutes, regulations and contractual obligations, if any. With regard to responsibilities relative to conflicts of interest, whistleblower protection and auditing oversight, as appropriate, the Committee shall be responsible for strict adherence to, and enforcement of, the Corporation’s Board of Directors Conflicts of Interest Policy, Whistleblower Protection Policy and Audit Oversight Policy, which are annexed to these By-Laws as Attachments “B” “D” and “E,” respectively. It shall also assure that proper policies and procedures are in place to ensure that all newly-received and annually-submitted Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements, an unexecuted copy of which is annexed to these By-Laws as Attachment “C,” and any case-specific Related Party Transaction reports, together the minutes of any related meetings, are promptly provided to the Chair of the Committee and shall subsequently see to it that they are properly considered for auditing purposes.

Section 9. *Technical Steering Committee.* The Technical Steering Committee shall be composed of directors with expertise in the areas of cyber science and cyber security. The Technical Steering Committee shall be responsible for overseeing and making recommendations to the Board of Directors relative to the enhancement of technology transfer among members, the identification and development of research funding, and the establishment of research collaboration vehicles among members. The Technical Steering Committee shall review the analysis and recommendations of the Corporation’s staff with regard to all proposed research projects, approve the projects to be pursued by the Corporation and oversee the development of each research project. The Technical Steering Committee shall, with the assistance of the Corporation’s staff, prepare monthly reports to the Board of Directors regarding its activities. Such reports shall include: the status of all research projects undertaken by the Corporation and all research projects either proposed to the Corporation or for which the Corporation has received a request for proposal. The Technical Steering Committee shall adopt a policy, that must be approved by the Board of Directors and that will outline the process by which this committee will review and approve or deny proposed projects and will govern other aspects of this committee’s development of technical projects for the Corporation.

ARTICLE VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DUTIES & REVIEW OF COMPENSATION

Section 1. *Duties.* The Board of Directors shall employ an Executive Director who shall serve as the chief administrative officer of the Corporation. The Executive Director shall serve in an *ex officio*, non-voting capacity on the Board of Directors and all Committees of the Board and Committees of the Corporation, unless otherwise precluded by statute, regulation and/or these By-Laws. Although serving

in *ex-officio* capacity on the Board, and its various Committees, unless otherwise proscribed, the Executive Director shall serve at the pleasure of the Board and, in so doing, he/she shall have no rights or entitlements to attend meetings of the Board, and/or its various Committees, and/or to receive otherwise stipulated notice applicable to meetings of the Board and/or such Committees. He/she shall be responsible for effectuating the purposes of the Corporation and assuring proper and compliant implementation of Board policies and directives. In effectuating the forgoing, the Executive Director shall be authorized to form, and appoint various individuals to serve on, *ad hoc* advisory Committees of the Corporation in order to offer non-binding recommendations to be considered by the Board from time-to-time. The Executive Director is responsible for general charge of the day-to-day affairs of the Corporation, including the hire, supervision, evaluation, and termination of employees. He/she also shall establish up-to-date job descriptions for each job in accordance with the Board approved budget and/or regulatory/contractual requirements. The Executive Director shall perform all other such duties as are incidental to the position and/or established in a Board approved job description or by employment contract.

ARTICLE VIII.

ELECTED OFFICER & DIRECTOR COMPENSATION, REIMBURSEMENT & LOANS

Section 1. *Compensation.* No elected Director, Officer or member of a committee shall receive compensation for his/her services as a Director, Officer and/or member of a committee, but if properly authorized, may permissibly receive other compensation for services that may be rendered to the Corporation, provided any such compensation is awarded pursuant to all applicable policies and procedures required by statute, regulation and/or these By-Laws. The Board of Directors shall be empowered to provide reasonable compensation, together with reimbursement for reasonably incurred expenses, for offices or positions not afforded voting privileges for purposes, such as the position of Executive Director.

Section 2. *Reimbursement.* Notwithstanding the mandates of this Article, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, individual Directors, Officers, members of Committees and employees may be reimbursed in an amount determined by the Board for expenses reasonably incurred by them in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Corporation.

Section 3. *Loans.* No loans shall be made by the Corporation to its Directors, Officers, members of committees or to any other corporation, firm, association or other entity in which one or more of its Directors, Officers or committee members are directors or officers or hold a substantial financial interest, except as may be permitted by statute

ARTICLE IX.

FISCAL YEAR & INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL AUDIT

Section 1. *Fiscal Year.* The fiscal year of the Corporation shall commence on the 1st day of January and conclude on the 31st day of December.

Section 2. *Independent Financial Audit.* If required pursuant to stipulated statutory thresholds dictated by revenue annually received and/or other applicable regulation and/or contractual obligation, demanded by the Office of the Attorney General, requested by another regulatory agency or funder as a condition of funding, or otherwise recommended and authorized by the Board of Directors, the accounts of the Corporation shall be subject to an annual audit report or audit review report prepared by "Independent Auditor" (as defined by Attachment "A") to be overseen by the Audit and Finance Committee of the Board, comprised solely of "Independent Directors" (as defined by Attachment "A").

**ARTICLE X.
FIDUCIARY DUTIES**

Section 1. *Duty of Care.* All Directors shall exercise the same standard of care that a reasonable person, with similar abilities, acumen and sensibilities, would exercise under similar circumstances at all times. Each Director shall endeavor to understand all, or substantially, all of the consequences of his/her actions and/or the omissions.

Section 2. *Duty of Loyalty.* No Director shall be permitted to engage in, or condone, any conduct that is disloyal, disruptive, damaging or competes with the Corporation. No Director shall be permitted to take any action, or establish any interest, that compromises his/her ability to represent the Corporation's best interest. All Directors are expected to represent the interests of this Corporation at all times while serving on the Board.

Section 3. *Duty of Obedience.* No Director shall be permitted to disobey or publically contradict an authorized decision of the Board.

**ARTICLE XI
STATUTORY COMPLIANCE**

Section 1. *Definitions.* Should any term, phrase or understanding relative to any topic addressed in these By-Laws and/or the policies of the Corporation be specifically defined in a document entitled, "By-Law and Corporate Policy Definitions," a copy of which is annexed hereto, and made a part hereof of these By-Laws as ***Appendix "A,"*** the stipulated definition of such term in said document shall govern for purposes of interpreting the By-Laws and/or corporate policies.

Section 2. *Conflicts of Interest & Related Party Transaction Protocols.* This Corporation shall adopt, and at all times honor, the terms of a written Conflicts of Interest & Related Party Transaction Policy to assure that its Directors, Officers and Key Employees act in the Corporation's best interest and comply with applicable statutory, regulatory and ethical requirements. The Conflicts of Interest & Related Party Transaction Policy shall include, at a minimum, the following provisions:

- i. *Procedures.* procedures for disclosing, addressing, and documenting Conflicts of Interest and Related Party Transactions to the Board of Directors, or an authorized committee, as appropriate.
- ii. *Restrictions.* stipulations that when the Board of Directors, or an authorized committee, as appropriate, is considering a real/potential conflict of interest, the interested party shall not:
 - (a) be present at, or participate in, any deliberations;
 - (b) attempt to influence deliberations; and/or,
 - (c) cast a vote on the matter.
- iii. *Definitions.* definitions of circumstances that could constitute a conflict of interest.
- iv. *Documentation.* requirements that the existence and resolution of the conflict be documented in the records of the Corporation, including in the minutes of any meeting at which the conflict was discussed or voted upon; and,

- v. *Audit-Related Disclosure.* protocols to assure for the disclosures of all real or potential conflicts of interest are properly forwarded to the Audit Committee.

Section 3. *Conflicts of Interest & Related Party Transaction Conflicts Policy.* The Conflicts of Interest and Related Party Transaction Policy of the Corporation required in order to comply with the mandates of Section 2 of this Article is annexed hereto, and made a part hereof as **Appendix “B.”** This policy may only be amended, modified or repealed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors present at any Annual Meeting, Regular Meeting or Special Meeting called for that purpose with the change in policy to not be applicable to any pending or currently being reviewed real or potential conflicts of interest or Related Party Transaction.

Section 4. *Potential Conflicts Disclosure Statement.* The Potential Conflicts Disclosure Statement of the Corporation required in order to comply with the mandates of Section 2 of this Article is annexed hereto, and made a part hereof as **Appendix “C.”**

Section 5. *Whistleblower Protection Protocols.* The Corporation shall endeavor to protect any “Member,” “Director,” “Officer” (each as defined by Attachment “A”) employee, including any “Key Employee” (as defined by Attachment “A”) or volunteer who provides substantial services to the Corporation, from intimidation, bully, harassment, discrimination or other forms of retaliation on the part of the Corporation, or any of its Members, Directors, Officers, employees, including Key Employees, or volunteers, as a consequence of the good-faith filing of a report relative to possible violations of any statute, regulation, applicable ethical standard or policy or procedure of the Corporation. Provided the Corporation has twenty (20) or more employees (full-time, part-time, or a combination thereof) and annual revenue exceeding one million dollars (\$1,000,000), and/or otherwise mandated by other applicable statute, regulation and/or contractual obligation, the Corporation shall adhere to the terms of a written Whistleblower Protection Policy, which, in the absence of such considerations, shall be considered advisable, but not required.

Section 6. *Whistleblower Protection Policy.* The Whistleblower Protection Policy of the Corporation required in order to comply with the mandates of Section 5 of this Article, is annexed hereto, and made a part hereof as **Appendix “D.”** This policy may only be amended, modified or repealed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors present at any Annual Meeting, Regular Meeting or Special Meeting called for that purpose with the change in policy to not be applicable to any threatened, pending or currently being investigated whistleblower claim.

Section 7. *Audit Oversight Protocols.* Provided the Corporation is required pursuant to stipulated statutory thresholds dictated by revenue annually received and/or other applicable regulation and/or contractual obligation, demanded by the Office of the Attorney General, requested by another regulatory agency or funder as a condition of funding, or otherwise recommended and authorized by the Board of Directors, the accounts of the Corporation shall be subject to an annual audit report or audit review report prepared by “Independent Auditor” (as defined by Attachment “A”) to be overseen by a designated Audit or combined Audit and Finance Committee of the Board (as appropriate), comprised solely of “Independent Directors” (as defined by Attachment “A”). If such an audit report or audit review is commissioned, the Corporation shall adhere to the terms of a written Audit Oversight Policy, which, in the absence of statutory obligation, shall be considered advisable, but not required.

Section 8. *Audit Oversight Policy.* The Audit Oversight Policy required in order to comply with the mandates of Section 7 of this Article is annexed hereto, and made a part hereof as **Appendix “E.”** This policy may only be amended, modified or repealed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors present at any Annual Meeting, Regular Meeting or Special Meeting called for that purpose with the change in policy to not be applicable to any pending or currently processing audit report or audit review.

**ARTICLE XII.
PROHIBITED CONDUCT, OBLIGATION & RELATED POLICIES**

Section 1. *Prohibited Conduct.* Neither bullying, harassment nor discrimination shall be tolerated by this Corporation. Any individual bound by these By-Laws who is subject to bullying, abusive behavior, harassment, inappropriate physical touching or suggestive language, unfair behavior or discrimination relating to race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, veteran status, marital status, sexual orientation, political or union affiliation, or records of arrests or convictions, or who experiences is encouraged to report it immediately to a member of the Audit & Finance Committee.

Section 2. *Obligations.* Any individual bound by these By-Laws who is aware of conduct that would reasonably violate the terms of Section 1 herein is required report such activity immediately.

Section 3. *Related Policies.* Appropriate policies concerning workplace bullying, harassment or discrimination will be stipulated in the personnel policies and procedures promulgated by the Corporation. However, nothing in this Article will bind the staff of the Corporation, who will instead be covered by the procedures contained in their personnel policies and procedures.

**ARTICLE XIII.
INDEMINIFACATION OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES**

Section 1. *Indemnification Obligations.* Provided that it first obtains, and subsequently maintains a Directors and Officers (D&O) liability insurance policy with coverage limits deemed reasonably appropriate by qualified professionals, the Corporation shall indemnify its Members, Directors, Officers, employees and volunteers against judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses and costs, including attorneys fees, in connection with any claim asserted against the Member, Director, Officer, employee or volunteer by court action, or otherwise, by reason of the fact that such person was a Director, Officer, employee or volunteer of the Corporation and acting in good-faith for a purpose which such person reasonably believed to be in the best interest of the Corporation, and was not unlawful, unethical or immoral. Any such indemnification shall be considered, awarded and governed by the terms of a comprehensive Indemnification and Insurance Policy, a copy of which is annexed hereto, and made a part hereof as *Appendix "F."*

**ARTICLE XIV.
FUNDAMENTAL CORPORATE CHANGES**

Section 1. *By-Law Amendment.* These By-Laws may be amended, repealed or altered, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Directors present at any Annual Meeting, Regular Meeting or Special Meeting of the Board called for that purpose, excepting that the Board shall have no authority to amend, repeal or alter Article III, this Article XIV or any other By-Law applicable to the rights, entitlements and/or obligations of the Members. Any amendment, repeal or alteration of the By-Laws authorized by the Board shall be presented to the Membership at the next Annual Meeting or Special Meeting of the Membership called for that purpose, and may be vetoed, in whole or in part, or otherwise modified by majority (50% +1) vote of the Members present. The Membership may by majority (50% +1) vote of the Members present at any Annual Meeting or Special Meeting of the Membership called for that purpose, amend, repeal or alter Article III, this Article XIV, any other By-Law applicable to the rights, entitlements and/or obligations of

the Members or the By-Laws, in their entirety, with or without the consent of the Board,

Section 2. *Certificate of Incorporation.*

2.1. *Amendment.* The Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation may be changed or amended, in whole or in part, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of each the Board of Directors and those entitled to cast ballots for a resolution of the Membership, provided all statutory approvals are subsequently secured and any Certificate of Amendment or Restated Certificate of Incorporation is accepted for filing by the New York Department of State.

2.2. *Governing Effect.* If there is any conflict between the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation and these By-Laws, the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation shall govern.

Section 3. *Purchase, Lease, Sale, Mortgage or Disposition of Real Property or Other Assets.* The purchase, lease (for five (5)-or more years), sale, mortgage or disposition of all, or substantially all, of the real property or other assets of the Corporation shall only be authorized by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors and a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those entitled to cast ballots for a resolution of the Membership.

Section 4. *Creation of Corporate Affiliate Relationship.* The Corporation may only enter into any affiliate arrangement, such as a parent/subsidiary relationship with another corporation, or form a new corporation for purposes of establishing an affiliate relationship, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of each the Board of Directors and those entitled to cast ballots for a resolution of the Membership.

Section 5. *Merger or Consolidation.* This Corporation may be merged or consolidated by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of each the Board of Directors and those entitled to cast ballots for a resolution of the Membership, provided all statutory approvals are subsequently secured and any Certificate of Merger or Consolidation is accepted for filing by the New York State Department of State.

Section 6. *Dissolution.*

6.1. *Procedure.* This Corporation may be dissolved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of each the Board of Directors and those entitled to cast ballots for a resolution of the Membership, provided all statutory approvals are subsequently secured and a Certificate of Dissolution is accepted for filing by the New York Department of State.

6.2. *Residual Assets.* In seeking approvals necessary for Dissolution, the Corporation shall exercise its best efforts to assure that any residual assets shall be donated to another Not-for-Profit Corporation qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code with purposes similar to those of this Corporation.

APPENDIX A—By-Law & Corporate Policy Definitions

1. Charitable Corporation.

Any Not-for-Profit Corporation formed, or deemed to be formed, for charitable purposes, including those formerly considered by the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law to be Type “B” or “C” Corporations, as well as former Type “D” with charitable purposes.

2. Non-Charitable Corporation.

Any Not-for-Profit Corporation formed, or deemed to be formed, for other than the purposes of a Charitable Corporation, including, but not limited to one formed for any one, or more of the following non-pecuniary purposes: civic, patriotic, political, social, fraternal, athletic, agricultural, horticultural, or animal husbandry, or for the purpose of operating a professional, commercial, industrial, trade or service association, including those formerly considered by the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law to be Type “A” Corporations, as well as former Type “D” with non-charitable purposes.

3. Related Party.

A “Related Party” means (i) any Director, Officer or Key Employee of the Corporation, or any Affiliate; (ii) any Relative of any Director, Officer or Key Employee of the Corporation, or any Affiliate; or (iii) any entity in which any individual described in clauses (i) and (ii) herein has a thirty-five percent (35%) or greater ownership or beneficial interest or, in the case of a partnership or professional corporation, a direct or indirect ownership interest in excess of five percent (5%).

4. Affiliate.

An “Affiliate” of the Corporation means any entity controlled by, in control of, or under common control with, the Corporation.

5. Member.

A “Member” means any person afforded rights, entitlements or obligations with respect to the governance and operations of the Corporation, as identified in the By-Laws and/or the Certificate of Incorporation, as may be amended.

6. Director.

A “Director” means any member of the governing board of the Corporation, whether designated as director, trustee, manager, governor, or by any other title.

7. Officer.

An “Officer” means any director, trustee, manager, governor, or by any other title, any individual holding an office of the Corporation identified in the Certificate of Incorporation and/or By-Laws.

8. Key Employee.

A “Key Employee” means any person who is in a position to exercise substantial influence over the affairs of the Corporation.

9. Relative.

A “Relative” of an individual means his or her spouse, domestic partner, ancestors, brothers and sisters (whether whole or half-blood), children (whether natural or adopted), grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and spouses or domestic partners of brothers, sisters, children, grandchildren and/or great-grandchildren

10. Related Party Transaction.

A “Related Party Transaction” means any transaction, agreement or any other arrangement in which a Related Party has a financial interest and in which the Corporation, or any Affiliate, is a participant. The assessment of, and any determination concerning, any Related Party Transaction, must be considered in

strict compliance with the adopted policies and procedures of the Corporation.

11. Entire Board.

The "Entire Board" means the total number of Directors entitled to vote which the Corporation would have if there were no vacancies. If the By-Laws provide that the Board of Directors shall consist of a fixed number of Directors, then the "Entire Board" shall consist of that number of Directors. If the By-Laws provide that the Board may consist of a range between a minimum and maximum number of Directors, then the "Entire Board" shall consist of the number of Directors within such range that were elected as of the most recently held election of Directors.

12. Independent Director.

An "Independent Director" means a Director who:

- i. is not, and has not been within the last three (3) fiscal years, an employee of the Corporation or an Affiliate of the Corporation and does not have a Relative who is, or has been within the last three (3) fiscal years, a Key Employee (as defined by these By-Laws) of the Corporation or an Affiliate;
- ii. has not received, and does not have a Relative who has received, in any of the last three (3) fiscal years, more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in direct compensation from the Corporation or an Affiliate (other than reimbursement for expenses reasonably incurred as a Director or reasonable compensation for service as a Director if permitted by statute and regulation; and,
- iii. is not a current employee of or does not have a substantial financial interest in, and does not have a Relative who is a current Officer of or has a substantial financial interest in, any entity that has made "payments" to, or received "payments" from, the Corporation or an Affiliate of the Corporation for property or services in an amount which, in any of the last three (3) fiscal years, exceeds the lesser of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or two percent (2%) of such entity's consolidated gross revenue. For purposes of this definition the term "payments" does not include charitable contributions.

13. Independent Auditor.

An "Independent Auditor" means any Certified Public Accountant performing the audit of the financial statements of the Corporation who is not, nor is any member of his/her firm, an Officer, Director, employee or volunteer of the Corporation or has a Relative who is such an individual.

APPENDIX B—Board of Directors Conflicts of Interest Policy & Related Party Transactions Policy

1. Policy Requirements.

All real or potential “Related Party Transactions” (as defined by Attachment “A”) and any other conflicted matter must be addressed in accordance with the terms of this Board of Directors Conflicts of Interest and Related Party Transactions Policy. Any Related Party Transaction, or any other conflicted matter, authorized in a manner that is materially inconsistent with the terms of this policy may be subsequently rendered void or voidable by a vote of the majority (50% +1) of the Board of Directors, excluding any Directors with an interest in the subject transaction or matter.

2. General Disclosure.

Prior to initial election, and annually thereafter, each Director shall be required to complete, sign and submit to the Secretary, or an authorized designee, as appropriate, a written statement identifying, to the best of the Director's knowledge, any entity of which such Director is an officer, director, trustee, member, owner (either as a sole proprietor or a partner), or employee and with which the Corporation has a relationship, and any transaction in which the Corporation is a participant and in which the Director might have a conflicting interest. The Secretary shall provide a copy of all completed disclosure statements to the Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee. A copy of each disclosure statement shall be available to any Director on request.

3. Specific Disclosure.

If at any time during his or her term of service, a Director, Officer or Key Employee (all as defined by Attachment “A”) acquires an interest, or circumstances otherwise arise, which could give rise to a real or potential Related Party Transaction, or any other conflicted matter, he or she shall promptly disclose, in good-faith, to the Board of Directors, or an authorized committee thereof, as appropriate, the material facts concerning such interest.

4. Audit & Finance Committee Review.

Unless the Board of Directors elects to directly assume such responsibility, the Audit and Finance Committee, or a sub-committee thereof, shall review any real or potential Related Party Transaction, or matter which might be considered to constitute a conflict of interest for a particular Related Party (as defined by Attachment “A”).

5. Standard of Review.

In any instance where a Related Party Transaction, or other conflicted matter, is being reviewed, and is so material that it would customarily warrant formal approval by the Board of Directors, either the Audit and Finance Committee shall thoroughly review the transaction or matter and submit to the Board a recommendation as whether or not it should be approved, or the Board, itself, shall thoroughly review the transaction and render a binding determination.

6. Authorization of Related Party Transactions

The Corporation shall not enter into any Related Party Transaction, or any other conflicted matter, unless such a transaction, or matter, is determined by the Board to be fair, reasonable and in the Corporation's best interest at the time of such determination.

7. Authorization of Transactions Concerning Substantial Financial Interest.

With respect to any Related Party Transaction, or other conflicted matter, in which a Related Party has a substantial financial interest, the Board of Directors, or an authorized committee, as appropriate shall:

- i. prior to entering into such transaction, or matter, to the extent practicable, consider alternative transactions and/or a review of information compiled from, at least, two (2) independent appraisals of other comparable transactions;
- ii. approve the transaction by not less than a two-thirds (2/3s) majority vote of the Directors and/or committee members, as appropriate, present at the meeting; and,
- iii. contemporaneously document the basis for approval by the Board, or authorized committee, as appropriate, which shall include the preparation of a written report, to be attached to the minutes of any meeting where the transaction or matter was deliberated or authorized, identifying the details of the transaction or matter; alternate transactions considered; materials or other information reviewed, Directors, or committee members, present at times of deliberations; names of those who voted in favor, opposed, abstained or were absent; and, the specific action authorized.

8. Restrictions.

With respect to any Related Party Transaction, or any other conflicted matter, considered by the Board, or an authorized committee, as appropriate, No Related Party shall:

- i. be present at, or participate in, any deliberations;
- ii. attempt to influence deliberations; and/or,
- iii. cast a vote on the matter.

Nothing herein shall prohibit the Board, or authorized committee, as appropriate, from requesting that a Related Party present information concerning a Related Party Transaction, or any other conflicted matter, at a Board, or authorized committee, meeting prior to the commencement of deliberations or related voting.

9. Nepotism.

If a "Relative" (as defined by Attachment "A"), or a household member, of an employee or Director is considered for employment or retention by the Corporation as an employee or contractor, a presumption of a Related Party Transaction is created. The terms of this Conflicts of Interest and Related Party Transaction Policy will govern the consideration of such a matter. In cases where a Related Party, or household member, is found to be the best candidate for a given position and is hired as an employee or retained as a contractor, the Corporation shall document that the employee/contractor is qualified and paid a reasonable salary/rate in accordance with other corporate employees and contractors. In addition, such employee or contractor shall not be supervised by, or be in the line of supervision of, the Related Party or household member.

10. Audit-Related Disclosure of Conflicts.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to see to it that all newly-received and annually-submitted Director Conflicts Disclosure Statements (as set forth in Attachment "C") and any case-specific Related Party Transaction reports, together the minutes of any related meetings, are promptly provided to the Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee, if applicable, in an effort to assure that they are properly considered for auditing purposes.

APPENDIX C—Code of Ethical Conduct & Annual Potential Conflicts Disclosure Statement

—Code of Ethical Conduct—

This Corporation is committed to maintaining the highest standard of conduct in carrying out our fiduciary obligations in pursuit of our tax-exempt mission and purposes. As such, each and every Director, Officer and Key Employee (to the extent applicable) shall adhere to the following code of conduct:

By-Laws & Policies.

- be aware of and fully abide by the By-Laws, policies and procedures of the Corporation
- assure compliance of the Corporation with respect to all applicable statutes, regulations and contractual requirements
- respect and fully support the duly-made decisions of the Board of Directors in accordance with all applicable fiduciary duties, including those related to care, loyalty and obedience
- respect the work and recommendations of committees, which are duly charged and have convened and deliberated accordingly
- work diligently to ensure that the Board fully assumes its role as a policy-making, governing body
- understand that the Executive Director, as the Corporation's chief administrative officer, has the sole responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Corporation—specifically, including the supervision of personnel—and for implementation of Board policies and directives

Informed Participation.

- attend most, if not all, meetings of the Board of Directors and assigned committees
- remain informed of all matters, including financial, that come before the Board and/or assigned committees
- respect and follow the “chain of command” of the Board and administration
- constructively and appropriately bring to the attention of the Board, Officers, committee chairs and/or appropriate staff any questions, personal views, opinions and comments of significance on relevant matters of governance, policymaking and corporate constituencies
- oppose, on the record, actions of the Board with which one disagrees or is in serious doubt
- appropriately challenge, within the structure and By-Laws of the Corporation, those binding decisions that violate the legal, fiduciary or contractual obligations of the Corporation
- do not fully commit to vote a particular way on an issue before participating in a deliberation session in which the matter is discussed and action taken.
- act in ways that do not interfere with the duties or authority of staff

Conflict of Interest, Representation & Confidentiality

- represent the best interests of the Corporation at all times and to declare any and all duality of interests or conflicts of interests, material or otherwise, that may impede or be perceived as impeding the capacity to deliberate or act in the good faith, on behalf of the best interests of the Corporation
- conform to the procedures for such disclosure and actions as stated in the By-Laws or otherwise established by the Board of Directors
- not seek or accept, on behalf of self or any other person, any financial advantage or gain that may be offered because, or as a result, of the Director's affiliation with the Corporation.
- publicly support and represent the duly made decisions of the Board
- always speak positively of the Corporation when communicating with current and potential stakeholders and constituencies
- not take any public position representing the Corporation on any issue that is not in conformity with the official position of the Corporation
- not use or otherwise relate one's affiliation with the Board to independently promote or endorse political candidates or parties for the purpose of election
- maintain full confidentiality and proper use of information obtained as a result of Board service in accordance with Board policy or direction

Interpersonal.

- speak clearly, listen carefully to and respect the opinions of fellow Directors and Key Employees
- promote collaboration and partnership among all Directors
- maintain open communication and an effective partnership with the Corporation's Officers and various committees, if any
- remain "solution focused," offering criticism only in a constructive manner
- not filibuster or engage in activities during meetings that are intended to impede or delay the progress and work of the Board because of differences in opinion or other personal reasons
- always work to develop and improve one's knowledge and skills that enhances one's abilities as a Director

—Annual Potential Conflicts Disclosure Statement—

As a Director or Officer or Key Employee of the Corporation, prior to your being seated on the Board of Directors or commencing employment with the Corporation, as appropriate, and annually thereafter, you are required to truthfully, completely and accurately disclose all information requested herein and to promptly update all such information as factual circumstances may change from time-to-time. With regard to this Conflicts Disclosure Statement, be advised, all material terms identified by quotation marks are defined by Appendix “A” of the By-Laws of the Corporation, which is entitled “By-Law & Corporate Policy Definitions.”

please mark ‘Yes’ or ‘No’ & provide additional information when requested

Financial Information Return Disclosure

Responses to the following questions are required in order to complete financial information returns annually submitted to the Internal Revenue Service and the Office of the Attorney General.

1. Have you served as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner or member of, or hold a thirty-five percent (35%) or greater ownership or beneficial interest, or in the case of a partnership or professional corporation a direct or indirect ownership interest in excess of five percent (5%), in, an entity, which during the most recently completed, or current, fiscal year, had, or are reasonably anticipated to have, a direct, or indirect, business relationship, with the Corporation?

 — — If *Yes*, briefly describe below & attach a detailed explanation
No Yes

2. Have you, individually, or through an entity where you hold a thirty-five percent (35%) or greater ownership or beneficial interest, or in the case of a partnership or professional corporation a direct or indirect ownership interest in excess of five percent (5%), during the most recently completed, or current, fiscal year, had, or are reasonably anticipated to have, a direct, or indirect, business relationship, with any individual who is a current or former “Officer,” “Director” or “Key Employee” of the Corporation?

 — — If *Yes*, briefly describe below & attach a detailed explanation
No Yes

3. Do you have a “Relative” who, during the most recently completed, or current, fiscal year, had, or is reasonably anticipated to have, a direct, or indirect, business relationship with the Corporation?

No

Yes

If *Yes*, briefly describe below & attach a detailed explanation

4. Have you, or did you have a “Relative” who, during the most recently completed, or current, fiscal year, had, or is reasonably anticipated to have, any transaction with the Corporation that might reasonably be considered a real or potential conflict of interest pursuant to the Corporation’s Board of Directors Conflicts of Interest Policy, which has not been otherwise disclosed herein?

No

Yes

If *Yes*, briefly describe below & attach a detailed explanation

5. Have you been provided with, properly reviewed and reasonably understand the terms of the Corporation’s current written Board of Directors Conflicts of Interest Policy?

No

Yes

If **No**, briefly describe below &/or attach a detailed explanation

Independent Director Assessment Disclosure.

In order to qualify as an “Independent Director,” as defined by the New York Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, an Officer or Director must respond in the negative to each of the following questions, although failure to respond to all questions in the negative shall not necessarily preclude such an Officer or Director from serving on the Board of Directors.

1. Are you currently, or have you been within the last three (3) fiscal years, an employee of the Corporation, or an “Affiliate” of the Corporation?

 No Yes If *Yes*, briefly describe below & attach a detailed explanation

2. Do you have a “Relative” who is, or has been within the last three (3) years, a “Key Employee” of the Corporation or an Affiliate of the Corporation?

 No Yes If *Yes*, briefly describe below & attach a detailed explanation

3. Have you received, within the last three (3) fiscal years, more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in direct compensation from the Corporation, or an “Affiliate” of the Corporation, other than reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses?

 No Yes If *Yes*, briefly describe below & attach a detailed explanation

4. Do you have a “Relative” who has received, within the last three (3) fiscal years, more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in direct compensation from the Corporation, or an “Affiliate” of the Corporation, other than reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses?

 No Yes If *Yes*, briefly describe below & attach a detailed explanation

5. Are you a current officer or employee of, or do you have a substantial financial interest in, any entity that has made “payments” to, or received “payments” from, the Corporation or an “Affiliate”

of the Corporation, for property or services in an amount which, within the last three (3) fiscal years, exceeds the lesser of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or two percent (2%) of such entity's consolidated gross revenue. For purposes of this question, the definition the term "payments" does not include charitable contributions.

No Yes If *Yes*, briefly describe below & attach a detailed explanation

6. Do you have a Relative who is a current officer or employee of, or has a substantial financial interest in, any entity that has made "payments" to, or received "payments" from, the Corporation or an "Affiliate," for property or services in an amount which, within the last three (3) fiscal years, exceeds the lesser of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or two percent (2%) of such entity's consolidated gross revenue. For purposes of this question, the definition the term "payments" does not include charitable contributions.

No Yes If *Yes*, briefly describe below & attach a detailed explanation

—*Certification*—

I, the undersigned, certify that I have read and understand this Code of Ethical Conduct & Annual Conflicts Disclosure Statement. I agree that my actions will comply with the disclosures found in this document. I further affirm that neither I, as a Related Party nor any Relative have, or had, an interest, or has taken any action, that contravenes, or is likely to contravene, the Conflicts of Interests Policy of the Corporation or, otherwise impedes my ability to act as a fiduciary and in the best interests of the Corporation, except those that may have been disclosed herein.

Director Signature

Date

APPENDIX D—Whistleblower Protection Policy

1. Intent.

The Corporation shall endeavor to protect any “Member,” “Director,” “Officer” (each as defined by these By-Laws) employee, including any “Key Employee” (as defined by these By-Laws) or volunteer who provide substantial services to the Corporation from intimidation, bullying, harassment, discrimination or other forms of retaliation on the part of the Corporation, or any of its Directors, Officers, employees or volunteers, as a consequence of the good-faith filing of a report relative to possible violations of any statute, regulation, applicable ethical standard or policy or procedure of the Corporation.

2. Requirements.

Provided the Corporation has twenty (20) or more employees (full-time, part-time, or a combination thereof) and annual revenue exceeding one million dollars (\$1,000,000), it is required, pursuant to statute, to adhere to the terms of this policy, which, in the absence of such considerations, shall be considered advisable, but not necessarily required.

3. Disclosure.

If any Director, Officer, employee or volunteer reasonably believe that some policy, practice, or activity of the Corporation, or of another individual or entity with whom the Corporation has a substantial business relationship exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), may violate any statute, regulation, applicable ethical standard or policy or procedure of the Corporation, such an individual is required to file a confidential written report summarizing his/her concerns with a member of the Audit & Finance Committee.

4. Investigation & Resolution Procedures.

The investigation of any alleged misconduct or omission governed by this policy shall be conducted in the following manner:

- a. upon receipt of a confidential written report submitted by a whistleblower to a member of the Audit and Finance Committee, the report shall ordinarily be forwarded to the Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee who shall be responsible for properly receiving, overseeing, investigating, assessing, rendering determinations concerning and assuring for the proper documentation and recordation of any, and all, such reports in a manner consistent with the terms of this Policy. In instances where the Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee is him/herself a whistleblower, a subject of the whistleblower’s claims or otherwise conflicted, he/she shall disclose to the Committee the existence of the whistleblower’s claim and that he/she has a real or potential conflict of interest. The Committee shall then appoint another Director to serve as an “Employee Protection Officer” responsible for overseeing the Corporation’s response to the whistleblower’s report;
- b. within thirty (30)-days of receipt of the written report of a whistleblower, or as soon as practicable thereafter, the Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee, or designated Employee Protection Officer, as appropriate, shall act as follows:
 - i. safeguard the confidentiality of subject whistleblower by not disclosing to other Directors, Officers employees or volunteers of the Corporation, the existence of the alleged misconduct or omission, the underlying factual circumstances of the filing of the written report, except as needed in order to properly investigate the matter;
 - ii. conduct an appropriate investigation of the matter within approximately thirty (30)-days of receipt of the written report, or as soon as practicable thereafter;
 - iii. review the policies and procedure of the Corporation, making particular note of the alleged misconduct or omission;

- iv. assess, in the most confidential manner possible, the concerns of the subject whistleblower via written questionnaire and/or interview, as well as those of other Directors, Officers, employees or volunteers who may have an understanding of, or be complicit in, the alleged misconduct or omission, in order to form an informative opinion of the matter and, if necessary, potential recommendations for resolution;
 - v. prepare and submit a written report on the matter to the Audit and Finance Committee, together with recommendations as to resolution and a timeline for implementation of recommended actions; and,
 - vi. forward a copy of the written report to the “Entire Board” (as defined by Attachment “A”).
- c. the Audit and Finance Committee shall act on the written report of the Chair, or designated Employee Protection Officer, as appropriate, review findings and recommendation identified therein, and submit to the Board of Directors a final written assessment of the matter, recommendations as to resolution and a timeline for implementation of recommended actions; and,
- d. upon receipt of the written report of the Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee, or Employee Protection Officer, as appropriate, and the written assessment of the Audit & Finance Committee, the Board of Directors, at its next scheduled Regular Meeting, or a Special Meeting called for that purpose, shall consider the matter and render binding determinations as to resolution, up to, and including, the suspension or removal of any Director, Officer, employee or volunteer of the Corporation found to have engaged in the subject misconduct or omission.

5. Retaliation Protections.

Upon filing a written report of alleged violation(s) of statute, regulation or applicable ethical standard, any such Director, Officer or Key Employee shall be protected, directly and indirectly, from intimidation, bullying, harassment, discrimination or other forms of retaliation on the part of the Corporation or any of its Directors, Officers, employees or volunteers.

6. Documentation.

The Audit and Finance Committee and the Board of Directors shall assure that the matter is properly documented in the records of the Corporation, including minutes of the meetings of the Committee and the Board where the matter was considered and/or addressed.

7. Limitations.

This policy does not protect any Member, Director, Officer, employee or volunteer of the Corporation acting in bad faith; who is deliberately dishonest; and/or, who has personally garnered profit, or some other advantage, to which he/she is not legally entitled to receive. No Director, Officer, employee or volunteer should expect protection under this policy if he/she is complicit in the misconduct or omission that is the subject of his/her concern, unless his/her complicity is, itself, prompted by duress or is motivated by reasonable fear of some form of intimidation, bullying, harassment, discrimination or other form of retaliation.

8. Publication.

A copy of the policy, or an analogous whistleblower protection policy, as appropriate shall be distributed to all Directors, Officers, employees and volunteers who provide substantial services to the Corporation.

APPENDIX E—Audit Oversight Policy

1. Auditing.

Provided the Corporation is required pursuant to stipulated statutory thresholds dictated by revenue annually received and/or other applicable regulation and/or contractual obligation, demanded by the Office of the Attorney General, requested by another regulatory agency or funder as a condition of funding, or otherwise recommended and authorized by the Board of Directors, the accounts of the Corporation shall be subject to an annual audit report or audit review report prepared by “Independent Auditor” (as defined by Attachment “A”) to be overseen by the Audit and Finance Committee, which shall be comprised solely of “Independent Directors” (as defined by Attachment “A”). If such an audit report or audit review is commissioned, the Corporation shall adhere to the terms of this Audit Oversight Policy, which, in the absence of statutory obligation, shall be considered advisable, but not required.

2. Restrictions.

Once retained, neither the Independent Auditor, nor a partner, associate or employee of the Independent Auditor’s firm or practice; or, a “Relative” (as defined in Attachment “A”), or a partner, associate or employee of a Relative’s firm or practice, shall perform any assistance to the Corporation other than that directly related to auditing functions.

3. General Duties.

While working with the Independent Auditor retained to prepared annual audit report, the Corporation’s Audit and Finance Committee, which shall be comprised solely of “Independent Directors” (as defined by these By-Laws), shall perform the following duties:

- i. oversee the accounting and financial reporting processes of the Corporation and the audit of the Corporation’s financial statements;
- ii. annually retain or renew the retention of an Independent Auditor to conduct the audit and, upon completion thereof, review the results of the audit and any related management letter with the Independent Auditor; and,
- iii. oversee the adoption, implementation of, and compliance with the Corporation’s Conflicts of Interest Policy and Related Party Transaction Policy and any required Whistleblower Protection Policy adopted by the Corporation, if such functions are not otherwise performed by another Committee of the Board comprised solely of Independent Directors or the Entire Board, itself.

4. Revenue-Imposed Duties.

The Audit and Finance Committee shall also be required to perform the following duties:

- i. review with the Independent Auditor the scope and planning of the audit prior to the audit’s commencement;
- ii. upon completion of the audit, review and discuss with the Independent Auditor:
 - (a) any material risks and weaknesses in internal controls identified by the Independent Auditor;
 - (b) any restrictions on the scope of the Independent Auditor’s activities or access to requested information;
 - (c) any significant disagreements between the Independent Auditor and management of the Corporation; and,

- (d) the adequacy of the Corporation's accounting and financial reporting processes;
- iii. annually consider the performance and independence of the Independent Auditor; and,
- iv. report on the Committee's activities to the Board of Directors.

5. *Affiliate Corporations.*

Should the Corporation control other "Affiliate" (as defined by Attachment "A") subsidiary corporations, the Audit & Finance Committee of this Corporation may pursuant to state statute and these By-Laws perform all audit oversight duties stipulated in this Article for any such Affiliate subsidiary corporations.

6. *Restrictions.*

Only Independent Directors may participate in any Audit and Finance Committee deliberations or voting relating to matters set forth in this Article.

APPENDIX F—Indemnification & Insurance Policy

Section 1. *Authorized Indemnification.* Unless clearly prohibited by applicable statute, regulation or these By-Laws, the Corporation shall indemnify any person (an “Indemnified Person”) made or threatened to be made a party in any action or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, investigative or otherwise, including any action by the Corporation, by reason of the fact that s/he (or her/his Testator or Administrator, if then deceased), whether before or after adoption of this Article: (a) is or was a Member, Director or Officer of the Corporation, or; (b) is serving or served, in any capacity, at the request of the Corporation, as a Member, Director or Officer of any other corporation, or any partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise. The indemnification shall be against all judgments, fines, penalties, amounts paid in settlement (provided the Corporation shall have consented to such settlement) and reasonable expenses, including attorneys’ fees and costs of investigation, incurred by an Indemnified Person with respect to any such threatened or actual action or proceeding.

Section 2. *Prohibited Indemnification.* The Corporation shall not indemnify any person if a judgment, or other final adjudication, adverse to any Indemnified Person establishes, or the Board of Directors in good faith determines, that such person’s acts were committed in bad faith or were the result of active and deliberate dishonesty and were material to the cause of action so adjudicated or that s/he personally garnered any financial profit or other advantage to which s/he was not legally entitled.

Section 3. *Advancement of Expenses.* The Corporation shall, on request of any Indemnified Person who is, or may be, entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation, pay or promptly reimburse an Indemnified Person’s reasonably incurred expenses in connection with a threatened or actual action or proceeding prior to its final disposition. However, no such advancement of expenses shall be made unless the Indemnified Person makes a written commitment to repay the Corporation, with interest, for any amount advanced for which it is ultimately determined that he/she is not entitled to be indemnified pursuant to statute or these By-Laws. An Indemnified Person shall cooperate with any request by the Corporation that common legal counsel be used by the parties for such action or proceeding who are similarly situated unless it would be inappropriate to do so because of real or potential conflicting interests of the parties.

Section 4. *Indemnification of Others.* Unless clearly prohibited by law or these By-Laws, the Board may approve indemnification by the Corporation, as set forth in Section 1 of this Article, or advancement of expenses as set forth in Section 3 of this Article, to a person (or her/his Testator or Administrator, if then deceased) who is or was employed by the Corporation or who is or was a volunteer for the Corporation, and who is made, or threatened to be made, a party in any action or proceeding, by reason of the fact of such employment or volunteer activity, including actions undertaken in connection with service at the request of the Corporation in any capacity for any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise.

Section 5. *Determination of Indemnification.* Indemnification mandated by a final order of a court of competent jurisdiction will be paid. After termination or disposition of any actual or threatened action or proceeding against an Indemnified Person, if indemnification has not been ordered by a court, the Board shall, upon written request by an Indemnified Person, determine whether and to what extent indemnification is permitted pursuant to these By-Laws. Before indemnification can occur, the Board must expressly find that such indemnification will not violate the provisions of Section 2 herein. No Director with a personal interest in the outcome, or who is a party to such actual or threatened action or proceeding concerning which indemnification is sought, shall participate in this determination. If a quorum of disinterested Directors is not obtainable, the Board shall act only after receiving the opinion in writing of independent legal counsel that indemnification is proper in the circumstances under then applicable law and these By-Laws.

Section 6. *Binding Effect.* Any person entitled to indemnification under these By-Laws has a legally enforceable right to indemnification which cannot be abridged by amendment of these By-Laws with respect to any event, action or omission occurring prior to the date of such amendment.

Section 7. *Insurance.* The Corporation is required to purchase Directors and Officers (“D & O”) liability insurance. To the extent permitted by law, such insurance shall insure the Corporation for any obligation it incurs as a result of this Article, or operation of law, and it may insure directly the Member, Directors, Officers, employees or volunteers of the Corporation for liabilities against which they are not entitled to indemnification under this Article, as well as for liabilities against which they are entitled or permitted to be indemnified by the Corporation.

Section 8. *Nonexclusive Rights.* The provisions of this Article shall not limit or exclude any other rights to which any person may be entitled under law or contract. The Board is authorized to enter into agreements on behalf of the Corporation with any Member, Director, Officer, employee or volunteer to provide them rights to indemnification or advancement of expenses in connection with potential indemnification in addition to the provisions therefore in this Article, subject to the limitations of Section 2 herein.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF

THE COMPUTING CENTER OF EXCELLENCE, INC.

Under Section 402 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law

THE UNDERSIGNED, being the age of eighteen years or over, for the purpose of forming a corporation pursuant to Section 402 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of New York (the "N-PCL"), does certify:

FIRST: The name of the corporation is the The Computing Center of Excellence, Inc. (the "Corporation").

SECOND: The Corporation is a corporation as defined in subparagraph (a) (5) of Section 102 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law.

THIRD: The Corporation is a Type B corporation as defined in Section 201 of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law (the "N-PCL").

FOURTH: The Corporation is formed for the following charitable purposes: (a) to provide multi-disciplinary scientific research for government and industry with an emphasis on the area of cyber security with a specific focus on trusted, secure computer systems and software operating systems therefor, provided that such scientific research shall not be of a kind ordinarily conducted as a part of or an incident to commercial or industrial operations; (b) to conduct such scientific research for the benefit of the public and not the for commercialization of products or processes developed by the scientific research; (c) to promote education of the public on subjects useful to individuals and beneficial to communities by publishing information and hosting forums and workshops to discuss information useful to the interested public; and (d) to facilitate collaboration and the sharing of knowledge related to the area of trusted, secure computer

systems and computer software operating systems between public and private institutions, including the Air Force Research Laboratory at Rome, and New York based colleges and universities, private businesses and not-for-profit entities.

The foregoing charitable purpose shall not prevent the Corporation from incurring administrative expenses for its own support. Such administrative expenses, however, shall be prudent and necessary for the conduct of activities for the benefit of the Corporation and for no other entity or purpose either directly or indirectly.

The Corporation shall not engage in any activities for the pecuniary profit or financial gain of its directors or officers.

Nothing herein shall be construed as authorizing the Corporation to engage in or include among its purposes either directly or indirectly, any of the activities described in the N-PCL Section 404(a) through 404(c) or 404(e) through 404(v). Attached to this Certificate of Incorporation is the consent of the New York State Department of Education as required under N-PCL Section 404(d).

FIFTH: Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Certificate of Incorporation, the Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes, as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax law (the "Code") and shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (a) a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Code Section 501(c)(3) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Code Section 170(c)(2).

SIXTH: No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its directors, officers, or any other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its purposes as set forth in this Certificate of

Incorporation.

SEVENTH: No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by Code Section 501(h)), and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate, or participating in, or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

EIGHTH: In the event of dissolution or final liquidation of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the lawful debts and liabilities of the Corporation, distribute all the assets of the Corporation to one or more of the following categories of recipients as the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall determine:

(a) the Griffiss Institute, Inc., or an organization which may have been created to succeed the Griffiss Institute, Inc., as long as it or such successor organization shall then qualify as a governmental unit under Code Section 170(c) or as an organization exempt from federal income taxation under Code Section 501(a) as an organization described in Code Section 501(c)(3); or

(b) if the Griffiss Institute, Inc., or its successor fail to qualify as a governmental unit under Code Section 170(c) or as an organization exempt from federal income taxation under Code Section 501(a) as an organization described in Code Section 501(c)(3) then a non-profit organization or organizations having similar aims and objectives as the Griffiss Institute, Inc., and which may be selected as an appropriate recipient of such assets, as long as such organization or each of such organizations shall then qualify as a governmental unit under Code Section 170(c) or an organization exempt from federal income taxation under Code Section 501(a) as an organization described in Code Section 501(c)(3).

NINTH: In any taxable year in which the Corporation is a private foundation as described in Code Section 509(a), the Corporation shall distribute its income for said period at such time and in such manner as not to subject it to tax under Code Section 4942; and the Corporation shall not (a) engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Code Section 4941(d); (b) retain any excess business holdings as defined in Code Section 4943(c); (c) make any investments in such manner as the subject corporation detects under Code Section 4944; or (d) make any taxable expenditures as defined in Code Section 4945(d).

TENTH: The office of the Corporation is to be located in the County of Oneida, State of New York.

ELEVENTH: The Corporation shall have six (6) classes of members with respective voting rights as follows:

Platinum Member: 10 representatives; 10 votes

Gold Member: 5 representatives; 2 votes

Silver Member: 2 representatives; 1 vote

Auditor Member: 1 representative; no votes generally, but 1 vote when serving on Board of Directors

Associate Member: 1 representative; no votes generally, but 1 vote when serving on Board of Directors

Individual Member: 1 representative; no votes generally, but 1 vote when serving on Board of Directors

The initial voting members of the Corporation shall comprise the Griffiss Institute, Inc., Intelligent Automation, Inc. (IAI), Siege Technologies, DornerWorks, Ltd. and Adventium Labs. The initial

non-voting members shall comprise the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) and SeL4 Foundation, LLC. Platinum, Gold, & Silver members shall be dues paying and are voting members. Auditor and Individual members shall pay significantly reduced dues and are considered non-voting members. Associate members shall pay no dues and are considered non-voting members. Members having a representative serving on the Board of Directors shall have at least one vote. The Board of Directors shall have the discretion to set, reduce or eliminate a member’s annual dues in accordance with a member’s technical contributions to the Corporation.

TWELFTH: The Corporation shall be operated by a Board of Directors, the number of which is to be no fewer than five. The directors, other than the initial Board of Directors, shall be elected by the Members in accordance with N-PCL Section 703. All directors shall possess U.S. citizenship.

THIRTEENTH: The names and addresses of the persons comprising the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation are:

NAME	ADDRESS
Mr. Patrick Hurley	Griffiss Institute 592 Hangar Rd Rome, NY 13441
Dr. Jason Li	Siege Technologies 4511 Singer Ct, Suite 300 Chantilly, VA 20151
Dr. Gregg Wildes	DornerWorks 3445 Lake Eastbrook Blvd SE Grand Rapids, MI 49546
Mr. Todd Carpenter	Adventium Labs 111 3 rd Avenue South, Suite 100 Minneapolis, MN 55401
Dr. Renato Levy	Intelligent Automation Inc

15400 Calhoun Dr., Suite 190
Rockville, MD 20855

FOURTEENTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Corporation upon whom process against the Corporation may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Corporation served upon him or her is: The Computing Center of Excellence, c/o Griffiss Institute, Inc., 592 Hangar Road, Rome, New York 13441.

FIFTEENTH: Directors or officers of the Corporation shall not be personally liable to the Corporation for monetary damages because of their breach of duty as directors or officers unless such liability is based upon a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to the director or officer which establishes (i) that the acts or omissions of the director or officer were in bad faith or involved intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of the law that were material to the cause of action so adjudicated, (ii) that the director or officer personally gained in fact a financial profit or other advantage to which the director or officer was not legally entitled, or (iii) that the acts of the director or officer violated N-PCL Section 719. If the N-PCL is amended to authorize the further elimination or limitation of the liability of directors or officers, the limitation on personal liability established by this Certificate of Incorporation shall be further expanded to the fullest extent permitted by the amended N-PCL.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has made and signed this certificate this _____ day of _____ 2021 and affirms that the statements contained therein are true under penalty of perjury.

Joseph A. Mancini, Esq., Incorporator
General Counsel
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