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Introduction

This Liblicense Model License Agreement ("LMLA") has been prepared to assist information professionals, executives, and others who regularly acquire digital, database content for educational purposes or markets. The intent of this LMLA is to present information professionals with a sound and realistic template of the key issues involved in negotiating a license to acquire or use database content. While LMLA may be used in most database licensing situations, it has been drafted with a particular focus on licensing issues in higher education. LMLA's

terms and conditions are based on United States common and statutory law, and it presumes the licensor or publisher will make the information available through a password- or otherwise protected Web site for one year.

To be of maximum value, this document should be used only as a reference document that assists professionals in negotiating (or preparing to negotiate) database content license agreements. Under no circumstances should any person or organization use or adopt the LMLA in its entirety, or use it as the sole or exclusive basis for negotiating a license contract.

Several LMLA provisions (including the jurisdiction and warranty provisions) likely will require modification in order to serve your organization's purposes. If you plan to use LMLA as the basis for your institution's license agreement, Liblicense editors strongly recommend that you review and amend this model agreement with the assistance of a capable attorney who has experience in dealing with commercial contracts, licensing, and institutional policy. We recommend the National Information Standards Organization's Shared E-Resource Understanding ("SERU") for those that seek to a shorter alternative

actual license agreement. 2. Where a clause requires one or more parties to enter information, those options are delineated by the open, square brackets around bold faced type like this:

3. Footnotes are used exclusively to list Web site uniform resource locators, and are provided for convenience only. Neither the footnote markers nor the footnote

text should appear in any final agreement. If your final agreement references external Web sites, the uniform resource locators (URLs) for those sites should be incorporated into the appropriate defined terms.

Model Agreement This License Agreement, along with any appendices or attachments (later referred to as this "Agreement"), is made effective as of [enter date] (later referred to as the "Effective Date") between [Enter publisher's official corporate name, address, city, state, and postal code] (later referred to as

"Licensor") and [Enter licensing institution's official corporate or entity name, address, city, state, and postal code] (later referred to as "Licensee"). In consideration of the mutual promises this Agreement contains, and other valuable and sufficient consideration, the Licensor and Licensee agree as follows:

1.1. Nature of Materials. The materials that are the subject of this Agreement consist of [describe licensed materials with reasonable specificity] (hereinafter referred to as the "Licensed Materials"). 1.2. Grant of License. Licensor grants to Licensee non-exclusive access to and use of the Licensed Materials, and the right to provide the Licensed Materials to Authorized Users (which are defined in Section 4, below) in accordance with this Agreement's terms and conditions.

1.3 Ownership. The Licensee and its Authorized Users (which are defined in Section 4, below) acknowledge that the Licensor or its suppliers retain ownership and title to the Licensed Materials' copyright and any trademarks or service marks related to the Licensed Materials. Ownership of the Licensed Materials may be subject to terms, conditions, or exceptions set forth elsewhere in this Agreement.

2. Fees 2.1 Fees and Payment. Licensee shall pay to Licensor for use of the Licensed Materials pursuant to the terms set forth in Appendix A, which is attached hereto. {Liblicense editors suggest that these issues be negotiated and addressed in writing in an Appendix to the main Agreement. Pricing models vary

payment term may be for less than one year, one calendar year, one fiscal year (typically July 1 through June 30) or for multiple years. For these and other reasons, the LMLA does not include a model Appendix A.} 3. Authorized Use & Users

3.1 Authorized Users. The Licensor and Licensee define "Authorized Users" as the following: a. The Licensee's full-time and part time students, regardless of their physical location;

3.2 Authorized Uses. The Licensee and the Authorized Users may access or use the Licensed Materials in ways that are consistent with this Agreement's terms and conditions and the Copyright Act of 1976 (17 U.S.C. § 101, et seq.) (later referred to as the "Copyright Act"), including the Copyright Act's limitations on exclusive rights provisions. Additionally, the Licensee and Authorized Users may access or use the Licensed Materials for the following

instruction offered by Licensee or its parent institution. b. Education and Teaching. Licensee and Authorized Users may extract or use information contained in the database for educational, scientific, or research

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- e. Scholarly Sharing. Authorized Users may transmit to a third party colleague in hard copy or electronically, minimal, insubstantial amounts of the Licensed Materials for personal, scholarly, educational, scientific, or research uses. In addition, Authorized Users have the right to use, with appropriate credit, figures,

f. Interlibrary Loan. Licensee may provide to other libraries or academic institutions requests to provide reasonable amounts of the Licensed Materials through interlibrary loan arrangements. 4. Delivery & Access

locations. 4.2 Access and Authentication. Licensor will allow the Licensee and its Authorized Users to have access to the Licensed Materials pursuant to the terms, conditions, directives or specifications set forth in Appendix B. {Liblicense editors suggest that these issues be negotiated and addressed in an Appendix to the main Agreement. Like pricing models, access and authentication specifications vary widely in database licensing contracts. The options include the

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 Public keys or certificates Developing protocols not yet developed or tested at the time of Agreement signing These access and authentication specifications typically may require the expertise of networking professionals; information security specialists; and the

b. Documentation. Licensor will full, complete, and up-to-date help and operational documentation for the Licensee and Authorized Users in an electronic or digital format. Additionally, Licensor will make this documentation available in a location on its Web site that does not require Authorized Users to log in, use, or otherwise access the Licensed Materials.

5.1 Licensor Performance Obligations. The Licensor agrees that its performance always will meet or exceed the standards of commercial reasonability

- Materials as they become available; unavailability because of service or equipment failure outside the Licensor's control (including problems with public or private telecommunications services, or Internet nodes or facilities). Licensor may schedule brief unavailability periods, but will do so only where (1) it has given
- License Materials to other formats. When such changes, modifications, or migrations occur, the Licensor shall give notice of any such changes to Licensee within three (3) days. If any of the changes, modifications, or migrations render the Licensed Materials substantially less useful to the Licensee or its Authorized Users, the Licensee may treat such modifications as a material breach subject to the Term and Renewal provisions of this Agreement at Section 6, below. h. Completeness of Content. Where applicable, Licensor will inform Licensee of instances where online content differs from the print versions of the Licensed

at least 48 hour notice, and (2) in ways and at times that minimize inconvenience to Licensee and its Authorized Users, regardless of when notice has been

f. Licensed Materials Problems. If the Licensed Materials fail to operate, display, load or render in conformance with the terms of this Agreement, Licensee shall immediately notify Licensor, and Licensor shall promptly use reasonable efforts to restore access to the Licensed Materials as soon as possible. In the event

that Licensor fails to repair the nonconformity in a reasonable time, Licensor shall reimburse Licensee for such problems in an amount that is proportional to the

the right to publish, or which it has reasonable grounds to believe infringes copyright or is defamatory, obscene, unlawful or otherwise objectionable. Licensor shall give written notice to the Licensee of such withdrawal no later than [time period] following the removal of any item pursuant to this section. If any such withdrawal renders the Licensed Materials less useful to Licensee or its Authorized Users, Licensor shall reimburse Licensee in an amount that the withdrawal is proportional to the total Fees owed by Licensee under this Agreement. If any such withdrawal renders the Licensed Materials substantially less useful to Licensee or its Authorized Users, Licensee may seek to terminate this Agreement pursuant to the early termination provisions of Section 6 and may maintain seek any appropriate legal or equitable remedy.

k. "Click-Through" License Terms. In the event that Licensor requires Authorized Users to agree to terms relating to the use of the Licensed Materials before

impose such terms on Authorized Users through mere use or viewing of the Authorized Materials, Licensor shall provide Licensee with notice of and an

under this Agreement's governing law. Additionally, the Licensee agrees to the following performance standards. a. License Terms Notice. Licensee shall make reasonable efforts to provide Authorized Users with appropriate notice of the terms and conditions under which access to the Licensed Materials is granted under this Agreement including any access or use limitations concerning the Licensed Materials.

b. Protection from Unauthorized Use. Licensee shall use reasonable efforts to inform Authorized Users of the restrictions on use of the Licensed Materials. In the

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Licensee may terminate such Authorized User's access to the Licensed Materials upon Licensor's request. Lice nsor shall take none of the steps described in this paragraph without first providing reasonable notice to Licen

event of any Authorized User makes an unauthorized use of the Licensed Materials, the parties may take the following actions as a cure:

5.2 Licensee Performance Obligations. The Licensee agrees that its performance always will meet or exceed the standards of commercial reasonability

- see (in no event less than [time period]) and cooperating with the Licensee to avoid recurrence of any unauthorized use.
- effected. If the breach is not cured within the [enter cure time period], the non-breaching party shall have the right to terminate the Agreement without further notice. Once this Agreement ends, by early termination or otherwise, the Licensor may terminate (or cause termination of) access to the Licensed Materials by Licensee and Authorized Users shall be terminated, but authorized copies of Licensed Materials may be retained by Licensee or Authorized Users and used subject to the terms of this Agreement.
- 8.2 Warranty Disclaimers. Notwithstanding anything else in this Agreement, a. Neither party shall be liable for any indirect, special, incidental, punitive or consequential damages, including loss of data, business interruption, or loss of profits that arises from the use of the Licensed Materials, or inability to use the Licensed Materials.
- knowledgeable about issues relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. (In the event the parties are unable to agree to such a selection, each party will select an arbitrator and the arbitrators in turn shall select a third arbitrator.) The arbitration shall take place at a location that is reasonably centrally located between the parties, or otherwise mutually agreed upon by the parties. All documents, materials, and information in the possession of each party that are in any way relevant to the claim(s) or dispute(s) shall be made available to the other party for review and copying no later than [enter time period] after the notice of arbitration is served. The arbitrator(s) shall not have the authority, power, or right to alter, change, amend, modify, add, or subtract from any provision of this Agreement or to award punitive damages. The arbitrator shall have the power to issue mandatory orders and restraining orders in connection with the
- **Signatures** IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement by their respective, duly authorized representatives as of the Effective Date.

b. Modification of Licensed Materials. Licensee shall not modify or create a derivative work of the Licensed Materials without the Licensor's express, prior, and written permission. c. Removal of Copyright Notice. Licensee may not remove, obscure or modify any copyright or other notices included in the Licensed Materials. d. Commercial Purposes. Other than as specifically permitted in this Agreement, Licensee may not use the Licensed Materials for commercial purposes. This restriction expressly prohibits the Licensee from selling the Licensed Materials, or reproducing or distributing in bulk Licensed Materials in any form. 5. Performance Obligations

under this Agreement's governing law. Additionally, the Licensor agrees to the following performance standards.

i. is at least as complete as print versions of the Licensed Materials; and

with the latest COUNTER Code of Practice release.

se occurred; or

as they are developed during the term of this Agreement.

j. Updates. Licensor will provide regular system and project updates to Licensee as they become available.

i. Licensor may terminate such Authorized User's access to the Licensed Materials;

e. Quality of Service. Licensor shall use reasonable efforts to ensure that the Licensor's server or servers have sufficient capacity and rate of connectivity to provide the Licensee and its Authorized Users with a quality of service comparable to current standards in the online information provision industry in the Licensee's locale. Licensor shall use reasonable efforts to provide continuous service with an average of [enter percentage] up-time per month. The [enter percentage] up-time includes periodic unavailability due to server maintenance; software installation or testing; loading or making available additional Licensed

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opportunity to comment on such terms prior to their implementation. In no event shall such terms materially differ from the provisions of this Agreement. In the

c. Maintaining Confidentiality of Access Passwords. Where access to the Licensed Materials is to be controlled by use of passwords, Licensee shall issue log-on identification numbers and passwords to each Authorized User and use reasonable efforts to ensure that Authorized Users do not divulge their numbers and passwords to any third party. Licensee shall also maintain the confidentiality of any institutional passwords provided by Licensor. 5.3. Mutual Performance Obligations. In addition to their respective, specific performance obligations, the Licensor and Licensee agree to be bound by the following performance standards.

and its Authorized Users. Such data may be used solely for purposes directly related to the Licensed Materials and may only be provided to third parties in

aggregate form. Raw usage data, including but not limited to information relating to the identity of specific users and/or uses, shall not be provided to any third

b. Implementation of Developing Security Protocols. Licensee and Licensor shall cooperate in the implementation of security and control protocols and procedures

6.4 Refunds. In the event of early termination permitted by this Agreement, Licensee shall be entitled to a refund of any fees or pro-rata portion thereof paid by Licensee for any remaining period of the Agreement from the date of termination. 7. Archives

7.1 Archival Availability. Except for termination for cause, Licensor hereby grants to Licensee a nonexclusive, royalty-free, perpetual license to use any Licensed Materials that the Licensee accessed during Agreement's duration. The Licensor shall allow the Licensee to participate in the archiving of one complete copy of the Licensed Materials, and to use such archived Licensed Materials in the event the Licensor discontinues or suspends selling or

Such use shall be in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, which provisions shall survive any termination of this Agreement. The means by which Licensee shall have access to such Licensed Materials shall be in a manner and form substantially equivalent to the means by which access is

b. Licensor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Licensee and any Authorized Users harmless for any losses, claims, damages, awards, penalties, or injuries they incur (including reasonable attorney's fees) which arise from any third party claim that alleges contract breach, copyright infringement, or other intellectual property infringement arising from the Licensee's or an Authorized User's use or access of the Licensed Materials. Additionally, Licensor agrees that no liability limitation that may appear elsewhere in this Agreement applies to, overrides, or cancels this indemnification.

c. Licensor warrants that any physical object, medium, or container that contains the Licensed Materials is will be free from defects for a period of [enter time]

b. Licensor makes no representation or warranty, and expressly disclaims any liability with respect to the content of any Licensed Materials, including errors or omissions contained therein, libel, infringement of rights of publicity, privacy, trademark rights, moral rights, or the disclosure of confidential information.

c. Except for the express warranties stated elsewhere in this Agreement, the Licensed Materials are provided on an "as is" basis, and Licensor disclaims any and all other warranties, conditions, or representations (express, implied, oral or written), relating to the Licensed Materials or any part thereof, including, without limitation, any and all implied warranties of quality, performance, merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose. Licensor makes no warranties respecting

any harm that may be caused by the transmission of a computer virus, worm, time bomb, logic bomb or other such computer program. Licensor further

8.3 Indemnities. Both Licensor and Licensee agree to indemnify and hold harmless the other party for any losses, claims, damages, awards, penalties, or injuries incurred by any third party (including reasonable attorney's fees) that arise from any alleged breach of the indemnifying party's representations and

9.2 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be interpreted and construed according to, and governed by, the laws of [venue convenient to Licensor and

not affected by the dispute. If the Licensor and Licensee cannot resolve their dispute after reasonable effort and a reasonable period of time, the parties agree to resolve the dispute using one of the following methods in lieu of litigation. (The mediation clause and arbitration clauses may be chosen together,

a. Mediation. The Licensor and Licensee may submit their dispute to a neutral, non-binding mediation prior to he commencement of arbitration, litigation, or any

mediator who shall act as the neutral mediator, assisting the parties in attempting to reach a resolution.) The Licensor and Licensee will share equally in the cost

of the mediator(s), and commit to completing at least four hours of mediation before seeking any other dispute resolution method, legal remedy, or equitable remedy. If the mediation is successful, its resolution will be documented by a written agreement executed by all parties. If the mediation does not successfully resolve the dispute or claim, the mediator shall provide written notice to both parties. At this point, the Licensee and Licensor may seek another alternative form

b. Arbitration. If mediation does not resolve a controversy or dispute between the Licensor and Licensee, the parties shall resolve the dispute by binding arbitration

arbitration. The award rendered by the arbitrator shall be final and binding on the parties, and judgment may be entered thereon in any court having jurisdiction.

of resolution of the dispute or claim, consistent with the remaining terms of this agreement and other legal rights and remedies, or commence litigation.

in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association. The parties shall select a mutually acceptable arbitrator

other proceeding before a trier of fact. The parties to the dispute or claim agree to act in good faith to participate in mediation, and to identify a mutually acceptable mediator. (If a mediator cannot be agreed upon by the parties, each party shall designate a mediator and those mediators shall select a third

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Licensee], excluding any such laws that might direct the application of another jurisdiction's laws. The federal or state courts located in [venue **convenient to Licensor and Licensee**] shall have jurisdiction to hear any dispute under this Agreement. 9.3 Dispute Resolution. In the event any dispute or controversy arising out of or relating to this Agreement, the parties agree to exercise their best efforts to resolve the dispute as soon as possible. The parties shall, without delay, continue to perform their respective obligations under this Agreement which are

or the arbitration clause may be chosen by itself.

- The agreement to arbitration shall be specifically enforceable under prevailing arbitration law. During the continuance of any arbitration proceeding, the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under this Agreement. 9.4 Force Majeure. Neither party shall be liable in damages or have the right to terminate this Agreement for any delay or default in performing hereunder if such delay or default is caused by conditions beyond its control, including Acts of God, Government restrictions (including the denial or cancellation of any export or other necessary license), wars, insurrections and/or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of the party whose performance is affected.
- [Printed Name] [Title] [Address]

- may from time to time change its Notice Address by written notice to the other party.

- 9.5 Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties and supersedes all prior communications, understandings and agreements relating to the subject matter hereof, whether oral or written. 9.6 Amendment. No modification or claimed waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be valid except by written amendment signed by authorized representatives of Licensor and Licensee.
- [Printed Name] [Title] [Address] [Telephone Number]

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- a. Availability of Licensed Materials. The Licensor will make the Licensed Materials available to the Licensee and Authorized Users within [enter time period]. c. Support. Licensor will offer activation or installation support, including assisting with the implementation of any Licensor software. Licensor will offer reasonable levels of continuing support to assist Licensee and Authorized Users in use of the Licensed Materials. Licensor will make its personnel available by email, phone or fax during [enter time period] for feedback, problem-solving, or general questions. d. Training. Licensor will provide appropriate training to Licensee's staff relating to the use of the Licensed Materials and any Licensor software. Licensor also will
- total fees Licensor owes pursuant to Section 2 and Appendix A of this Agreement. g. Notification of Modifications of Licensed Materials. From time to time, Licensor may add, delete, or modify portions of the Licensed Materials, or migrate the Materials. The Licensor will cooperate with the Licensee to identify and correct content errors or omissions, and when necessary, the Licensor shall use reasonable efforts to ensure that the online content:

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6. Term & Renewal

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period] from delivery.

8. Warranties & Indemnification

- 6.1 Agreement Term. This Agreement remains in effect from the Effective Date until [enter specific time and time zone] on [enter date]. 6.2 Renewal. This Agreement shall be renewable at the end of the current term for a successive [length of time] term unless either party gives written notice of its intention not to renew [time period] before expiration of the current term. 6.3 Early Termination. If either party believes that the other materially has breached any obligations under this Agreement, or if Licensor believes that Licensee has exceeded the scope of the License, such party shall so notify the other party of the alleged breach party in writing. The breaching party shall have [enter cure time period] from the receipt of notice to cure the alleged breach and to notify the non-breaching party in writing that cure has been
 - 8.1 Warranties. The Licensor warrants the following: a. Licensor has all necessary legal and equitable rights, permissions, or clearances to license the Licensed Materials to the Licensee for the purposes outlined in this Agreement, and that use of the Licensed Materials by Authorized Users in accordance with the terms of this Agreement shall not infringe the copyright of any third party;
 - warranties made under this Agreement, so long as the indemnifying party is promptly notified of any such claims. The indemnifying party shall have the sole right to defend such claims at its own expense. The other party shall provide, at the indemnifying party's expense, such assistance in investigating and defending such claims as the indemnifying party may reasonably request. This indemnity shall survive the termination of this Agreement. 9. Miscellaneous Provisions 9.1 Assignment and Transfer. Neither party may assign, directly or indirectly, all or part of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. Neither party to this Agreement may unreasonably withhold or delay such written consent.
- 9.7 Severability. If any provision or provisions of this Agreement shall be held to be invalid, illegal, unenforceable or in conflict with the law of any jurisdiction, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby. 9.8 Waiver of Contractual Right. Waiver of any provision herein shall not be deemed a waiver of any other provision herein, nor shall waiver of any breach of this Agreement be construed as a continuing waiver of other breaches of the same or other provisions of this Agreement. 9.9 Notices. All notices given pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be sent to the contract addresses noted in the first paragraph of this Agreement. All notices may be hand delivered, or shall be deemed received within [enter time period] after mailing if sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. If any notice is sent by facsimile, confirmation copies must be sent by mail or hand delivery to the specified address. Either party

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