



**DISPUTE RESOLUTION CONSORTIUM  
AGREEMENT TO MEDIATE**

SFEB DRC Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of receiving services from the SFEB Mediation Consortium, I agree to participate in this mediation voluntarily and to mediate in good faith. I will sincerely attempt to resolve this dispute. I agree to cooperate with the mediators assigned to this case, and give serious consideration to all suggestions made toward developing a realistic solution to the problem. All dispute resolution communications made under this agreement are for the purpose of compromise and settlement of the parties' dispute.

The parties understand that the mediators assigned to this case will not be serving as advocates, attorneys, or judges. Mediators facilitate impartially, and assist the parties to arrive at their own solutions. The parties have a right to have a representative assist them during the mediation process. Any agreements resulting from this mediation session are entered into voluntarily and by mutual acceptance of the parties.

The parties agree that the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1996 applies to this mediation except for Section 574(b)(7). By excluding this section, the parties agree that all communications in joint session (when everyone is in the room together) are confidential.

No party shall be bound by anything said or done at the mediation unless a written settlement is reached and signed by all necessary parties. If a settlement is reached during the mediation, a written agreement reflecting that settlement will be prepared, approved by the required approving officials, and then signed by the parties. The parties understand that, where negotiated bargaining agreements exist, settlements may not violate the terms or intent of such agreements.

Participating in this process does not imply an admission of guilt or wrongdoing by any party.

The parties agree not to subpoena or require mediators to testify or produce records, notes, or work products in any future proceedings, and that no recordings or stenographic records will be made of the mediation session. The parties further agree that the mediators involved in this case will be held harmless for any claim arising from the mediation process.

By signature, we acknowledge that we have read, understand, and consent to the terms of this Agreement to Mediate.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_.

**Printed Name**

**Signature**

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