

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT OF THE  
4FrontED BINATIONAL PROGRAM  
TO SUPPORT  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE GREATER YUMA REGION**

This AGREEMENT is made on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2016 (the "Agreement Date"), among the following governing Agencies of the State of Arizona and in or of the County of Yuma:

the City of San Luis, an incorporated city under the laws of Arizona and having its administrative offices at  
1090 East Union Street  
San Luis, Arizona 85349 ("San Luis");

the City of Somerton, an incorporated city under the law of Arizona and having its administrative offices at  
110 North State Avenue  
Somerton, Arizona 85350 ("Somerton");

the Town of Wellton, an incorporated town under the laws of Arizona and having its administrative offices at  
28634 Oakland Avenue  
Wellton, Arizona 85356 ("Wellton");

the City of Yuma, a charter city under the laws of Arizona and having its administrative offices at  
One City Plaza  
Yuma, Arizona 85364 ("Yuma") and

the County of Yuma, a body corporate and politic of the State of Arizona and having its administrative offices at  
198 South Main Street  
Yuma, Arizona 85364 (the "County").

The above-listed cities are known collectively as (the "Cities" and" the "County"). The County and Cities comprise a funding committee of the Yuma area for the sole purposes of this Agreement.

**RECITALS**

- A. The County and the Cities joining in this Agreement wish to formalize a bilateral relationship to promote growth and expand economic opportunities in Yuma County, Arizona, U.S.A.; regions within the State of California, U.S.A.; San Luis Rio Colorado; regions within Baja California, Mexico.

- B. Yuma County is authorized to participate in Economic Development activities pursuant to A.R.S. §§11-251(21), 11-254, and 11-254.04. The Cities are authorized to participate in Economic Development pursuant to A.R.S. §9-500.11
- C. The County and the Cities support the 4FrontED Binational Region program objectives which include but are not limited to the following:

#### Binational Cluster Development

- Identify, map, and define binational regional business clusters such as advanced manufacturing opportunities. Establish and/or strengthen relationships with companies in northern Mexico in aerospace, automotive, electronic, agribusiness, and electrical devices, and promote the region's logistics/distribution and cost competitive advantages for potential advanced manufacturing opportunities. Sustain the momentum with the University of Arizona cluster work and the North American Research Partnership cluster mapping.
- Engage the region's manufacturers in RevAZ(Arizona Commerce Authority's Manufacturing Extension Partnership program), particularly with the ExportTech Boot Camp.
- Further leverage the economic benefit of the agriculture trade moving through the San Luis Port of Entry. Maintain and grow agribusiness trade by addressing binational infrastructure and transportation improvements from major growing regions in Mexico and strengthening relationships throughout western Mexico. Continue to expand value-add produce opportunities in packaged food.
- Work to attract foreign direct investment (FDI) projects within the transportation, tourism, and economic development sectors. Leverage the international and foreign investment partners working with the University of Arizona Yuma Center of Excellence for Desert Agriculture to attract a larger footprint in the region.
- Focus on manufacturing industries to provide higher average wages, create more indirect economic activity for the region, impact the regional tax base, and attract new revenues to the region resulting in an expanded economy through the following manufacturing sectors: perishable prepared food, storage battery, fluid milk, aircraft, fabricated structural metals, metal stamping, truck trailer, sign, unmanned vehicle and computerized numerical control machining.
- Continue to implement the IMPC strategy working collaboratively to develop and promote advanced manufacturing.
- Work with existing industries to improve access and attract a supply chain of businesses to the 4FrontED region.
- Actively engage the private sector and regional businesses to assist in the implementation of the 4FrontED initiative.

## Strengthen Binational Workforce Development

- Broaden the educational exchange between the region's institutions and Mexico by establishing a binational education task force to ensure a stronger regional labor force that meets the current and future needs of regional businesses.
- Collaborate with Arizona Western College, Northern Arizona University and other institutions of higher learning to target advanced degrees to maquila managers or leadership.

## Develop Binational Tourism

- Work collaboratively to leverage existing tourism assets and further develop visitor destinations within the binational region. Create and actively implement a binational tourism development and marketing program with a focus on recreation and culture.
- Implement a strategy to develop and attract medical tourism to the 4FrontED region.
- Develop and promote a binational calendar of events.

## Leverage Port of Entry and Border Infrastructure Investments

- Aggressively promote the San Luis commercial port of entry.
- Continue to pursue improvements to the port of entry.
- Pursue increased port of entry staffing to improve efficiencies of border crossings.
- Build cross-border public transportation, bicycling and pedestrian improvements.

## Spur Innovation and Entrepreneurism

- Leverage the San Luis Business Incubator to foster business growth in manufacturing, machining, distribution, and support businesses.
- Make the 4FrontED binational region an entrepreneurial hub by leveraging the U.S. entrepreneurial visa program that can promote new business start-ups and innovation.

## Maximize Developable Industrial Land

- Move forward with development strategies to ensure that the border industrial land is ready for manufacturing facilities. Focus on project readiness of industrial sites.

## Continue to Improve Regional Infrastructure

- The cities of San Luis, San Luis Rio Colorado, Somerton, Wellton, and Yuma are committed to building a rail connection between the city of San Luis Rio Colorado and Yuma to support economic development.
- Work to implement project priorities identified in the Border Master Plans (2013)
- Prioritize regional infrastructure projects to support economic development efforts

and pursue grant funding.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the parties agree as follows:

**SECTION ONE. DEFINITION OF TERMS**

The following terms and expressions as used in this Agreement, unless the context clearly shows otherwise, shall have the following meanings:

“Region” means Yuma County, Arizona, U.S.A.; San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora, Mexico and regions within Baja California Norte, Mexico bordering the municipality of San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora, Mexico and Yuma County, Arizona, U.S.A.

**SECTION TWO. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- A. The City of San Luis, Arizona is the fiscal agent responsible for administering the funds for the binational program. San Luis shall only use the funds for the objectives stated in the recitals, and the funds expended, not exceed the one-year budget as set forth in Exhibit A, attached and incorporated by reference to this Agreement. The fiscal agent will require at least one City and/or, County to approve expenses in writing. The fiscal agent will be responsible for the engagement of the services of the coordinator along with the rest of the Cities, expenses and budget reports to the other Cities.
- B. The County and Cities shall contribute to the funding of services for a bi-lingual/bi-cultural coordinator and related economic activities based on twenty cents (20¢) per capita and using the Parties’ 2015 population estimates as follows:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Contribution</b>
San Luis, AZ	34,001	\$ 6,800.00
Somerton	15,759	\$ 3,152.00
Wellton	3,101	\$ 620.00
Yuma City	97,950	\$ 19,590.00
Yuma County <sup>1</sup>	64,180	\$ 12,836.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>214,991</b>	<b>\$ 42,998.00</b>

<sup>1</sup> Yuma County population only includes population not within an incorporated area.

The Binational program shall meet the goals in the border business case incorporated in this Agreement.

- C. The County and the Cities shall, through the fiscal agent, engage the services of a bi-lingual/bi-cultural coordinator to manage the Binational program.
- D. The County and the Cities shall, through the fiscal agent, contract with any other contractor (s) or entity to meet the goals as stated in this Agreement.
- E. The County and the Cities shall work with San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora, Mexico and other Mexico cities as deemed appropriate.
- F. The recitals set forth in this Agreement, by this reference, are incorporated and deemed part of this Agreement.

### **SECTION THREE. FORCE MAJEURE**

If by reason of force majeure any party to this Agreement shall be rendered unable wholly or in part to carry out its obligations under this Agreement, then if such party shall give notice and full particulars of such force majeure in writing to the other party within a reasonable time after occurrence of the event or cause relied on, the obligation of the party giving such notice, so far as it is affected by such force majeure, shall be suspended during the continuance of the inability then claimed, but not for any longer period, and any such party shall endeavor to remove or overcome such inability with all reasonable dispatch. The term "force majeure" as used in this Agreement shall mean acts of God, strikes, lockouts, or other industrial disturbances, acts of public enemy, orders of any kind of the Government of the United States or the State of Arizona, or any civil or military authority, insurrection, riots, epidemics, landslides, lightning, earthquake, fires, hurricanes, storms, floods, washouts, droughts, arrests, restraint of government and people, civil disturbances, explosions, breakage or accidents to machines, pipelines or canals, and inability on the part of the County or the Cities to provide services under this Agreement for any reason, or on account of any other causes not reasonably within the control of the party claiming such liability.

### **SECTION FOUR. TERM OF AGREEMENT; RENEWAL**

This Agreement shall be effective as of the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2016 and shall have a term of one year, ending the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2017 unless a party provides the other parties with written notice of termination a minimum of 30 days prior to terminating. This Agreement may be terminated by any party with or without cause, provided that such party provides written notice of termination to all other parties as set forth above.

If this Agreement is terminated prior to the expiration date, the fiscal agent shall return any and all remaining unexpended funds to the Cities and the County in proportion to the amounts originally disbursed by each party.

This contract is subject to cancellation under the provisions of A.R.S. Section 38-511

**SECTION FIVE. SEVERABILITY**

The parties to this Agreement specifically agree that if any one or more of the sections, paragraphs, provisions, clauses, or words of this Agreement or the application of such section, paragraph, provision, clause or word to any situation or circumstance should be, or should be held to be, for any reason, invalid or unconstitutional, under the laws or constitutions of Arizona or the United States of America, or in contravention of any such laws or constitutions, then such invalidity, unconstitutionality, or contravention shall not affect any other section, paragraph, provision, clause or word of this Agreement or the application of such section, paragraph, provision, clause or word to any other situation or circumstance, and it is intended that this Agreement shall be severable and shall be construed and applied as if any such invalid or unconstitutional section, paragraph, provision, clause or word had not been included in this Agreement, and the rights and obligations of the parties to this Agreement shall be construed and remain in force accordingly.

**SECTION SIX. COUNTERPARTS**

This agreement may be executed in counterparts, any of which shall be deemed to be an original.

The parties have executed this Agreement in Yuma County, Arizona as follows:

The City of San Luis

By

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Gerardo Sanchez  
Mayor

This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2016

The City of Somerton

By:

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Gerardo Anaya  
Mayor

This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2016

The Town of Wellton

By:

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Cecilia C McCullough  
Mayor

This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2016

The City of Yuma

By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Douglas Nicholls  
Mayor

This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2016

The County of Yuma  
By:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Russ Clark  
Chair of the County Board of Supervisors

This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2016

I hereby state that I am the attorney for the City of San Luis, State of Arizona, and pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. 11-952(D) have determined that the foregoing agreement is in proper form and is within the powers and authority granted to the City of San Luis, Arizona under the laws of the State of Arizona.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

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Kay Marion Macuil  
San Luis City Attorney

I hereby state that I am the attorney for the City of Somerton, State of Arizona, and pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. 11-952(D) have determined that the foregoing agreement is in proper form and is within the powers and authority granted to the City of Somerton, Arizona under the laws of the State of Arizona.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

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Jorge Lozano  
Somerton City Attorney

I hereby state that I am an attorney for the Town of Wellton, State of Arizona, and pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. 11-952(D) have determined that the foregoing agreement is in proper form and is within the powers and authority granted to the Town of Wellton, Arizona under the laws of the State of Arizona.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

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Gary Verburg  
Wellton Town Attorney

I hereby state that I am the attorney for the City of Yuma, State of Arizona, and pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. 11-952(D) have determined that the foregoing agreement is in proper form and is within the powers and authority granted to the City of Yuma, Arizona under the laws of the State of Arizona.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

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Steven W. Moore  
Yuma City Attorney

I hereby state that I am the attorney for the County of Yuma, State of Arizona, and pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. 11-952(D) have determined that the foregoing agreement is in proper form and is within the powers and authority granted to the County of Yuma, Arizona under the laws of the State of Arizona.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

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Jon R. Smith  
Yuma County Attorney