Community Partnership Memorandum of Understanding

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This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered into as of [Effective Date] between South Carolina Emerging Tech Association, Inc. ("SCETA") and [Full Legal Name of Organization] ("Community Partner"). Together, they are the "Parties."

1. Purpose

The Parties intend to cooperate in education, public dialogue, and responsible emerging-technology initiatives that benefit South Carolina communities. The initial area of collaboration may include the SCETA Compute Infrastructure Council™ under ASCENDSC™, together with other activities agreed to in writing.

2. Community Partner status

SCETA recognizes the Community Partner as a participating organization for the activities described in this MOU. Community Partner participation is voluntary and, unless otherwise agreed in a signed addendum, carries no membership dues, financial commitment, voting rights, or authority to act on behalf of SCETA. This designation is distinct from corporate membership and from attendance at a particular Council meeting.

3. Shared activities

Subject to capacity and mutual agreement, the Parties may share educational resources; participate in discussions, forums, or working groups; identify community interests and workforce opportunities; and collaborate on approved outreach, research, or events. Each Party determines which activities it will undertake and may decline any specific request.

4. Independence and public positions

Each Party retains its independent governance, policy positions, and right to speak publicly. Neither participation nor attendance signifies endorsement of SCETA, another participant, any pending legislation, policy proposal, commercial project, or particular viewpoint. Neither Party may represent that the other endorses a position without prior written approval.

5. Name, logo, and communications

Either Party must obtain the other Party's prior written approval before using its name or logo in promotional materials, partner lists, public announcements, or fundraising. Any approved use of SCETA branding must comply with SCETA's official Brand and Visual Identity Guidelines. A factual acknowledgement of this relationship may be agreed in the customization addendum. Official reference: SCETA Brand and Visual Identity Guidelines (2026 PDF)

6. Administration and safeguards

Each Party will designate one contact. The Parties will respect confidential information explicitly identified as confidential and use personal information shared in connection with activities only for

the agreed purpose, subject to applicable law. No Party may incur expenses or make commitments for the other without separate written authorization.

7. Term and termination

This MOU begins on the Effective Date and continues for twelve (12) months unless ended earlier. Either Party may terminate it for any reason on written notice to the other Party. The Parties may renew or revise it by mutual written agreement. Upon termination, future use of the other Party's name or logo stops unless separately authorized.

8. Nature of understanding

This MOU expresses a good-faith framework for collaboration. It does not create a partnership, joint venture, employment, agency, exclusive relationship, or obligation to fund activities. Except for any separately executed agreement, it is not intended to create enforceable commitments to conduct projects or provide resources. Neither Party can bind the other.

9. Partner-specific collaboration (customize as needed)

A short addendum may specify the initiative(s), expected contributions, representatives, duration, approved publicity, or any separately agreed funding. An addendum becomes part of this MOU only when accepted by both Parties. The following fields may be completed during onboarding:

Initiative / working group: [Compute Infrastructure Council™ / Other]

Partner's anticipated contribution: [Education / Outreach / Expertise / Events / Other]

SCETA's anticipated support: [Information / Introductions / Event participation / Other]

Primary contacts and reporting: [Names / Email / Cadence]

Public recognition permitted: [Yes / No; approved wording if Yes]

Special terms / limitations: [None, unless specified]

10. Acceptance

The undersigned confirm that they are authorized to accept this MOU for their respective organizations. For online applications, SCETA may offer electronic acceptance of this standard MOU, with any customized terms accepted separately by both Parties.

SOUTH CAROLINA EMERGING TECH ASSOCIATION, INC.

By: _____
Name / Title: _____
Date: _____

COMMUNITY PARTNER

By: _____
Name / Title: _____
Date: _____