



## **OWIN - MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT**

The Membership Agreement (the “Agreement”) effective as of (date)   /  /  , by and between OWIN – Open Worldwide Innovation Network, having an office at 800 Raymond Stotzer Pkwy – STE 2020 , College Station, Texas, USA and (the “Member”) \_\_\_\_\_ having an office at (address) \_\_\_\_\_, (city) \_\_\_\_\_, (state) \_\_\_\_\_ (country) \_\_\_\_\_.

Whereas, the OWIN’s members have access to the collective resources of the executive members and of the network.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

OWIN has four levels of membership: Executive, Associate, and Assistant. The fee applicable to the Member is dependent on circumstances particular to the Member. Member warrants that it qualifies for the fee agreed upon below.

The Member hereby agrees to join OWIN and to pay the applicable Member Fee for the level of membership designated per this agreement. The OWIN Member Fee is due at the time the organization executes this Agreement. Except as provided for in this Agreement the OWIN Member Fee is non-refundable and shall be payable to OWIN in the currency stated.

The Membership Fees are described in the Appendix.

### **TERM OF MEMBERSHIP**

The OWIN Membership shall begin the day this Agreement is executed and shall continue in force for one (1) year from the first day of the Effective Date falls.

Thereafter, this Agreement shall automatically renew for successive one-year terms beginning on the Effective Date unless the Member notifies OWIN ninety (90) days prior to expiration of the then-current Renewal Term of their intent not to renew this Agreement.

For Renewable Member Fee, the Member agrees to pay the agreed upon Annual Fee for the level of membership indicated per this agreement unless changed by the Member per a 90-day notification to OWIN. The Annual Fee shall be due on or before the Effective Date of this agreement annually.

### **USE OF MEMBER FEES**



OWIN shall use the Member Fees for administrative responsibilities and daily operations of OWIN as well as project management of OWIN initiatives and projects.

Agreed the (date)    /    /   , in (city) \_\_\_\_\_ to be an OWIN member as a(n)(LEVEL OF MEMBERSHIP) \_\_\_\_\_ Member of OWIN and pay (ASSOCIATED LEVEL OF FUNDS) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ annually.

**Each party acknowledges having received a copy.**

OWIN Representative

Member Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature



## APPENDIX

Open Worldwide Innovation Network – is an international business membership association that builds on the successes of its members. OWIN’s members have access to the collective resources of the executive members and of the network. The following are the membership categories:

**Executive Level** - \$25,000 annually. These Members actively look to develop their region’s economy through emphasizing technology commercialization. The current Founding Executive members of OWIN are Texas A&M System Technology Commercialization, Coway International TechTrans, Ltd and Wallonia Export and Investment Agency (AWEX). Executive-level members receive all of the benefits described below, in the Associate and Assistant levels, including:

- Seat on the Board of Directors (BoD). The BoD provides strategic guidance, leadership, and a vision for the direction of OWIN. A designated leader of each executive level member will be a member of the BoD, participate in regular board meetings and work with the corporate officers in overall leadership of the network. An Executive Level board member must meet the following criteria:
  - (1) have access to sufficient funds to support the creation and growth of companies affiliated with or members of the corporation;
  - (2) have the ability to develop particular programs for innovative companies, members, and affiliates of the corporation;
  - (3) have the demonstrated support of the Executive Member’s community;
  - (4) have the ability to provide or have access to business incubation space that is locally available to the Executive Member;
  - (5) have access to service providers for new companies seeking to locate to the Executive Member’s region; and
  - (6) maintain a contact person for coordination with the corporation on matters affecting the corporation and the Executive Member. Executive members are entitled to appoint one voting director to the Board of Directors of OWIN.

**Associate Level** - \$5,000 annually. These members provide tremendous value to the network in the form of business incubation, local networks, and access to resources. Associate-level Members receive all of the benefits described below for Assistant Members in addition to:

- Participation in any OWIN Trade delegation: OWIN regularly coordinates, facilitates, and participates in trade delegations to our member's countries. We identify sponsored research opportunities, joint venture opportunities, strategic partnerships, and other prospects for companies and students to expand their global perspectives and prospects. If there is an international trip to join an executive level member and meet with companies, all other executive level members are welcome to join as well.



- OWIN in-kind support: OWIN staff will be able to facilitate the commercialization process through project management activities to support projects between members of OWIN, including projects proposed by Associate members that meet the goals of OWIN.

**Assistant Level** - \$1,000 annually. This membership level is tailored for organizations that might not have the resources necessary to join at the higher level, but they would clearly benefit from OWIN's network. Benefits are as follows:

- Access to a global network of technology commercialization professionals with expertise in every industry, and in every academic discipline.
- Direct access to a global entrepreneurial eco-system for technologies and technological entrepreneurial companies. This includes an entire network essential to success in a new market: business incubators, CEOs for subsidiaries in the receiving country, finance, distributors, sponsored R&D, manufacturing, and marketing teams.
- Direct and facilitated access to new and thriving international markets for technologies and companies looking abroad. A "soft landing" exists in our members' markets for a technology company in a new international market.