Memorandum of Understanding
between
the University of West Florida/ Locklin Technical Center

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been entered into by the University of West Florida, for and on behalf of the University of West Florida Board of Trustees (“UWF”) and Locklin Technical Center. The purpose of this partnership is to develop and nurture an ongoing, cooperative, and mutually beneficial relationship between UWF and Locklin Technical Center where students will benefit from enhanced learning opportunities involving direct exposure to real work environments where employers support the educational process of future employees and citizens of the community.

The goals of this business/education affiliation are as follows:

- To utilize expertise from business and industry to better align curriculum offerings with employment opportunities in the local community
- To provide students with realistic job related information through interaction with the business community
- To supplement classroom curriculum with learning experiences in business/industry
- To provide opportunities for education to highlight business/industry work sites and partnership activities
- To share information about local employment/training opportunities
- To provide incentives encouraging students to seek local employment.

The benefits to students as a result of this business/education affiliation may include:

- higher academic performance
- development of a strong work ethic
- direction in choosing career pathways
- exposure to realistic work site opportunities
- preparation for postsecondary options
- direct relation of school subjects to future career
- reinforce the desire to learn
- heightened student awareness of local business and career opportunities.

The benefits to UWF as a result of this business/education affiliation may include:

- role in educating better trained future employees
- assist in the development of a viable work force
- influence the career and technical training curriculum
- opportunity to make a difference in a young person’s life
- recognition in school publications, press releases and human interest articles
- encourage students to stay in the area and become part of the local labor market.
UWF’s contributions to the career and technical training program may include:

- Guest speakers/classroom presentations
- Field trips to business/industry site
- Job shadowing
- Work site placements/internships
- Utilization of business name and/or logo in school marketing/advertising campaigns.

It is the policy of the School Board of Santa Rosa County and Locklin Technical Center to offer the opportunity to students to participate in appropriate programs, services and activities without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status or handicap.

UWF and Locklin Technical Center do hereby agree to a business/education affiliation to work together for their mutual growth and development, which will enrich the curriculum, strengthen the future workforce, to ensure the quality of education needed for economic growth, and increase community support and confidence.

Agreement period begins September 22, 2006. This agreement shall be automatically renewed each year unless either party requests a change or termination of this agreement. Either party giving the other 30 days written notice of its intent to terminate may cancel this agreement.

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Provost
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Date: 9/15/06

Charles A. Etheredge, Principal
Locklin Technical Center

Date

8/06

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

UWF ATTORNEY