### DRAFT #3

## COMMUNITY ECONOMIC/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AMONG

THE CITY OF CROSSVILLE, TENNESSEE; CUMBERLAND COUNTY, TENNESSEE;
CROSSVILLE-CUMBERLAND COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE;
THE CITY OF CRAB ORCHARD, TENNESSEE; THE CITY OF PLEASANT HILL, TENNESSEE;
CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; ROANE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE,
CROSSVILLE; AND TENNESSEE COLLEGE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY, CROSSVILLE;
JOINT ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

AN AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March 2016 by and between the aforementioned parties are supportive of the community's HORIZON INITIATIVE as a collaborative effort to engage in community building exercises as part of a comprehensive strategy to improve growth and development opportunities for citizens; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned parties are desirous that a cooperative agreement be formed by and among themselves as a positive step in building a new public-private sector community effort for the growth and prosperity of Cumberland County and each mentioned party; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned parties are desirous that a cooperative agreement be created that demonstrates their common interest for economic and community development; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned parties are desirous of creating an efficient, one-stop-developmentshop, to handle and direct economic development related inquiries from both local business/industry as well as business and industry from outside of Crossville and Cumberland County; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned parties are supportive of the community's HORIZON INITIATIVE as a collaborative effort to engage the community and its citizens in improving the educational opportunities for all through elementary, secondary and post-secondary programs utilizing mentoring volunteers to raise the academic expectations of the community and its citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT AGREED by and among the aforementioned parties that:

- Because of its past experience and expertise, the Chamber shall continue to coordinate marketing efforts for Cities and the County and coordinate public-private sector funding alternatives as a part of a renewed commitment to local economic and community development.
- 2. The Mayors of Cumberland County and its Cities or their designees, shall be the chief public sector leaders and community spokespersons for this public-private sector economic and community development cooperative agreement. The Mayors of the Cities (or his/her designee) shall provide perspective on City services, infrastructure, taxes, incentives and other City related economic development matters for relevant projects located within the corporate limits of the cities. The Mayor of Cumberland County (or his/her designee) shall provide perspective on County services, infrastructure, taxes, incentives and other County

related economic development matters. When appropriate the Mayors may give perspective on general matters related to their respected jurisdictions. The Cities and County shall participate jointly in all announcements and press-related activities that arise from the successes of this Agreement.

- 3. When available, the Mayors of the Cities and the County shall serve as host to representatives from business and industry prospects considering investment in any City or County.
- 4. In consideration of the effort, time, resources and funds expended by the Cities and the County in connection with this Agreement, the Mayors of the Cities and the Mayor of the County, in their official capacities, but not personal capacities, agree to act upon the intent of this Agreement and, to the extent permitted by their authority and applicable law, require their employees, fellow elected leaders, and administration to undertake the actions necessary to fulfill the intent of this Agreement.
- 5. The President of the Chamber shall be the private sector leader for this public-private sector economic and community development cooperative agreement.

#### BE IT FURTHER AGREED by and among the parties that:

- 6. The Chamber, with the assistance of the Mayors of the Cities and Cumberland County, will be responsible for the following tasks, in addition to any others mutually agreed upon by the Cities, County and Chamber:
  - a. Day to day execution of the duties assigned under this agreement with the goal of advancing the quality of life in and Cumberland County through a series of mutually agreed upon development strategies and execution of a development program designed to attract a diverse segment of business and industry to Cumberland County.
  - b. Execution of a formal industrial retention and expansion program designed to encourage local industry to remain and expand in Cumberland County.
  - c. Participation in a communications strategy using various media platforms to provide both elected leaders and citizens at-large with updates on development activities in Cumberland County.
  - d. Represent all the Mayor's offices as well as the Chamber as the initial contact for business and industry prospects and bring resulting proposals before the local government commissions/councils/boards on behalf of and the request of that particular industry at a time agreed upon between the industry and Chamber and approved by the Mayor representing that jurisdiction in which the project will be located.
  - e. Prepare an annual Program of Action detailing the work to be accomplished during the fiscal year and provide input on an annual development budget to implement that work plan.
  - f. Such other responsibilities as may be delegated by the cities or county or assigned by the Chamber President/CEO pursuant to this agreement, and any agreements between the aforementioned parties.

7. The HORIZON INITIATIVE has a steering committee, representing Board of Education; Sheriff's office; Churches; arts community; newspaper; Higher education, citizens; County Commission; Cumberland Medical Center; and ex-officios of the three cities and County, that will serve as a resource council for the community and the various INITIATIVE partners as work moves forward in community building and strategic growth and development opportunities. The Horizon Steering Committee will conduct initiative assessments and report the progress being made to the general public. The Steering Committee may add other entity representatives or citizens within their discretion.

#### FINALLY, BE IT AGREED by and among the parties that:

- 8. The educational parties to this agreement will cooperate with the other public and private sector parties to move forward with implementation of the strategies and strategic initiatives contained in the community's HORIZON INITIATIVE as part of changing the social and cultural parameters of Cumberland County thus enhancing the opportunities for internal and external investments.
- 8. To ensure the long-term stability and opportunity for growth/development of the Crossville-Cumberland County community; that this agreement shall commence on March \_\_\_\_\_, 2016 and end on June 30th, 2020, however, same may be terminated by any party upon written notice to the other parties not less than sixty (60) days prior to the end of the fiscal year (July-June) and in such event the termination will be effective on June 30th of that year unless agreed otherwise by the parties in writing.
- 9. The parties agree that there may be additional parties to join this Cooperative Agreement that represents other major interests to assist in economic and community development strategies. As these parties define the contribution that they wish to bring to the overall growth of the community, all three of the original parties must agree to that new partner being added and a new Cooperative Agreement will be presented and adopted by the three original signatories to this Agreement.
- 10. This agreement will be in effect upon the signing of said agreement by the Mayors of the respected jurisdictions within Cumberland County, the Chairman of the Board of the Crossville-Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce, Cumberland County Director of Schools, Director of Crossville Tennessee College of Applied Technology and the Director of Roane State, Crossville.

BY:	OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CROSSVILLE
	OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY
BY:_	

# CROSSVILLE-CUMBERLAND COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BY:\_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CRAB ORCHARD BY:\_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PLEASANT HILL BY: OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS, CUMBERLAND COUNTY OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF CROSSVILLE TENNEESSEE COLLEGE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY BY:\_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF ROANE STATE, CROSSVILLE BY:\_\_\_\_\_ JOINT ECONOMIC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD BY:\_\_\_\_\_