Exhibitor Application & Contract

This Contract is made and entered into on the date last signed below by and between Lone Star College System ("LSCS"), a public junior college pursuant to Section 130.004 of the Texas Education Code, on behalf of Lone Star College – Kingwood, and ________________ ("Vendor"). LSCS and Vendor may be referred to singularly as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties".

1. SERVICES: LSCS will host its annual Festival on April 8th and 9th, 2016 at the Lone Star College - Kingwood campus located at 20000 Kingwood Drive, Kingwood, Texas 77339. LSCS shall provide and Vendor shall purchase exhibit booth space as outlined in the exhibitor booth options, fees and requirements, hereinafter “Exhibit A”, attached hereto and included herein. Prior to the Festival on February 28, 2016, Vendor shall complete and return to LSCS the Vendor Information Form, attached hereto and included herein as “Exhibit B”.

2. TERM: This Contract shall be effective upon the date of final signature below, and shall end on April 10, 2016.

3. TERMINATION: This Contract between LSCS and Vendor may be cancelled by either party upon thirty (3) days prior written notice. Fifty-percent (50%) refunds will be honored on Vendor cancellations received by or before 11:59 p.m. on March 10, 2016. No refunds will be given after March 10, 2016.

4. APPLICATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY: Application for booth space must be made solely through this Contract. LSCS reserves the right to determine the eligibility of any exhibit for inclusion in the Festival. The acceptance of a booth does not carry LSCS’s endorsement of the Vendor’s books, merchandise, or service. LSCS reserves the absolute right to require the modification or removal of any exhibit that, in LSCS’s sole and unreviewable discretion, is not in character with the event.

5. AGREEMENT TO CONDITIONS: Vendor, for itself and its employees, agrees to abide by these terms and conditions and agrees that the sole and final authority over the event shall belong to LSCS.

6. ASSIGNMENT OF SPACE: Booth assignments will be made, in LSCS’s sole and unreviewable discretion, on a first-come, first-served basis, taking into consideration the date
an application and payment are received, the amount of space requested, and special needs and compatibility of Vendor. LSCS reserves the absolute right, in accordance with its sole and unreviewable discretion, to arrange the floor plan and locate the assigned space for booths.

7. **INSURANCE:** Vendor shall secure at its own expense and keep in effect during the term of this Contract:

   Commercial General Liability Insurance for bodily injury and property damage, including contractual liability, with a minimum limit of $1,000,000 per occurrence, $2,000,000 products/completed operations aggregate $2,000,000 annual aggregate; $50,000 Fire Damage and $10,000 Medical Payments.

   Comprehensive Automobile Liability covering owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles, with a combined bodily injury (including death) and property damage minimum limit of $1,000,000 per occurrence. No aggregate shall be permitted for this type of coverage. Such insurance is to include coverage for loading and unloading hazards.

   Workers’ Compensation for all contractors, lessees, and vendors with statutory limits. Employers’ liability is also required with minimum limits of $500,000 Each Accident / $500,000 Disease-Policy / $500,000 Disease-Each Employee.

   The required Commercial General Liability, Commercial Automobile and Employers Liability limits may be accomplished through a combination of primary and excess/umbrella liability policies written on a follow-form basis.

   Lone Star College System, present and past members of its Board of Trustees, it officers, employees, agents and assigns, and volunteers shall be named as an Additional Insured on a Primary and Non-Contributory basis for ongoing and completed operations on all policies except workers compensation and to the full extent allowable by law. Reference to the Additional Insured endorsement to the policy shall be specified in the Certificate of Insurance and a copy attached to the Certificate of Insurance.

   Coverage shall be written on an occurrence basis by companies authorized and admitted to do business in the State of Texas and rated A- VII or better by A.M. Best Company or otherwise acceptable to the LSCS. All policies shall be endorsed to provide a minimum of thirty (30) days advance notice of cancellation, non-renewal, or material change of policies. Reference to the Cancellation endorsement to the policy shall be specified in the Certificate of Insurance and a copy attached to the Certificate of Insurance.

8. **BOOTH EQUIPMENT AND ELECTRICITY:** LSCS will provide booths within large Vendors’ tents erected at _________________. Each booth will be equipped with an 8’ back drape, 3’ tall wings, and one 8’ table. Pavilion tables are 6’ with two chairs.
9. **OPTIONAL SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT:** LSCS reserves the right to select an independent contractor to provide services and equipment to exhibitors. Complete information concerning equipment and services that Vendor may purchase or rent will be included in the Vendor’s kit that each Vendor will receive on or about January 30, 2016. The independent contractor will maintain an exhibitor’s service center on site to facilitate service requests from exhibitors.

10. **CARE OF EXHIBIT SPACE:** LSCS will arrange for cleaning of aisles and removal of trash daily. Vendor will keep its booth space in good, safe and working order. Vendor shall not place anything in the aisles during exhibit open hours. The exhibit area is a non-smoking area; smoking is NOT allowed in any Vendor tents. Smoking is only allowed in the designated smoking pavilions in or near parking lots.

11. **OPERATING AND VACATING HOURS:** Vendor will maintain and operate booths between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on April 8, 2016. Vendor will remove all contents of booths no earlier than 6 p.m. and no later than 9 p.m. on April 9, 2016, except for boxed materials to be shipped at Vendor’s cost arranged prior to the Festival. Vendor agrees that no Festival titles shall be sold. Other titles by Festival authors are permitted. Any Vendor who has not occupied the booth or table space by 10 a.m. on April 8, 2016, forfeits the use of that space, with no refund available.

12. **SUBLETTING OF SPACE:** Vendor shall not assign or sublet any space allotted to it and shall not advertise or display goods other than those sold by such Vendor in the regular course of its business. The space assigned to the Vendor is for its own exclusive use and may be used only for the display and sale of its goods and services.

13. **LIABILITY:** Vendor assumes the risk of loss and all liability for any damages, liability, or expenses, arising from, out of or by reason of Vendor’s occupancy and use of the exhibition premises, or any part thereof. Vendor shall at all times protect, indemnify, save, and keep harmless LSCS from any damage, liability, or expense arising from or out of any loss or injury to any property or person, including Vendor, its agents, sponsors, employees, and business invitees, which arise from or out of or by reason of Vendor’s occupancy and use of the exhibition premises or any part thereof. Vendor is encouraged to insure itself against property loss or damage and against liability for personal injury at its own expense.

14. **INDEMNIFICATION:** To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Vendor will indemnify and hold the LSCS and its Board of Trustees, its member colleges, officers, employees, agents and assigns, and volunteers harmless from all claims arising from any and all liability, loss or damage they may suffer as a result of any losses, liabilities, claims, damage or expense, including reasonable attorney’s fees and investigative expenses, they may incur which result from any claims against them, individually or severally, including, but not limited to, any
claims arising from the activities to be carried out pursuant to the obligations of this Contract. The Vendor hereby expressly indemnifies and holds harmless the LSCS for the consequences of any negligent act or omission of the LSCS and its Board of Trustees, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers, unless such act or omission constitutes intentional misconduct.

15. SECURITY: LSCS will furnish security on a 24-hour basis, but the furnishing of security shall not be deemed to imply any liability or acceptance of responsibility on the part of LSCS, its volunteers, or representatives, or to modify in any way the assumption of risk and release provided for above. All property of Vendor will remain under Vendor’s custody and control at all times.

16. SALES TAX: If sales or orders are taken at Vendor’s booth, a Texas Sales Tax Permit is required. The permit can be obtained free of charge by calling the Comptroller’s office at 800-252-5555 or by contacting them in writing at 1711 San Jacinto Blvd., Suite 180, Austin, Texas 78701-1416, (512) 463-4865.

17. NON-PROFITS: As a courtesy to 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, LSCS is offering the following options:

   a. Non-Profit Booth: $100 in the exhibitor tents. These spaces are limited.
   b. Open Pavilion Exhibitor Table: $100 under open canopy. These spaces are limited.

18. USE OF NAME. Vendor shall not name LSCS in its external advertising, marketing programs or other promotional efforts, any data, pictures or other representation of LSCS except as expressly authorized in advance with prior written approval by LSCS’s General Counsel.

19. GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE: This Contract and/or any disputes hereunder will be governed by the laws of the State of Texas and shall be deemed to have been executed and entered into in the State of Texas. This Contract shall be construed, performed, and enforced in all respect in accordance with the laws and rules of the State of Texas and any provision in such agreement in conflict with Texas law and rules shall be void and of no effect. LSCS and Vendor hereby agree that this Contract shall be enforced in the courts of the State of Texas and that venue shall always be in Harris County, Texas.

20. GENERAL: LSCS shall have the power to interpret and enforce these terms and conditions governing exhibitors. All matters and questions not covered by these terms and conditions shall be subject to the final judgment and decision of LSCS. This Contract, when properly executed and payment has been made in full, shall be a binding agreement between the Parties.
21. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Contract and Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and included herein, contains the entire agreement between the parties. All prior negotiations between the parties are merged in this Contract, and there are no understandings or agreements other than those incorporated herein. This Contract may not be modified except by written instrument signed by both parties. In the event of conflict between any of the foregoing provisions of this Contract and any other contract, purchase order, scope of work or specification between the parties, this Agreement shall govern. This Contract shall inure to and bind the successors, assigns, agents and representatives of the parties.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the parties hereto have executed this Contract as of the date last signed below.

______ Lone Star College System

By: ____________________________
Name: __________________________
Title: ____________________________
Date: ____________________________

By: ____________________________
Name: __________________________
Title: ____________________________
Date: ____________________________

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY

[Signature]

1/18/15

SETH B. LARSEN
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL
LONE STAR COLLEGE SYSTEM
Exhibit A

VENDOR BOOTH OPTIONS:

- Standard Vendor Booth 10’x10’ $600.00
- Additional Booths 10’x10’ $500.00
- Non-profit Booth $100.00
  *Note there is no early registration discount for non-profit booths
- Open Pavilion Vendor Table $100.00
  *limited amount, recommended for indie presses & non-profits with limited budgets

If you are a non-profit, please enclose a copy of your organization’s 501(c)(3) status certificate with your application and payment.

Standard Vendor Booth & Non-profit Booth Fee includes:
- 100 square foot covered booth (10’x10’)
- One 8’ covered/skirted table with 2 chairs
- One I.D. sign in booth
- One parking pass
- One vendor listing in Festival publication
- One vendor listing on Festival website
- Access to Electricity

Open Pavilion Vendor Table Fee includes:
Recommended for indie authors, indie presses, and non-profits with limited budget. Limited availability. Vendor table will be grouped with other tables under an open-style pavilion tent with no sides.

- One 6’ covered/skirted table with 2 chairs
- One vendor listing in Festival publication
- One vendor listing on Festival website
- No access to electricity with this option

Two vendors may share a booth or table. The festival will accept only one application per booth or table. That application must designate the company with whom they are sharing the booth or table and assume full payment for the booth or table.
VENDOR BOOTH PRICING TIMELINE:

Early Registration Discounted Fee: Prior to January 31, 2016
$500 for 1st booth, $400 each additional booth

Standard Registration Fee: $500 for 1st booth, $500 each additional booth

Late Registration Fee: $1,000 for 1st booth, $900 each additional booth

Cancellation Fee: 50% through March 10, 2016
No refunds or cancellations after March 11, 2016

The Festival will take place rain or shine. Refunds will not be issued due to inclement weather.
Exhibit B
Vendor Information Form

VENDOR INFORMATION:

Company/Organization ______________________________________________________

Contact Person __________________________ Title ________________________________

Social Security # or Federal Tax ID # __________________________________________

Address _____________________________________________________________________

City ____________________________ State ________ Zip ________________

Phone __________________________ Fax ________________________________

E-mail __________________________ Website ____________________________________

Please check your category:

□ publisher  □ national bookstore chain  □ non-profit organization
□ author  □ independent press/literary magazine
□ independent bookstore  □ other ______________________________

Description of business/organization:

________________________________________________________________________

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Company name(s) to appear on sign: _________________________________________

Please complete only if you are sharing a table:

Name of partnering company ________________________________________________
Address
Contact
Phone
Email
Website