

**9<sup>TH</sup> AND COLORADO URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AREA  
COOPERATION AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER, COLORADO,  
(City)**

**AND**

**THE DENVER URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY  
(DURA)**

13-0600

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**Dated as of July 26, 2013**

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**THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> AND COLORADO URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AREA COOPERATION AGREEMENT** (this “Cooperation Agreement”), dated as of the Effective Date, by and between the **CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER, COLORADO** (the “City”), a home-rule city and a municipal corporation of the State of Colorado, and the **DENVER URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY** (“DURA”), a body corporate duly organized and existing as an urban renewal authority under the laws of the State of Colorado (the “State”).

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, the City is a home-rule city and a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under and pursuant to Article XX of the Colorado Constitution and the Charter of the City (the “Charter”); and

**WHEREAS**, DURA is a body corporate and has been duly created, organized, established and authorized by the City to transact business and exercise its powers as an urban renewal authority, all under and pursuant to the Colorado Urban Renewal Law, Section 31-25-101, *et seq.*, Colorado Revised Statutes (the “Act”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Denver City Council approved the creation of the 9<sup>th</sup> and Colorado Urban Redevelopment Area (the “Urban Redevelopment Area”) pursuant to the 9<sup>th</sup> and Colorado Urban Redevelopment Plan (the “Urban Redevelopment Plan”) by ordinance (the “Ordinance”); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Sections 31-25-107 and 31-25-109 of the Act, DURA has the power and authority to issue or incur notes, interim certificates or receipts, bonds, certificates of indebtedness, debentures, advances, or other obligations, including refunding obligations for the purpose of financing the activities and operations authorized to be undertaken by DURA with respect to urban redevelopment projects in accordance with the Urban Redevelopment Plan, this Cooperation Agreement, the Act and other related agreements, as approved by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, both the Act and Section 18, Article XIV, of the Colorado Constitution and the Charter authorize the City and DURA to enter into cooperative agreements, such as this Cooperation Agreement; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing recitals, and the following terms and conditions, DURA and the City hereby agree as follows:

## ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1. Definitions. The terms defined in the recitals of this Cooperation Agreement shall have the meanings set forth therein wherever used in this Cooperation Agreement. In addition, for all purposes of this Cooperation Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below.

“Effective Date” means July 26, 2013.

“Enhanced Training Opportunities Policy” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.3 of this Cooperation Agreement.

“First Source Program” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.1 of this Cooperation Agreement.

“Fiscal Year” means the fiscal year of the City, which commences on January 1 of each calendar year and ends on December 31 of the same calendar year, or any applicable portion of a fiscal year.

“Obligations” means notes, interim certificates or receipts, temporary bonds, indebtedness, contracts, certificates of indebtedness, debentures, advances or other obligations, including refunding obligations and obligations to accumulate and maintain appropriate coverage and reserve accounts, issued or incurred by DURA with respect to the Urban Redevelopment Project.

“Owner/Developer” means any owners of the real or personal property within the Property Tax Increment Area and any person or entity undertaking, funding, or financing any portion of the Urban Redevelopment Project.

“Prevailing Wage Policy” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.4 of this Cooperation Agreement.

“Property Tax” means the real and personal property taxes produced by the levy at the rate fixed each year by the governing bodies of the various taxing jurisdictions within or overlapping the Property Tax Increment Area.

“Property Tax Base Amount” means the total valuation for assessment last certified by the County Assessor for the City of all taxable property within the Property Tax Increment Area prior to the effective date of the Property Tax Increment Area, as such may be adjusted from time to time in accordance with the Act.

“Property Tax Increment” means, for each Fiscal Year subsequent to the creation of the Property Tax Increment Area, all Property Tax Revenues in excess of Property Tax Revenues produced by the levy of Property Tax on the Property Tax Base Amount and paid to DURA by the City; provided that such amount shall be reduced by any lawful collection fee charged by the City.

“Property Tax Increment Area” means the area more particularly described on Exhibit A-1 and depicted on Exhibit A-2, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

“Property Tax Revenues” means the amount derived by the City and all taxing jurisdictions from the levy of Property Tax within the Property Tax Increment Area less any amount derived from a specially earmarked voter-approved levy by which the City has heretofore committed by contract to pay to a private contractor in order to provide services to residents of the City, including any residents in the Urban Redevelopment Area.

“Redevelopment Agreement” means any agreement, including an intergovernmental agreement, relating to a project in furtherance of the Urban Redevelopment Plan, as it may be amended from time to time, to be entered into between DURA and an Owner/Developer, or DURA and such other party or parties as may be agreed upon by DURA.

“Small Business Enterprise Utilization Program” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.2 of this Cooperation Agreement.

“Urban Redevelopment Project” means the redevelopment of the urban redevelopment area as described in the Urban Redevelopment Plan.

## ARTICLE II LAND USE MATTERS

Section 2.1. Street and Utility Relocations. The City agrees, to the extent permitted by its Charter, ordinances, regulations, applicable franchise agreements and the Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado, to cooperate with DURA in accomplishing any street and utility locations and relocations required by any Redevelopment Agreement relating to the Urban Redevelopment Project in furtherance of the Urban Redevelopment Plan; provided, that the City in no way commits itself to any expenditure of moneys to carry out its duties under this section.

## ARTICLE III SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Section 3.1. First Source Program. With respect to a Redevelopment Agreement or for any other agreement DURA implements in connection with the Urban Redevelopment Project, DURA shall require the Owner/Developer to carry out DURA’s First Source Hiring Program (“First Source Program”).

Section 3.2. Small Business Enterprise Utilization Program. Pursuant to DURA’s policy, DURA shall require Owner/Developer to develop a small business enterprise utilization plan regarding small business enterprise participation for the Redevelopment Agreement and for any other agreement DURA implements in connection with the Urban Redevelopment Project. DURA agrees to implement and enforce, or cause Owner/Developer to implement and enforce, such small business enterprise utilization plans and to review and, if necessary, update such plans from time to time.

Section 3.3 Enhanced Training Opportunities Policy. Pursuant to DURA’s policy, DURA will require Owner/Developer to develop an enhanced training opportunities plan for the Redevelopment Agreement and for any other agreement DURA implements in connection with the Urban Redevelopment Project. DURA agrees to implement and enforce, or cause Owners/Developers to implement and enforce, such plans and to review and, if necessary, update such plans from time to time.

Section 3.4 Prevailing Wage Policy. DURA has adopted a Prevailing Wage Policy which is applicable in certain circumstances. In the event any improvements funded in whole or in part with tax increment financing provided by DURA are deemed to be “City Projects” pursuant to DURA’s Prevailing Wage Policy, DURA will require any Owner/Developer constructing such “City Projects” to comply with the City’s prevailing wage requirements for the construction of the “City Projects.”

Section 3.5 Project Art Program. DURA has adopted and shall require each Owner/Developer to participate in DURA’s Project Art Program.

#### ARTICLE IV PROPERTY TAX INCREMENT

Section 4.1. Collection and Disbursement of Property Tax Increment. The City agrees to assist DURA in pursuing the objectives and implementation of the Urban Redevelopment Plan by collecting and paying to DURA all Property Tax Increment.

In the event that the City shall be unable to collect through lawful means any Property Tax Revenues due, the amount of uncollectible Property Tax Revenues shall be allocated between DURA and the City in the same proportion as the total collected Property Tax Revenues are allocated between the City and DURA for such Fiscal Year.

The Property Tax Revenues and Property Tax Increment shall be calculated in accordance with Colorado Law, Rules and Regulations of the State Property Tax Administrator, the Urban Redevelopment Plan and this Cooperation Agreement.

#### ARTICLE V TERM

Section 5.1. Term of Property Tax Increment. Payment of Property Tax Increment to DURA shall cease on the earlier of (i) the latest date of repayment of all Obligations incurred with all respect to the Urban Redevelopment Project or (ii) the date that is twenty-five (25) years from the date of the approval by the Denver City Council of the Property Tax Increment Area authorizing the use of tax increment financing.

Section 5.2 Termination of Cooperation Agreement. Upon cessation of payments of Property Tax Increment, and satisfaction of other financial obligations as provided herein, this Cooperation Agreement shall automatically terminate. To the extent DURA has funds remaining attributable to the Property Tax Increment after the payment of all Obligations and the termination of this Cooperation Agreement as to the City’s obligations hereunder, all such funds,

less any fees, costs and expenses of DURA, shall be returned to the City for allocation to the City and other public bodies in accordance with the Act.

## ARTICLE VI MISCELLANEOUS

Section 6.1. Right to Pledge Property Tax Increment. DURA shall be entitled to pledge or assign, in whole or in part, the rights of DURA under this Cooperation Agreement to any trustee or other fiduciary and, upon such assignment, any such assignee shall be entitled to enforce, as a third-party beneficiary, the obligations of the City under the this Cooperation Agreement to pay Property Tax Increment to DURA under this Cooperation Agreement.

Section 6.2. Status of Property Tax Increment. The City and DURA agree that the Property Tax Increment is the property of DURA pursuant to the Act until the end of the Term. The City further agrees that, in the event that a court of competent jurisdiction determines otherwise, it shall cause its Department of Finance to include the Property Tax Increment as a line item in the annual budget request to City Council so that the City Council may consider appropriating such amount to or for the account of DURA. Notwithstanding any provision hereof to the contrary, the City agrees that in the event that the City is required, pursuant to Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution (the "TABOR Amendment"), to make any refund of any property taxes, it shall not reduce or limit the Property Tax Increment paid to or for the account of DURA, except to the extent legally required, provided, that in such case, the City, by and through City Council, shall consider appropriating to or for the account of DURA such amount that is legally required to be deducted. In the event that the City reduces any tax rates in order to effect any required refund or to otherwise comply with the TABOR Amendment (a "TABOR Amendment Rate Change"), the Property Tax Increment shall be that amount that would have been collected had the tax rate been equal to such rate existing immediately prior to the first such TABOR Amendment Rate Change, except to the extent such rate is legally required to change; provided, that in such case the City, by and through City Council, shall consider appropriating to or for the account of DURA such amount that is required for DURA to receive the Property Tax Increment.

Section 6.3. Waivers and Amendments. No waiver of any provision of this Cooperation Agreement, nor consent to any departure herefrom, in any event shall be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by the Manager of Finance on behalf of the City and DURA, and then such waiver or consent shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which given. This Cooperation Agreement may be modified, amended, changed or terminated, in whole or in part, without City Council approval unless City Council approval is required by the Charter.

Section 6.4. Right to Extend Time for Performance. The parties agree that any time for performance of any term or condition hereunder may be extended for up to two (2) thirty (30) day periods by a letter signed by the Manager of Finance and an authorized representative of DURA. All other amendments to this Cooperation Agreement must comply with Section 6.3 above.

Section 6.5. Governing Law. This Cooperation Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Colorado and shall be subject to the limitations, if any, that are applicable under the Charter or ordinances of the City.

Section 6.6. Headings. Section headings in this Cooperation Agreement are included herein for convenience of reference only and shall not constitute a part of this Cooperation Agreement for any other purpose.

Section 6.7. Severability. Any provision of this Cooperation Agreement which is prohibited, unenforceable or not authorized in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition, unenforceability or lack of authorization without affecting the validity, enforceability or legality of such provisions in any other jurisdiction.

Section 6.8. No Discrimination in Employment. In connection with the performance of work under this Cooperation Agreement, the parties agree not to refuse to hire, discharge, promote or demote, or to discriminate in matters of compensation against any person otherwise qualified, solely because of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, gender variance, military status, sexual orientation, marital status, or physical or mental disability; and DURA further agrees to insert the foregoing provision in all subcontracts hereunder.

Section 6.9. Notices. All notices provided for herein shall be in writing and shall be personally delivered or mailed by registered or certified United States mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, to the parties at the addresses given below or at such other address that may be specified by written notice in accordance with this paragraph:

If to the City: Mayor  
1437 Bannock Street, Room 350  
Denver, Colorado 80202

With copies to: Denver City Attorney  
1437 Bannock Street, Room 353  
Denver, Colorado 80202  
  
Manager of Finance  
201 W. Colfax, Department 1010  
Denver, Colorado 80202

If to DURA: Executive Director  
1555 California Street, Suite 200  
Denver, Colorado 80202

Section 6.10. Third-Party Beneficiary. It is the intent of the parties that no third-party beneficiary interest is created in this Cooperation Agreement except for an assignment pursuant to this Cooperation Agreement. The parties are not presently aware of any actions by them or any of their authorized representatives which would form the basis for interpretation construing a different

intent, and in any event expressly disclaim any such acts or actions, particularly in view of the integration of this Cooperation Agreement.

Section 6.11. Counterparts. This Cooperation Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which shall together constitute one and the same document.

Section 6.12. No Personal Liability. No elected official, director, officer, agent or employee of the City or DURA shall be charged personally or held contractually liable by or to the other party under any term or provision of this Cooperation Agreement or because of any breach thereof or because of its or their execution, approval or attempted execution of this Cooperation Agreement.

Section 6.13. Conflict of Interest. DURA represents that to the best of its information and belief no official, officer or employee of the City is either directly or indirectly a party to or in any manner interested in this Cooperation Agreement except as such interest may arise as a result of the lawful discharge of the responsibilities of such elected official, officer or employee. The Manager of Finance of the City represents that to the best of her (or his) information and belief no official, officer or employee of DURA is either directly or indirectly a party to or in any manner interested in this Cooperation Agreement except as such interest may arise as a result of the lawful discharge of the responsibilities of such officer or employee. DURA agrees not to hire or contract for services any official, officer or employee of the City or any other person which would be in violation of the Denver Revised Municipal Code Chapter 2, Article IV, Code of Ethics, or Denver City Charter provisions 1.2.9 and 1.2.12.

Section 6.14. Appropriation. All obligations of the City under and pursuant to Section 2.1 of this Cooperation Agreement are contingent upon all funds necessary for work or expenditures contemplated under this Cooperation Agreement being budgeted, appropriated and otherwise made available by the Denver City Council. The City does not by this Cooperation Agreement irrevocably pledge present cash reserves for payment or performance in future fiscal years. This Cooperation Agreement does not and is not intended to create a multiple-fiscal year direct or indirect debt or financial obligation of the City.

Section 6.15. Remedies. The Parties agree that this Cooperation Agreement may be enforced in law or in equity for specific performance, injunctive, or other appropriate relief, including actual damages, as may be available according to the laws and statutes of the State of Colorado; provided, however, the Parties agree to and hereby release any claims for incidental, consequential, or punitive damages, and attorneys' fees or costs. Any delay in asserting any right or remedy under this Cooperation Agreement shall not operate as a waiver of any such right or limit such rights in any way.

Section 6.16. Examination of Records. Each party to this Cooperation Agreement agrees that any duly authorized representative of either of the other parties, including, in the case of the City, the City Auditor and his or her representatives, shall have access to and the right to examine, during normal business hours and upon reasonable notice, any directly pertinent books, documents, papers, and records of the requested party relating to this Cooperation Agreement subject to



applicable laws, including maintaining the confidentiality of documents in accordance with the Colorado Open Records Act.

Section 6.17. Electronic Signatures and Electronic Records. DURA consents to the use of electronic signatures by the City. The Cooperation Agreement, and any other documents requiring a signature hereunder, may be signed electronically by the City in the manner specified by the City. The Parties agree not to deny the legal effect or enforceability of the Cooperation Agreement solely because it is in electronic form or because an electronic record was used in its formation. The Parties agree not to object to the admissibility of the Cooperation Agreement in the form of an electronic record, or a paper copy of an electronic document, or a paper copy of a document bearing an electronic signature, on the ground that it is an electronic record or electronic signature or that it is not in its original form or is not an original.

**Contract Control Number:** FINAN-201311614-00

**Contractor Name:** Denver Urban Renewal Authority

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands and affixed their seals at Denver, Colorado as of

SEAL

**CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER**

ATTEST:

By \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

REGISTERED AND COUNTERSIGNED:

DOUGLAS J. FRIEDNASH, Attorney  
for the City and County of Denver

By \_\_\_\_\_


By \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_



Contract Control Number: FINAN-201311614-00

Contractor Name: Denver Urban Renewal Authority

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Name: PATRICIA GAGE  
(please print)

Title: CHAIR  
(please print)

ATTEST: [if required]

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Tracy Huggins  
(please print)

Title: Executive Director  
(please print)



**EXHIBIT A-1**  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY TAX INCREMENT AREA**

**EXHIBIT A**

A PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PART OF BLOCK 1, HARTER'S COLFAX PLACE, AND A PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 67 WEST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER, STATE OF COLORADO, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE WEST QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 6, WHENCE THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 6 BEARS SOUTH 00°15'29" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 2648.99 FEET;

THENCE SOUTH 00°15'29" EAST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 6, A DISTANCE OF 703.25 FEET TO THE WESTERLY EXTENSION OF THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF 9TH AVE., AS DESCRIBED IN DEED TO THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER RECORDED NOVEMBER 19, 1963 IN BOOK 9138 AT PAGE 553 IN THE RECORDS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER CLERK AND RECORDER'S OFFICE;

THENCE NORTH 89°33'50" EAST, ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY LINE A DISTANCE OF 1049.64 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE NORTH 89°33'50" EAST, CONTINUING ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 476.09 FEET TO THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID BLOCK 1, HARTER'S COLFAX PLACE, ALSO BEING THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF CLERMONT STREET;

THENCE SOUTH 00°27'54" EAST, ALONG SAID WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 569.11 FEET TO THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF THAT PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED IN DEED TO THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER RECORDED FEBRUARY 17, 1998 UNDER RECEPTION NO. 9800022580 IN SAID RECORDS;

THENCE SOUTH 44°31'59" WEST, ALONG SAID NORTHWESTERLY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 28.27 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID BLOCK 1, ALSO BEING THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF 8TH AVENUE;

THENCE SOUTH 89°33'34" WEST, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 291.65 FEET TO THE EASTERLY LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER;

THENCE SOUTH 00°20'34" EAST, ALONG SAID EASTERLY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 0.88 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF 8TH AVE., AS DESCRIBED IN DEED TO THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER RECORDED AUGUST 4, 1923 IN BOOK 2550 AT PAGE 113 IN SAID RECORDS;

THENCE SOUTH 89°33'23" WEST, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 221.00 FEET;

THENCE NORTH 00°26'33" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 71.11 FEET, TO A POINT OF CURVATURE;

THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE TO THE RIGHT AN ARC LENGTH OF 75.56 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 333.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 13°00'00", AND A CHORD WHICH BEARS NORTH 06°03'27" EAST A CHORD LENGTH OF 75.39 FEET;

THENCE NORTH 12°33'27" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 174.54 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE;

THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE TO THE LEFT AN ARC LENGTH OF 75.56 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 333.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 13°00'00", AND A CHORD WHICH BEARS NORTH 06°03'27" EAST A CHORD LENGTH OF 75.39 FEET;

THENCE NORTH 00°26'33" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 199.04 FEET TO A POINT TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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**EXHIBIT A-2  
DEPICTION OF PROPERTY TAX INCREMENT AREA**

