

Surgent **IncomeTax SCHOOL**

LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR TAX PREPARATION TRAINING PROVIDERS

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WHEREAS, SITS has created and owns instructional course materials relating to federal and state income tax laws and the preparation of tax returns in compliance with those laws;

WHEREAS, Licensee is in the business of providing tax preparation training courses to individuals who are or wish to become tax professionals in [insert state or states]; and

WHEREAS, Licensee wishes to license from SITS, and SITS wishes to provide to Licensee, the right to use certain SITS course materials for the sole purpose of including the SITS course materials as part of Licensee’s tax course curriculum and distributing the SITS Materials to Authorized Users (as defined below).

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration for the premises and covenants set forth in this Agreement and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

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 - 4.1. **Delivery.** Licensee shall be solely responsible for the costs and expenses it incurs in distributing the SITS Content to Authorized Users and otherwise using the SITS Content, in each case, as permitted in this Agreement.
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 - 4.3. **Protection of Content.** In addition to including all copyright notices and other proprietary notices provided or required by SITS in the SITS Content, Licensee shall utilize all reasonable and

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5.2. **Sales of E-Learning IDs and Materials.** SITS will sell to Licensee certain e-learning user IDs, DVDs, books and other materials containing the SITS Content at the wholesale prices listed in the applicable Order Form. SITS' suggested retail price at which Licensee should sell such materials to Authorized Users is three time (3x) the applicable wholesale price. Licensee understands and agrees that in order to maximize sales of the user IDs and course materials containing Licensed Content and to maintain the goodwill and reputation for quality of SITS and the Licensed Content, it is critical SITS provide high quality support for Authorized Users and invest in an appropriate marketing and advertising strategy. The suggested retail price is designed to ensure that Licensee is in a position to provide the necessary marketing, advertising and Authorized User support.

6. **Ownership.** Licensee acknowledges and agrees that SITS owns and retains any and all rights existing from time to time in any jurisdiction under copyright law, patent law, moral rights law, trade secret law, confidential information law, trademark law unfair competition law and other similar rights ("Proprietary Rights") in and to the SITS Content and the SITS Marks, and any copies, modifications, adaptations, derivative works and enhancements thereof by whomever produced (collectively, "SITS IP"). Licensee does not acquire any rights, express or implied, in the SITS IP other than those expressly granted in this Agreement, and hereby waives any claim that it may have to title and ownership of any Proprietary Rights in and to the SITS IP.

7. **Term and Termination.**

7.1. **Term.** The initial term shall expire on March 1 of the year next following the year in which the Effective Date falls. Unless earlier terminated in accordance with the terms hereof, this Agreement shall automatically renew for additional terms of twelve (12) months upon expiration on the then current term subject to advance payment of the then current annual renewal fee as set forth on SITS' Web sites at www.theincometaxschool.com prior to renewal. This Agreement shall terminate at the end of the then current term in the event either of the parties notifies the other of non-renewal at least thirty (30) days prior to the end of the then current term or if the annual renewal fee is not paid prior to renewal. SITS may terminate this Agreement at any time in the event Licensee breaches any of the terms hereof.

7.2. **Effect of Termination.** Upon the termination of this Agreement (i) Licensee will cease all use of the SITS Content and the SITS Marks; (ii) Licensee will, at SITS' option, either return to SITS or destroy all copies of the SITS Content (including any updates, corrections or other materials supplied to Licensee by SITS under this Agreement) and all copies of the SITS Marks and will provide a certification to SITS from an officer of Licensee confirming such return or destruction; and (iii) any rights and licenses granted herein shall cease, except as provided below. Except with respect to any outstanding payment on the part of Licensee, those provisions that survive the termination of this Agreement as set forth in the Survival provision below and any liabilities

incurred by either party during the term of the Agreement, neither party shall have any further obligation or liability to the other under this Agreement.

8. **Warranties, Disclaimer, Limitation of Liability.**

8.1. **Representations and Warranties.** Each party hereby represents and warrants that (i) it is a corporation duly organized and validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the state in which it is organized; (ii) it has the full power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder; and (iii) it has obtained all permits, licenses and other governmental authorizations and approvals required for its performance under this Agreement.

8.2. **Disclaimers.** SITS LICENSES AND PROVIDES THE SITS CONTENT AND ALL OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES SUBJECT TO THIS AGREEMENT ON AN "AS IS" BASIS. SITS MAKES NO WARRANTIES WITH RESPECT TO THE SITS CONTENT OR OTHER SITS GOODS AND SERVICES, AND SITS DISCLAIMS ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF NONINFRINGEMENT, NONINTERFERENCE, ACCURACY, MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

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9. **Indemnification.** Licensee hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and hold SITS harmless from and against any and all third party claims, suits, liabilities, losses, damages, penalties, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) which may be suffered by or obtained against SITS arising out of (i) any unauthorized use by Licensee of the SITS Content, the SITS Marks or any other SITS IP or any other act or omission by Licensee constituting a breach of any material term or condition of this Agreement; (ii) any claims or representations made by Licensee regarding the SITS Content in Licensee marketing, advertising, sales or promotional materials; (iii) any dispute between Licensee and any Authorized Users or any other individuals to which Licensee has provide or made available the SITS Content; and (iv) any investigation, claim, suit, proceeding or other action by any state, federal or local governmental or quasi-governmental entity.

10. **General Provisions.** This Agreement sets forth the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement, and supersedes all prior understandings and communications relating thereto. This Agreement may not be modified or amended except pursuant to a written instrument signed by both parties. The waiver by either party of a breach of any provision hereof shall not be construed as a waiver of any succeeding breach of the same or any other provision, nor shall any delay or omission on the part of such party to avail itself of any right, power or privilege that it has or may have hereunder operate as a waiver of any right, power or privilege. This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties and their respective successors and assigns. Licensee may not assign this Agreement or any of its rights hereunder without the prior written consent of SITS. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the internal laws of Pennsylvania, without regard to its choice of law rules. All disputes under this Agreement shall be resolved by the State or Federal courts located within in Radnor, Pennsylvania, and each party consents to the exclusive

jurisdiction of such courts and hereby waives any jurisdictional or venue defenses otherwise available to it. In the event that any provision of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, to such extent such provision shall be deemed null and void and severed from this Agreement, and the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. The relationship between Licensee and SITS is that of independent contractors and neither party shall be or represent itself to be an agent, employee, partner or joint venture of the other, nor shall either party have or represent itself to have any power or authority to act for, bind or commit the other. Those provisions that contain obligations that, by their nature, are intended to be performed after the termination or expiration of this Agreement including, without limitation, those provisions relating to ownership, indemnification, limitation of liability, and governing law, shall survive termination of this Agreement. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, including facsimiles, each of which will be deemed to be a duplicate original, but all of which, taken together, will be deemed to constitute a single instrument. All notices under this Agreement must be in writing and shall be deemed effectively given: (i) upon delivery, when delivered personally; (ii) upon delivery when sent by certified mail, postage prepaid and return receipt requested; (iii) upon transmission, when transmitted by facsimile or other electronic transmission method, provided that receipt is confirmed and a copy of the notice is sent by certified mail, postage prepaid and return receipt requested; or (iv) upon delivery, when sent by nationally recognized overnight delivery service. Any such notice shall be sent to the party to whom notice is intended to be given at the address first listed above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties, intending to be bound, have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the date first written above.

SURGENT INCOME TAX SCHOOL

[LICENSEE]

By: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

EXHIBIT A
ORDER FORM