

**SECTION II**  
**DEFINITIONS**

The following definitions shall apply to the provisions of this Amended Interlocal Agreement:

- 2.1 ADMINISTRATOR.** An individual, partnership or corporation engaged by the Fund to carry out the policies of the Fund and provide the day-to-day executive management and oversight of the Fund's operations, including, but not limited to, administration, marketing, underwriting, quoting, issuance, maintenance and auditing of coverage terms, coordinating other third party service providers retained by the Fund and ensuring that the policies and decisions of the Board of Trustees are implemented.
- 2.2 CLAIMS MANAGEMENT.** "Claims Management" shall mean the process of identifying, receiving, handling, adjusting, reserving, resolving and planning for the funding of eligible claims made by or against any Member of the Trust and any other necessary risk management operations.
- 2.3 CONTRIBUTION(S).** "Contribution(s)" shall mean any premium charge or other consideration imposed or collected by, or on behalf of the Trust, from its Members based on criteria adopted from time to time by the Board of Trustees. Contributions may be determined and set with respect to all Members, any individual Member or otherwise. The terms "Contribution(s)", "Premium(s)" and "Premium Contribution(s)" are used interchangeably and synonymously throughout this Agreement.
- 2.4 COVERAGE TERMS.** "Coverage Terms" or "Coverage Agreements" shall mean the terms and conditions of certificates of insurance, policies of insurance, endorsements to policies of insurance, excess insurance policies and reinsurance policies which are provided to Fund Members from time to time which comprehensively set forth the insurance coverages provided to the Fund Members, as may be modified or altered from time to time with respect to all Members, any individual Member, or otherwise, within the applicable notice and procedural requirements of law, or in any other rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees.
- 2.5 FUND.** "Fund" shall mean the group self-insurer's fund or trust fund which is hereby created for the purposes set forth herein, known as the Preferred Governmental

Insurance Trust. The terms “Fund”, “Trust” and “Trust Fund” are used interchangeably and synonymously throughout this Agreement.

- 2.6 LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY OR ENTITIES.** “Local Governmental Entity or Entities” shall mean any “public agency” as defined by Section 163.01(3)(b), Florida Statutes.
- 2.7 MEMBER.** “Member” shall mean a Local Governmental Entity which has duly executed a Participation Agreement and otherwise has complied with all provisions of this Agreement, and which thereafter is entitled to all the rights and benefits conferred by, and subject to all conditions and obligations imposed by, this Agreement, the Coverage Terms, or any rules and regulations which may be adopted by the Board of Trustees.
- 2.8 NON-COMPLIANCE.** “Non-Compliance” shall mean the failure to comply with the terms of this Agreement, the Coverage Terms, or any rules and regulations which may be adopted by the Board of Trustees, but only to the extent that such Non-Compliance is deemed material by, and within the sole discretion of, the Board of Trustees.
- 2.9 PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT.** “Participation Agreement” shall mean the application for membership in the Preferred Governmental Insurance Trust pursuant to which an applying member agrees to be bound by the provisions of the Florida Workers’ Compensation Act, this Amended Interlocal Agreement, the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Fund, and when accepted by the Board of Trustees or their duly authorized representative, becomes a part of the Interlocal Agreement between the applying member and the Fund.
- 2.10 PREMIUM(S).** “Premium(s)” shall mean “Contribution(s)”.
- 2.11 PREMIUM CONTRIBUTION(S).** “Premium Contribution(s)” shall mean Contribution(s).
- 2.12 THIRD-PARTY CLAIMS MANAGER.** “Third-Party Claims Manager” shall mean an individual or organization providing claims management services to the Fund.
- 2.13 TRUST.** “Trust” shall mean the “Fund”.
- 2.14 TRUSTEES.** “Trustees” or “Board of Trustees” shall mean the collegial body charged with the operation and administration of the Fund pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement.
- 2.15 TRUST FUND.** “Trust Fund” shall mean the “Fund”.

**SECTION III**  
**ESTABLISHMENT OF “PREFERRED**  
**GOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE TRUST”**  
**AS A SELF-INSURED FUND**

- 3.1** **ESTABLISHMENT.** The Preferred Governmental Insurance Trust is hereby established and created pursuant to the provisions of Article VIII, Section 2, of the Florida Constitution, Sections 125.01, 163.01, 624.4622, 768.28(15)(a) and 111.072, Florida Statutes, for the purposes, and with the powers, duties and obligations, as herein set forth.
- 3.2** **LOCATION.** The location of the principal office of the Trust shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Trustees.
- 3.3** **PURPOSES.** This Amended Interlocal Agreement is made and executed, and the Fund created hereby is established for the purposes of:
- (a) Pooling Member’s resources to fulfill Members’ legal liabilities and obligations, including, but not limited to, providing for the payment of benefits under the Florida Workers’ Compensation Law;
  - (b) To minimize the cost of providing workers’ compensation coverage by developing and refining specialized claim services, by developing and refining, internally or through third party service providers, a managed care system, together with the development and refining of loss prevention programs for the Members;
  - (c) To pay or provide for general liability and casualty coverage to participating Members, including, but not limited to, public officials errors and omissions, employment practices liability and law enforcement liability claims;
  - (d) To pay or provide for property coverage to participating Members;
  - (e) To pay for or provide to its participating Members coverage in anticipation of any judgment or settlement resulting from a civil rights action arising under federal law;
  - (f) To pay for or provide to participating Members coverage in anticipation of any claims bill passed by the Legislature;
  - (g) To pay for or provide to participating Members coverage for any other risk authorized under Florida law to be self-insured;

(h) To pay for or provide to participating Members all or a part of such coverages.

This Agreement is not intended to create a partnership or other legal entity whereby one Member assumes the obligations of another Member, or the obligations of the Fund in general.

**3.4** **NON-ASSESSABILITY.** Should a deficit develop in the Trust, after excess reinsurance recoveries, whereby claims or other expenses cannot be paid, each individual Member shall assume liability for the costs of claims brought against that Member as if such Member were individually self-insured. Each individual Member shall thereafter be responsible for its individual costs including, but not limited to, claims administration without an obligation to, or a right of contribution from, other Members.

**3.5** **POWERS.** The Trust shall have all the rights, powers, duties and privileges as set forth in Article VIII, Section 2 of the Florida Constitution, and Sections 163.01, et seq., 624.4622, 768.28(15)(a) and 111.072, Florida Statutes, and any other applicable Florida Statutes, which are necessary to accomplish the purposes described in Section 3.3, including but not limited to the following:

- (a) Securing the payment of benefits under Chapter 440, Florida Statutes.
- (b) Collecting premiums from Members for the purpose of paying for or providing casualty, property, and liability coverage, and securing the payment of claims associated therewith.
- (c) Paying for or providing coverage for any other risk authorized under Florida law to be self-insured.
- (d) Paying for or providing all or a part of such coverages.
- (e) To make, enter into, and arrange for insurance, reinsurance, excess insurance, catastrophic insurance, stop-loss insurance, or any other coverage as the Fund shall deem necessary and appropriate, without such purchase being deemed a waiver of sovereign immunity.
- (f) To pay, or approve the payment of, any expenses and fees associated with the operation of the Fund.
- (g) To indemnify and hold harmless any Trustee, officer of the Fund, or any person acting on behalf of the Fund, to the fullest extent such indemnification is permitted by law, against (1) reasonable expenses actually and necessarily incurred in

connection with any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, administrative or civil investigative, including any action, suit or proceeding by or on behalf of the Fund, seeking to hold said person liable by reason of the fact that he or she was acting in such capacity, and (2) reasonable payments made by him or her in satisfaction of any judgment, monetary decree or settlement for which he or she may have become liable in any such action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that he or she was acting in such capacity. This indemnification is not intended to, and does not, waive any immunities provided to Members of the Fund, Trustees serving in their capacity as Trustees to the Fund, or to officers or employees of the Fund, by virtue of the laws of the state of Florida, but is merely in addition to such rights, privileges and immunities. (Ref. 624.489 and 768.28, FS).

#### **SECTION IV**

#### **ADMINISTRATION OF FUND**

- 4.1** **MEETINGS.** The Board of Trustees shall meet at such time and in such location as may be acceptable to a majority of the Board of Trustees. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees or his designee shall set the date, time and location of each meeting, and notice thereof shall be furnished to each Trustee by the Chairman or his designee not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of such meeting. Such notice shall specify the date, time and location of such meeting and may specify the purpose thereof, and any action proposed to be taken there at. Such notice shall be directed to each Trustee by mail to the address of such Trustee as is recorded in the office or offices of the Fund. In no event shall the Board of Trustees meet less than quarterly. The Chairman of the Board or any three (3) Trustees may call a special meeting and direct the Administrator to send the prerequisite notice for any special meeting of the Board of Trustees. Special meetings of the Board of Trustees may be held at any time and place without notice, or with less than the prerequisite notice, provided all Trustees execute a waiver of notice and consent to said meeting. For purposes of a duly called meeting of the Board of Trustees, a quorum shall exist if a majority of the members of the Board of Trustees are present.

The Administrator shall keep minutes of all meetings, proceedings and acts of the Board of Trustees, but such minutes need not be verbatim. Copies of all minutes of the Board of Trustees shall be sent by the Administrator to all Trustees.

- 4.2 **VOTING.** All actions by, and decisions of, the Board of Trustees shall be by vote of a majority of the Trustees attending a duly called meeting of the Board of Trustees at which a quorum is present; however, in the event of a duly called special meeting, all actions by, and decisions of, the Board of Trustees may be by vote of a majority of the Trustees present and attending such special meeting if a proper waiver of notice and consent was obtained as provided herein.
- 4.3 **OFFICE OF THE FUND.** The Board of Trustees shall establish, maintain and provide adequate funding for an office or offices for the administration of the Fund. The address of such office or offices shall be made known to the units of local governments eligible to participate in, or participating in, the Fund. The books and records pertaining to the Fund and its administration shall be kept and maintained at the office or offices of the Fund.
- 4.4 **EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS.** A certificate, document, or other instrument signed by the Chairman or the Administrator of the Fund shall be evidence of the action of the Board of Trustees and any such certificate, document, or other instrument so signed shall conclusively be presumed to be authentic. Likewise, all acts and matters stated therein shall conclusively be presumed to be true.
- 4.5 **APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR.** The trustees shall designate and provide compensation for an Administrator to administer the affairs of the Fund. Any Administrator so designated shall furnish the board of Trustees with a fidelity bond with the Trustees as named obligee. The amount of such bond shall be determined by the Trustees and the evidence thereof shall be available to all units of government eligible to participate, or participating in, the Fund.
- 4.6 **COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF TRUSTEES.** The Board of Trustees may from time to time establish a reasonable amount of compensation to cover attendance at a duly called meeting by the Board of Trustees, or to cover the performance of the normal duties of a Trustee. Such compensation shall include reimbursement for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred therewith.