



CODESP MEMBER SERVICE AGREEMENT

Please read, acknowledge, and agree to the following service agreement terms.

Terms:

All terms of this agreement shall prevail over any terms and conditions to the contrary outlined in purchase orders or any other agreements or documentation provided by the agency named below in order to obtain services from CODESP unless explicitly agreed to in writing by an authorized agent of CODESP.

Services Provided:

CODESP provides online employment selection materials and training presentations to members who are employed at public agencies that have met all of the membership terms. Once the registration process is completed and payment is received your agency will gain access to the secure areas of the website.

Members will gain access to all content currently posted to the members area of the site including the Interview Builder and posted supplemental application forms and situational, performance, and writing exercises. In addition to the posted materials, members may request multiple-choice test packets along with custom supplemental application forms and situational, performance, and writing exercises via the CATS (CODESP Automated Test System) Request Form. Additional services include live and recorded webinars, live training (may be subject to an additional fee), a job description builder, sample job analysis questionnaires, an online multiple-choice testing option, and online Links and Resources related to public-sector Human Resources.

Payment for Services:

A Purchase Order may be submitted to initiate services, but payment must be received within 45 days after the PO is received. Payment or proof of payment (such as a Purchase Order) for all services must be made in advance of services being provided. Please refer to our current fee schedule for the most current pricing and options. PayPal payment requires an additional service fee.

Service Options:

- **Full Year:** A full year payment is for services from July 1 through June 30 in the same fiscal year.
- **Less Than Full Year:** A less than full year payment is for any services initiated after July of the current fiscal year. If joining after July, an agency may choose one of the following options:
 - **Pay the full year rate for the current fiscal year with no additional commitment.**
 - **Pay a prorated amount for services for the months remaining in the current fiscal year with a contractual obligation to continue the following fiscal year.**
 - The prorated fee shall be one-twelfth (1/12) of the full year fee multiplied by the number of months remaining in the fiscal year. Any months in which services will be rendered will be included in this calculation.
 - By agreeing to this option, the agency agrees to pay for a full year of service the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which services are originated. The fee for the following year will be in accordance with the posted fee schedule for the following year which shall be made available by no later than February of the preceding fiscal year. In the event that the posted fee schedule for the following year indicates a fee increase in excess of ten (10) percent from the previous year, the agency will have the right to option out of the following full year of service. This agreement may be amended to remove the requirement for an additional year of service under special circumstances wherein an

agency policy is provided that supports a limitation set by the governing body of the agency limiting the agency's ability to agree to a multi-year contractual obligation upon consent of the CODESP administration.

CODESP reserves the right to refuse future service, or to restrict services provided or service options (as indicated above), for any member that violates, or has previously violated, this or any other CODESP agreement.

Refunds:

Refunds for membership fees will not be made.

Continuation of Services:

To continue membership in good standing, agencies shall pay the membership fee no later than July 1 or communicate their intent to rejoin through e-mail or other correspondence. Unless the membership fee is received by September 1, the intent to rejoin becomes null and void, and the agency will be dropped from the membership roll.

Please note that the following terms apply at the start of each fiscal year. Failure to adhere to the following may result in access to the secure areas of the CODESP website being temporarily disabled.

- Payment must be received within 45 days of receipt of a Purchase Order
- A signed copy of the Agency Security Agreement and Service Agreement for the current fiscal year must be received within 45 days of the start of the new fiscal year

Test Material Requests:

Multiple-choice test materials from the online item bank are requested by completing a **CATS Request Form**.

Other test materials such as interviews (Interview Builder), supplemental application forms, writing, situational, and performance exercises (under Test Materials) can be accessed from the secure areas of the website. If customized materials are needed, the member will complete a CATS Request Form and provide current job information and access to job experts as needed to fulfill such a request.

When submitting requests for test materials, members must provide a job description and other pertinent information needed to guide CODESP staff in selecting job-related materials. The member will allow at least 10 business days for the request to be fulfilled. If new test materials need to be developed, the member acknowledges that these requests take longer to fulfill and will work with CODESP staff on an appropriate timeline for fulfilling the request.

Access to the secure areas of the website and all test materials is restricted to authorized employees who are responsible for accessing test materials and implementing the selection process. Authorization is determined by the member's Human Resources administrator and subject to approval by CODESP administration. The number of users is based on the size of the agency and approved by CODESP. Generally, no more than 10 users per agency may have access to the secure areas of the website. Exceptions to the restriction on the number of users may be authorized for agencies with an employee count of over 3,000.

A maximum of five test material requests may be submitted by the member per month, unless otherwise approved by CODESP administration. CODESP provides unlimited access to the products and services accessible from the secure areas of the website that do not require completing a CATS Request Form. Unlimited test products include all questions in the Interview Builder and posted sample test materials such as supplemental application forms and writing, situational, and performance exercises.

New Test Material Development:

CODESP will expand test material job families when resources are available. Job experts are to be provided by the member whenever possible. CODESP maintains final edit approval on test materials entered into the CATS system. Adding job families and items to the item bank is at the discretion of CODESP. A list of Multiple-Choice Item Banks currently available can be found under **Join CODESP / Frequently Asked Questions**.

The list is subject to revision and the job families listed do not contain test items for all possible classifications that may fall under a specific job family.

CODESP requires the following to develop new test materials:

- A job expert provided by the member to assist CODESP staff in the development, edit, and final review of the new materials.
- Technical documents/manuals or other appropriate source material provided by the member when they are not readily available to CODESP.
- At least 15 business days for development, review, and edits of new test materials. The 15-day period begins after the job expert and/or technical materials are provided to CODESP.

CODESP will not:

- Recreate state licensure, Microsoft certification, or similar examinations that require formal certificates.
- Enter copyrighted materials into our item bank.
- Create test materials for sworn police or fire personnel.
- Create test materials for positions where the type of assessment method requested is inappropriate. For example, multiple-choice tests for senior management or highly technical positions like engineer. This will be decided by CODESP administration on a case-by-case basis.

Use of Test Materials:

The final selection of which test materials to use is the responsibility of the agency. A local job analysis is highly recommended to determine test content which is appropriate for your agency's specific position/classification for which you are testing. All test materials should be reviewed by a local job expert prior to use in order to ensure validity.

The translation of test materials provided by CODESP into a language other than the original language provided is allowed to the extent that the member agency uses the translated materials to assess candidates for employment at its own agency only. All test materials translated remain the property of CODESP and must be used only to the extent allowed by CODESP agreements and while in good standing as a CODESP member agency. CODESP bears no responsibility for the accuracy or use of translated materials and recommends a thorough review and vetting prior to use.

The use of test materials by a member agency (such as a County Office of Education) to test or assess candidates for a non-member agency (such as a local district) is strictly prohibited.

The charging of any test administration or related fees to a candidate for any job for taking a test that includes any CODESP materials is strictly prohibited unless otherwise approved by CODESP administration.

Test materials are intended to be used in-person in proctored settings only. The use of any test materials in any non-proctored or remote (proctored or non-proctored) setting is strictly prohibited unless otherwise approved by CODESP administration. This restriction does not apply to materials specifically designated for remote or non-proctored use.

Retention of Test Materials:

Upon termination of CODESP membership, the agency shall immediately cease and desist the use of all CODESP test materials and shall cease administering any and all tests that contain CODESP test materials. The agency shall destroy all CODESP test materials, both paper and electronic, except those used to document existing test records. The agency shall inform CODESP at the time of the discontinuation of service of any test materials that are being maintained in order to document existing test records. The agency shall delete CODESP test materials from electronic storage devices, databases, test management systems, and/or item banks that may be accessible by unauthorized individuals, agencies, or vendors, including any third-party testing software.

Legal Acknowledgements:

The terms of this Service Agreement may change prior to the start of each fiscal year as solely determined by the CODESP Board of Directors. A copy of this Service Agreement will be sent to members in advance of the

new fiscal year. Members must agree to the terms of the current Service Agreement in order to continue services.

To the extent allowable by California law, the agency named below shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless CODESP, its board members, officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all liability, loss, expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees), or claims for injury or damages arising out of the use of materials or services provided by CODESP unless such liability, loss, expense, or claims is due to CODESP's sole negligence.

CODESP agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the agency named below, its board members, officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all liability, loss, expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees), or claims for injury or damages arising solely out of negligent activities of CODESP or those of any of its officers, employees, and agents, whether such act or omission is authorized by this Agreement or not. The provisions of this Indemnification do not apply to any damage or losses caused by the negligence of the Agency or any of its board members, officers, employees, and/or agents.

The agency named below understands and acknowledges that it is solely responsible for its employment decisions including, but not limited to, all uses of CODESP materials including, but not limited to, test materials, rating criteria, training materials, statistical reports, and cutoff scores. The agency named below also acknowledges that it is solely responsible for ensuring its employment practices comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and professional guidelines. It is the exclusive responsibility of the agency named below to ensure that the knowledge, skills, and abilities and/or competencies measured by CODESP test materials are valid job requirements.

By entering into this Service Agreement the agency acknowledges that so far as it pertains to the agency and CODESP, that CODESP is the sole owner of the intellectual property that the agency will have access to under this Agreement, described herein as "content" or "materials," as well as any other intellectual property the agency will have access to under this Agreement. CODESP hereby grants to the agency a non-transferable and non-exclusive license to the materials and content for the purposes described herein. This license includes the ability to create reasonable variations of CODESP's intellectual property such as translations and other reasonable modifications. Any "content" or "materials" that have been translated, edited, or modified from the original, but still contain content provided by CODESP or content that can reasonably be attributed to CODESP are covered by this license. This license shall be in effect only as long as the agency remains as a party in good standing to this Agreement and only while the agency is current in its financial obligations to CODESP. The agency acknowledges that any use of the intellectual property owned by CODESP in violation of this license will constitute an intentional infringement of CODESP's copyright interest in such property. The agency agrees that copyright infringement under this Agreement includes obtaining CODSEP materials while a member and continuing to use such materials after the end of the membership. The agency agrees that should it infringe upon CODSEP's intellectual property rights that the agency will pay for CODSEP's attorney fees and costs incurred by CODSEP in any ensuing litigation.

Should any portion, term, condition, or provision of this Agreement be decided by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or in conflict with any law of the State of California, or be otherwise rendered unenforceable or ineffectual, the validity of the remaining portions, terms, conditions, and provisions will not be affected thereby.

Please select your service option:

- ☐ **Full-Year** ☐ **Less Than Full Year** (Post August 1st) - Prorated fee w/ agreement to continue services the following fiscal year

By completing and signing the section below you are stating that you agree with the terms and conditions as stated in this document.

Agency: _____

Signature of Authorized Agency Representative: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature of HR Administrator (if different from above): _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

Please agree, complete, sign and e-mail a scanned copy to codesp@codesp.com. If you are unable to send a scanned copy via e-mail, please fax a signed copy to: 714-374-8225