



THE SUMMIT OF  
Sustainability  
ALLIANCE

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Summit of Sustainability Alliance (SOSA)  
**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

(by and between)

September 2021

Effective Date: **TBD**

*Core Team Member List*

**Purpose**

The Summit of Sustainability Alliance (SoSA) is a committed collaborative group comprised of institutions, agencies, and organizations from the public, private, and non-profit sectors operating in and around Summit County.

The purpose of SoSA is to promote and impact sustainability and sustainable practices by collaboration, leadership, education and outreach, and measurement of progress in coordination with the 2019 US Cities Sustainable Development Report (Sustainable Development Solutions Network, a global initiative for the United Nations) or similar metric, to increase the regions success in meeting UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) or similar metric by 2030.

The participating organizations can benefit by collaborating to share information and resources, coordinate working groups (Teams) aimed at creating enabling conditions for progress towards the SDGs, and developing leaders in sustainable practices.

**Background and Objectives**

The Summit of Sustainability Awards organization was formed as a result of the Akron Greenprint process in 2012 to meet the needs of the business, non-profit, educational, and government sectors. The organization underwent a strategic planning process which drove its evolution into a

collaborative group of those entities, focusing on furthering the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

### Statement of Mutual Benefits and Interests

Members in the collaborative group will be encouraged to share information and resources, to discuss obstacles to creating enabling conditions to promote sustainable practices, to develop Teams with tangible research, design, and advocacy goals, and, as the organization grows in capacity, to fund Teams and issue grants to promote sustainable practices, education, and leadership development.

The trajectory of the Teams will be driven by member needs and interests, to be defined and refined at workshops, anticipated to be in the spring and fall each year, or as needed to focus efforts.

The SoSA Strategic Plan, dated September 2021, is attached.

### Roles and Responsibilities

Roles and responsibilities, dated September 2021, are defined in detail in the attached SoSA Structure document.

### Authority

**This MOU is neither a fiscal nor a funds obligation document.**

Contributions may be in-kind.

Monetary contributions may be requested as Team needs for research or training are identified, or if a desire to seek grants is identified by membership.

Any endeavor involving reimbursement or contribution of funds between the parties to this MOU will be handled in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and procedures. Such endeavors will be outlined in separate agreements that shall be made in writing by representatives of the parties and shall be independently authorized by appropriate board, council or statutory authority. This MOU does not provide such authority.

### Terms of Agreement, Modification, and Termination

This MOU will be effective for a period of five years from the effective date. Membership may be terminated at any time by the member organization or by the SoSA Core Team.

Upon or before expiration, this MOU may be subject to review and renewal at which time the parties may execute a new MOU or amendment to continue cooperative management of SoSA.

1. This MOU may be modified only by written approval of fifty-one (51%) of the Core Team in a written amendment signed by all members of the Core Team.
2. Any party may terminate participation in this MOU by providing the Core Team members with advance written notice of termination.

**Additional Parties to this MOU**

Additional parties may be added and are encouraged to be added to this MOU at any time upon the mutual agreement of fifty-one (51%) of the Core Team as evidenced by a written amendment to this MOU.

**Signatures of Core Team Member**

**Signatory for** (Agency or Organization): \_\_\_\_\_

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(Name, Title)

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(Date)

**Key Contact**

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Approved as to form and correctness:

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