

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
CONCERNING COLLABORATION BETWEEN
IIC ACADEMY, HYDERABAD, INDIA
AND**

**VIGNAN'S FOUNDATION FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH
UNIVERSITY, GUNTUR, INDIA**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is between the IIC Academy (learning arm of IIC Technologies Ltd., hereinafter also referred to as Academy), and VFSTR University (hereinafter also referred to as VFSTRU), for the purpose of enhancing knowledge and skills in the area of geospatial sciences, and to jointly work towards providing professional education and research projects to students of VFSTRU to enable them become 'industry-ready.'

IIC Academy is the learning arm of IIC Technologies Ltd., whose registered office is at 6-3-250/2, Road No.1, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, 500 034.

VFSTRU is a Deemed University with **NAAC 'A'** rating, set up under section 3 of the UGC Act 1956, is located at Vadlamudi, Guntur 522 213, Andhra Pradesh, India.

Shared Vision

The Academy and VFSTRU, acknowledging the complementary nature of their aims and strength within the educational sector, have jointly decided to cooperate and offer to the students of VFSTRU, industry-focused programs and opportunities for research, aimed at the growing global geospatial market.

Scope, Terms and Conditions

- 1.1 This MoU is for collaboration between both parties, to offer industry-focused professional programs and research projects in geospatial sciences to the faculty and students of VFSTRU.
- 1.2 This MoU shall be valid for three years from the date of agreement, and each party shall be at full liberty to terminate the contract with a notice period of 3 months.

- 1.3 Both parties shall commit to undertake all reasonable steps to ensure successful completion of academic and professional trainings, and cooperate with each other in duly carrying out the obligation agreed upon.
- 1.4 The training programs shall be jointly designed by the Academy and VFSTRU. The programs shall focus on advancements in technology, and skills-in-demand by industry and delivered by the Academy at the VFSTRU, or the Academy campus. The delivery of programs shall be jointly monitored and assessed by the Academy and VFSTRU, culminating with award of certificates to successful participants duly endorsed, both by the Academy, and VFSTRU.
- 1.5 A list of programs covered under this MoU, though not necessarily limited in its scope, are as follows:
 - The Academy shall offer short term industry-focused training programs on Photogrammetry, LiDAR, Land, cadastral, and marine surveys, Cartography, and GIS that can be offered at the mutual convenience of the Academy and VFSTRU. The entry into the program shall be based on a short aptitude test to be administered by the Academy.
 - The Academy shall offer short-workshops up to one week duration for the faculty and students of VFSTRU on advanced topics related to Geospatial Sciences, Surveying and Software Tools. The major component of such workshops will include practical case-studies.
 - Guest lectures on topics identified jointly by VFSTRU and the Academy shall be organized. These lectures will be delivered by industry experts through the Academy.
 - The Academy through IIC Technologies shall offer summer internships of duration 4 to 6 months, for the pre-final and final year students of B.Tech. of VFSTRU depending upon available vacancies and demonstrated merit of students.
 - The Academy through IIC Technologies shall offer one-year unpaid industry attachment at IIC for M.Tech. students pursuing Geospatial studies in VFSTRU.
 - The Academy shall support research projects by way of assisting the Masters' and Doctoral students in learning new technologies and relevant application software, enable capture and analysis of geospatial data, and

apply research study to practical demonstrable inter-disciplinary areas of geospatial sciences.

- The Academy shall partner with VFSTRU in a joint-consultancy mode to undertake inter-disciplinary research and project-work sponsored by National and International agencies such as, Department of Science and Technology, India, leveraging the complementary expertise between the Academy and VFSTRU.
 - The Academy shall undertake periodic programs for the faculty of VFSTRU to update their knowledge and skills as part of 'Continuing Education Programs' and bring them to-date with developing industry standards, software and skills-in-demand.
 - The Academy shall collaborate with VFSTRU by offering customized programs on geospatial sciences and encourage entrepreneurship initiatives through VFSTRU's value-added programs / elective course / modular courses.
- 1.6 The Academy shall provide program materials that include, syllabi, content, case studies, project work, and assessment guidelines; as also, copies of Open Source Software within the specified ambit of licenses, as may be applicable in its deployment in academic studies. The Academy, however would reserve its right to limit sharing of its courseware to other non-participants in VFSTRU or otherwise.
- 1.7 For all programs conducted at VFSTRU campuses, VFSTRU shall provide requisite infrastructure, computer systems, network connectivity with reasonable bandwidth, and ensure timely deployment of all Open Source Software and course presentations provided by the Academy.
- 1.8 A mutually agreed schedule shall be drawn up between the Academy and VFSTRU at least one month in advance, and quarterly schedules thereupon shall be promulgated on the VFSTRU website, and updated every month. Adhoc programs, as and when necessary, shall be discussed on case-to-case basis.
- 1.9 The commercials for each of the program shall depend upon the depth and scope of program coverage and the use of special software tools and equipment during the program. In principle, the cost shall be arrived at by considering hours of class room interaction, quantum of field work, customization of

courseware, and size per batch, restricted to a maximum of 20 participants. The budget for each program shall be finalized only after mutual discussions and acceptance.

Mutual Obligation


- 2.0 This collaboration shall not be exclusive to both parties and shall not disallow each party from having similar collaboration with others.
- 2.1 Each party shall respect the intellectual property rights of the other, and shall not use any trade name, or trademark belonging to the other, without their prior written approval.
- 2.2 Each party shall maintain confidentiality of any information relating to course material, case studies, project work, course presentations, and guidelines which shall be deemed to be confidential and marked accordingly.
- 2.3 Both parties shall nominate one representative each to act as primary point of contact for smoother coordination on either side.
- 2.4 Any dispute, if at all, arising out of this MoU shall be settled amicably through arbitration between both parties.

Date: 17 Feb 2016 .

Place: HYDERABAD

Name: SHEKHAR MURTHY

Designation: PRESIDENT

Signature 

For IIC Academy

Date: 17-02-2016

Place: GUNTUR

Name: CMDE. DR. M S RAGHUNATHAN

Designation: REGISTRAR

Signature 

For VFSTR University

