**STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN
TEFMA Inc AND CAUDIT 2009 – 2014**

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP

The Tertiary Education Facilities Management Association Incorporated (TEFMA) and the Council of Australian University Directors of Information Technology (CAUDIT) agree to collaborate to improve the performance of facilities management and IT services delivery in the higher education and research sector.

GOALS, OBJECTIVES and INITIATIVES

GOAL 1:

Foster a commitment of collaboration by our respective organisations and their members to more effectively serve their respective industries and members in the Australasian Region.

A.   Pledge to continue communication between TEFMA and CAUDIT and encourage the development and endorsement of the goals and objectives contained in this document.

B.   Provide reciprocal invitation to a senior elected representative to attend and participate in the annual conference/general meetings of our respective organisations.

C.   Investigate opportunities for joint action, as described in the current Joint TEFMA/CAUDIT Action Agenda.

D.   Investigate opportunities to present at each organisation's annual conference/general meetings to raise the profile of this partnership.

E.   Recognise and work towards a successful outcome of the Joint Action Agenda.

GOAL 2:

Promote the exchange of information regarding facilities management and information technology services, especially where relevant to the Joint Action Agenda.

A.   Periodically exchange news about the facilities management and IT Services in higher education and research industries, calendars of educational program

offerings, and notices of related new products and services, and other stakeholders of our respective organisations.

1. Publications, workshop/conference, educational program and TEFMA and CAUDIT branch activity pricing will be offered at member rates (excluding Tertiary Education Management conference).

2. The exchange of articles in each other's magazines/newsletters will be strongly encouraged.

B. Facilitate linking as appropriate between and through each other's electronic communications media:

1. "Hot link" between the web pages of our respective organisations to encourage member participation with both organisations.

2. Actively place the executive of each other's organisation on such media as electronic list server networks, forums (chat rooms) and electronic membership directories.

C. Develop an arrangement which will provide access to and allow reproduction of articles from the official magazines and newsletters of our respective organisations.

1. This arrangement serves, wherever appropriate, to authorise reproduction of print materials as long as notification occurs before reproduction and appropriate attribution is made on the reproduction itself.

D. Collaborate on furthering the development of our respective continuous improvement efforts with purposeful focus on the Joint Action Agenda.

E. Exchange complimentary magazines, newsletters and other regular communications with the executive and designated senior staff of each organisation.

F. **Endorse the Joint Action Agenda** to identify potential projects or initiatives for joint collaboration that will increase the body of knowledge between the facilities management and IT Services in the HE sector. Explore opportunities for specific joint projects such as establishing industry benchmarks and performance indicators that are jointly developed, co-branded and released as industry publications.

GOAL 3:

Explore ways to leverage the strength and vitality of our respective organisations.

A. Encourage members from both organisations to participate in each other's courses, conferences and workshops.

GOAL 4:

Recognise and acknowledge each other's organisational strategies.

A.   Where appropriate, develop joint awards and recognition initiatives.

B.   Prepare a statement of progress of this partnership for presentation at appropriate events, such as each organisation's annual AGM and conference.

GOAL 5:

Continue building the bond between our organisations and respective members.

A.   Establish a partnership body that meets annually to agree on strategies and initiatives that are of mutual benefit to each organisation.

B   The partnership body shall comprise of appropriate representatives from each organisation. This might take the form of a joint Executive meeting.

C.   Develop appropriate detailed arrangements of our agreements as necessary to protect the value and integrity of the intellectual property of our respective organisations.

D.   Actively promote and publicise this partnership to our respective members, leaders, and other stakeholders.

PARTNERSHIP PERIOD

The partnership shall be for a period of five years (commencing on the date this agreement is signed by both organisations), with reviews annually that are jointly conducted to ensure goals and objectives remain timely, relevant and beneficial to each other's organisation and members. The agreement can be terminated by either party at any time with either party providing the other party with three months written notice.

For TEFMA: For CAUDIT:

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President   Chair

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Date   Date

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Green IT Metrics

Pursue collective adoption of standard and measurable Green IT metrics across the HE sector informed by the Monash University study titled "Key Performance Indicators and Measurement Techniques for Sustainable IT 14 January 2009" and the May 2009 CAUDIT General Meeting session that identified a common sub-set of "must-have" metrics.

Specifically, measure and/or collect a small number of "must-have" Green IT metrics to enable a longitudinal analysis which can demonstrate the progress the sector is making as part of contributing to the global effort to reduce our impact on the environment.

Learning Spaces

With the Australian Council on Open, Distance and E-Learning (ACODE) and the Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL), use leading projects from across the HE sector, including the ALTC project at QUT to provide models for mainstreamed and affordable improvement of learning spaces across the HE sector.

Data Centres

Gartner research reports that "the intense power requirements needed to run and cool data centres now accounts for almost a quarter of global carbon dioxide emissions from ICT" and furthermore "are increasing faster than other carbon emissions".

The partnership will focus activity on reducing member data centre emissions as well as improved capital estimation and overall improved partnership of facilities management with information technology as significant investments are made in data centres across the sector.

The initial focus will be on developing experience with joint data centres in Melbourne and Brisbane that can then be used as a sector wide model.