AIMS Application Form & Member Agreement

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Member Type *(check all that apply)*	☐ *Content Developer* of Instructional Media ☐ *Technology Developer* for Playback/ Editing of AIMS Content

Member Benefits

Registering as an AIMS Member provides access to the AIMS protocol and the AIMS Task Builder program for use in creating electronic instructional media and includes each of the following:

- access to and participation in the AIMS Online Community (www.aimsxml.com)
- access to the AIMS XML Specification which describes the XML protocol for instructional media
- opportunity to contribute AIMS content to an online task library
- opportunity to access public AIMS content developed by other members
- opportunity to create AIMS content for commercial use
- opportunity to provide input to update and enhance the AIMS definition
- free download and use of the **AIMS Task Builder** software application for creating instructional media content

Organization

AIMS Members are individuals representing organizations who intend to create or use instructional content that complies with the AIMS specification, or who create software for processing such content.

Changes and enhancements to the AIMS Specification will be considered and approved by the AIMS Standards Committee, which will be comprised of individuals representing both content developers and player/ editor developers from participating organizations. The specific membership will change over time. In general new members may be nominated by existing AIMS Members or may be existing AIMS members who volunteer to participate in the Standard's Committee. At any point in time, the specific membership of the Standards Committee will be available on the AIMS website (www.aimsxml.com).

Usage Requirements

Following are the requirements for using the AIMS protocol for content development or for creating player or editor applications to utilize AIMS content. All of the following requirements must be agreed to to become a registered user of the AIMS protocol.

1. To be in compliance with AIMS and to be considered "AIMS Ready," instructional media must contain all <u>core</u> elements of the specific AIMS protocol (e.g. AIMS Version 1.0). Core elements will be a minimum set of data elements which will be required to present the instructional media within an AIMS compliant player application. Additional capabilities may be provided for within the XML structure, but will be identified as optional functionality provided in addition to the core set required for AIMS tasks.
2. Members agree not to change the XML structure. Requested changes can be submitted to the AIMS Standards Committee for review.
3. Instructional media content which is in compliance with the AIMS XML Specification shall be defined in associated documentation (i.e., documents, brochures, websites, etc.) as "AIMS Ready" and will include the AIMS logo (available to AIMS registered members) to certify to potential users that the content can be expected to be fully usable in any AIMS compliant prompting system. In addition to the core AIMS functionality, instructional media content as well as player applications may support additional optional functionality in accordance with the AIMS XML protocol.   The specific AIMS Version shall also be identified in the documentation of the content or player application.
4. Players can be labeled "AIMS Ready" if they can import and playback instructional media content that includes the core elements of the AIMS specification. Editors which are used for creating new tasks or editing existing AIMS tasks can be labeled "AIMS Ready" if they can import and export content that includes all core elements. These tools may ignore any optional AIMS functionality that is not required or that the specific player does not support.
5. Reference to AIMS in documentation, websites, etc. shall reference the relevant AIMS XML Specification Conceptual Overview for the applicable version of AIMS. Following is the correctly formatted citation for AIMS 1.0.

Davies, D. K., Stock, S.E, Brown, R.B, & King, L.R. (2005). *AbleLink Instructional Media Standard (AIMS) - Conceptual Overview,* AbleLink Technologies, Inc., Colorado Springs, Colorado.

6. Users of AIMS agree to not distribute information contained in the AIMS XML Specification, beyond what is described in the public Overview document or redistribute the **AIMS Task Builder** application, either as a stand-alone application or integrated within another application.
7. Users of **AIMS Task Builder** agree to the *AIMS Task Builder License Agreement* (see website).

8. Users of the AIMS XML Specification agree to the *Royalty Free License Version 1.0 AbleLink Instructional Media Standard (AIMS)* (see website).

Printed Name _____

Signature   _____

Date   _____

Please FAX completed form to AbleLink at 719-592-0348