

EXHIBIT A

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT**

**by and between the**

**CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**and the**

**CITY OF FORT BRAGG, CALIFORNIA**

THIS ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT (this "Associate Membership Agreement"), dated as of \_\_\_\_\_ by and between CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (the "Authority") and the CITY OF FORT BRAGG, CALIFORNIA, a municipal corporation, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of California (the "City");

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, the Cities of Selma, Lancaster and Eureka (individually, a "Member" and collectively, the "Members"), have entered into a Joint Powers Agreement, dated as of June 1, 2006 (the "Agreement"), establishing the Authority and prescribing its purposes and powers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement designates the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors and the President of the California Association for Local Economic Development as the initial Board of Directors of the Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has been formed for the purpose, among others, to assist for profit and nonprofit corporations and other entities to obtain financing for projects and purposes serving the public interest; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement permits any other local agency in the State of California to join the Authority as an associate member (an "Associate Member"); and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to become an Associate Member of the Authority;

**WHEREAS**, City Council of the City has adopted a resolution approving the Associate Membership Agreement and the execution and delivery thereof;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Authority has determined that the City should become an Associate Member of the Authority;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the above premises and of the mutual promises herein contained, the Authority and the City do hereby agree as follows:

***Section 1. Associate Member Status.*** The City is hereby made an Associate Member of the Authority for all purposes of the Agreement and the Bylaws of the Authority, the provisions of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference. From and after the date of execution and delivery of this Associate Membership Agreement by the City and the Authority, the City shall be and remain an Associate Member of the Authority.

***Section 2. Restrictions and Rights of Associate Members.*** The City shall not have the right, as an Associate Member of the Authority, to vote on any action taken by the Board of Directors or by the Voting Members of the Authority. In addition, no officer, employee or representative of the City shall have any right to become an officer or director of the Authority by virtue of the City being an Associate Member of the Authority.

***Section 3. Effect of Prior Authority Actions.*** The City hereby agrees to be subject to and bound by all actions previously taken by the Members and the Board of Directors of the Authority to the same extent as the Members of the Authority are subject to and bound by such actions.

***Section 4. No Obligations of Associate Members.*** The debts, liabilities and obligations of the Authority shall not be the debts, liabilities and obligations of the City.

***Section 5. Execution of the Agreement.*** Execution of this Associate Membership Agreement and the Agreement shall satisfy the requirements of the Agreement and Article XII of the Bylaws of the Authority for participation by the City in all programs and other undertakings of the Authority.

[Signatures on following page]

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have caused this Associate Membership Agreement to be executed and attested by their proper officers thereunto duly authorized, on the day and year first set forth above.

**CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gurbax Sahota, Chair  
Board of Directors

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Helen Schaubmayer, Asst. Secretary

**CITY OF FORT BRAGG, CALIFORNIA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lindy Peters, Mayor  
City Council

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
June Lemos, CMC  
City Clerk