**INFORMED CONSENT AGREEMENT**

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**Title of Research Study**: Design Process of an Interactive, Portable Water Exhibit

**Sponsor**: Santa Fe Children’s Museum

You are being asked to participate in a research study. Before you agree, however, you

must be fully informed about the purpose of the study, the procedures to be followed, and

any benefits, risks or discomfort that you may experience as a result of your participation.

This form presents information about the study so that you may make a fully informed

decision regarding your participation.

**Purpose of the study**: We are a group of students from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts. We are designing a portable water exhibit for the Santa Fe Children’s Museum. The purpose of this interview is to gain a better understanding on effective exhibit features and child interaction with exhibits.

**Procedure**: Our group will begin the interview by reading a preamble. From there, we will ask a series of preplanned questions, deriving from our template questions and being edited as needed. Some interviews may be expanded upon if new questions arise conversationally, these will be properly recorded in real time. Parents can be present during the interview if they choose. Notes will be taken at the interview to aid the data collection process in our project.

**Record keeping and confidentiality**: Records of your participation in this study will be held confidential so far as permitted by law. However, the study investigators, the sponsor or its designee and, under certain circumstances, the Worcester Polytechnic Institute Institutional Review Board (WPI IRB) will be able to inspect and have access to confidential data that identify you by name. Any publication or presentation of the data will not identify you. Your name will be kept confidential unless you give us permission to use it. This research will be available to the public via the WPI Library at <https://www.wpi.edu/library>.

**For more information about this research or about the rights of research**

**participants, contact**: You may contact our research advisors, Prof. Zoe Eddy and Melisa Belz, at [zeddy@wpi.edu](mailto:zeddy@wpi.edu) and [mbelz@wpi.edu](mailto:mbelz@wpi.edu), or our group at [gr-sf22-water-works@wpi.edu](mailto:gr-sf22-water-works@wpi.edu), with any questions you have about this process. You may also contact IRB Manager (Ruth McKeogh, Tel. 508 831- 6699, Email: irb@wpi.edu) and the Human Protection Administrator (Gabriel Johnson, Tel. 508-831-4989, Email: gjohnson@wpi.edu).

**Your participation in this research is voluntary.** Your refusal to participate will not

result in any penalty to you or any loss of benefits to which you may otherwise be

entitled. You may decide to stop participating in the research at any time without penalty

or loss of other benefits. The project investigators retain the right to cancel or postpone

the experimental procedures at any time they see fit.

**By signing below,** you acknowledge that you have been informed about and consent to

be a participant in the study described above. Make sure that your questions are

answered to your satisfaction before signing. You are entitled to retain a copy of this

consent agreement.

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Study Participant Name (Please Print)

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Parent/Guardian Name (Please print)

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Signature of Person who explained this study