**Release and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19**

By registering for and attending a Certification Network Group Event (the “Event”), I acknowledge that I will be voluntarily participating in activities sponsored by the Certification Network Group (“CNG”), held in person (collectively, the “Activities”):

*Education and networking events:* Participate in an event expected to have approximately 60-100 attendees who may come to the Event from many different locations across the U.S.; meetings will be held indoors; eat in indoor common areas with food served; networking events will also be held, outside if weather permits or indoors.

I am aware that the novel coronavirus, which causes the disease known as COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious. The state of medical knowledge is evolving, but the virus is believed to spread from person-to-person contact and/or by contact with contaminated surfaces and objects, and through the air. People can be infected, show no symptoms, and therefore spread the disease unknowingly. Evidence has shown that COVID-19 can cause serious and potentially life-threatening illness and even death. As of the date of this document, there is no known widely available government-approved cure for COVID-19, and none is anticipated to be fully available by the time of the Event. **I understand that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (“CDC”) urges all adults to be vaccinated against the novel coronavirus, that vaccination can confer substantial protections against COVID-19 infection and can reduce the likelihood of serious complications from COVID-19, and that CNG requires all attendees at the Event (including speakers, sponsors, and volunteers) to be fully vaccinated against COVID-‑19.**

I am aware that the Activities are occurring in a public and/or indoor location during the COVID-19 pandemic and that even vaccinated individuals may contract “breakthrough infections” of COVID-19 and be infectious before they are symptomatic. I understand that the Activities therefore could be hazardous, and that I could also be exposed to COVID-19 through travel to the Event. **I am aware that even diligent efforts to follow public health guidance and orders cannot guarantee that participants in the Activities will not contract the virus that causes COVID-19, and that I could be infected, seriously injured or even die due to COVID-19 or due to activities by me or others on or at the Event, including but not limited to the activities listed above or due to exposure in traveling to or from the Event. I AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN THESE ACTIVITIES WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGER INVOLVED AND AGREE TO ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISKS OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE WHETHER THOSE RISKS ARE KNOWN OR UNKNOWN.**

**I verify this statement by placing my initials here: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

I agree that **I HAVE READ AND WILL ABIDE BY CNG’S HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS** while participating in the Activities and that I will not attend the Event unless I am able truthfully and accurately respond to CNG’s *Event Attendee Screening Questionnaire* with responses that indicate my attendance does not pose a heightened risk to myself or other attendees, and unless I meet all of CNG’s attendee conditions.

In addition to all other rules and regulations relating to my attendance at the Event, I agree to comply with all COVID-related laws, guidelines, protocols, or procedures that may be implemented by CNG, the Event venue, and the federal/state/local government as applicable at the time of the Event, in order to protect as much as possible the health and safety of all attendees, including directives, as applicable, for use of face masks in public and indoor locations. **I agree that if I experience any symptoms associated with COVID‑19 at the Event, I will inform Event staff as soon as reasonably possible and promptly depart the Event.**

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK**: I have read and understood the above warning concerning COVID-19. The value of attending the Event is such that I accept the risk of being exposed to or contracting COVID-19 in order to attend the Event in person.

**WAIVER OF LAWSUIT/LIABILITY**: As consideration for being permitted by CNG to participate in the Activities and attend the Event, I forever release CNG and any affiliated organizations, along with their respective board members, employees, volunteers, agents, attorneys, contractors, and representatives (collectively “Releasees”) from any and all liabilities, causes of action, lawsuits, claims, demands, or damages of any kind whatsoever that I, my assignees, heirs, guardians, next of kin, spouse and legal representatives now have, or may have in the future, for bodily injury, death, or property damage, related to (i) my participation in the Activities or presence at the Event, (ii) the negligence or other acts of any Releasee, whether directly connected to the Activities or not, and however caused, and (iii) the condition of the Event. This release includes, without limitation, any claims in connection with any exposure, infection, and/or spread of COVID-19 related to attendance at the Event. I understand that this waiver means I give up my right to bring any individual or class claims including but not limited for personal injuries, death, disease or property losses, or any other loss, including but not limited to claims of negligence and give up any claim I may have to seek damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen, or unforeseen.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS RELEASE, AND FREELY AND KNOWINGLY ASSUME THE RISK AND WAIVE MY RIGHTS CONCERNING LIABILITY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE:

**PARTICIPANT/RELEASOR**

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