



**WORLD CHANNEL**  
**License Agreement**  
**2021-2022**

Licensee: Iowa PBS

located at: P.O. Box 6450, Johnston, IA 50131 ("Licensee")

1. This License Agreement (the "Agreement") is by and between Licensee and the WGBH Educational Foundation (hereinafter referred to as "WORLD") for use of the WORLD Channel (the "WORLD Channel," or the "Service"), a 24-hour, 7-day a week packaged program transmission service comprised primarily of programs from the PBS National Program Service ("NPS Programs"), PBS Plus (collectively, the "PBS Programs"), American Public Television Exchange (APT), National Education Television Association (NETA), and WORLD, which World programs are acquired or produced specifically for the Service (the "WORLD Programs").

2. Term and License Fee.

(a) The term of this Agreement shall commence upon July 1, 2021, or Licensee's first use of the Service if such use is after July 1, 2021 (the "Effective Date") and shall continue through June 30, 2022 (the "Term"), unless earlier terminated in accordance with this Agreement;

(b) Licensors shall submit an invoice to the Licensee requesting payment of \$12,983.00 (the "Fee") for the Service. All invoices submitted by Licensors shall comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, policies, and requirements (including any applicable federal laws, rules or requirements) concerning payment of such fees, charges or other claims and shall contain appropriate documentation as necessary to support the fees or charges included on the invoice and all information reasonably requested by the Licensee. The Licensee shall review each invoice for compliance with this Agreement and applicable laws, rules, regulations, policies, and requirements. The Licensee will pay all approved amounts in arrears and in conformance with Iowa Code section 8A.514 and all other applicable laws, rules, regulations, policies and requirements. The Licensee may pay in less than sixty (60) days, as provided in Iowa Code section 8A.514. However, an election to pay in less than sixty (60) days shall not act as an implied waiver of Iowa Code section 8A.514. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Licensee shall have the right to dispute any invoice submitted for payment and withhold payment of any disputed amount if the Licensee believes the invoice is inaccurate or incorrect in any way.



3. Eligibility. In order to be eligible to execute this Agreement, Licensee must be: (a) a one hundred percent (100%) participating PBS member with full access to the NPS, PBS Plus, and PFP program services, (b) a subscriber to APT Exchange and the NETA Program Service, and (c) in good financial standing with all of the above stated entities. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, Licensee's use of PBS Programs are at all times subject to the then-current Terms and Conditions for Use of PBS Programs, as amended by PBS from time to time. Uses of all APT and NETA programs contained in WORLD Channel, as well as standard warranties and indemnities, shall be subject to and governed by the respective agreements between Licensee and, either, American Public Television (APT), or National Educational Telecommunications Association (NETA), as applicable, for those program services. WORLD Programs are not intended for use by Licensee beyond such programs' broadcast as part of the Service as it is transmitted by WORLD, unless Licensee obtains prior written permission from WORLD. As a result, Licensee shall not record WORLD Programs from Service feeds for use in any other manner or media, unless given prior written approval by WORLD, and use of WORLD Programs shall be subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

4. Licensee Rights. Licensee shall not authorize any retransmitting system to edit or alter the WORLD Channel as it is transmitted by WORLD or Licensee other than as permitted by this Agreement. For clarity, Licensee shall not authorize any retransmission by others, nor shall Licensee edit or alter the WORLD Channel or its content (including WORLD Programs) other than as permitted by this Agreement. Subject to all of the other terms and conditions of this Agreement and associated guidelines provided by PBS, WORLD, APT, or NETA, as the case may be, from time to time, WORLD hereby grants and licenses to Licensee the following nonexclusive rights for use of the WORLD Channel:

(a) the right to broadcast the WORLD Channel on a noncommercial, sustaining basis, within Licensee's digital local service area, by means of a free, over-the-air, digital broadcast;

(b) the right to direct feed the WORLD Channel to its local cable operator for noncommercial transmission on any of operator's local cable television system(s) for which the station is considered a qualified noncommercial educational television broadcast station eligible for carriage of its broadcast signal on such system under Sections 76.55(b) and 76.56 of the FCC's must-carry rules (or any successor provisions thereto). Furthermore, Licensee may not use or authorize use of the WORLD Channel outside of Licensee's local service area. Licensee shall have the right to provide the WORLD Channel to a cable distributor for inclusion within the digital cable tier in its local service area as set forth herein, provided that it shall not be offered to cable or to a DBS operator for a fee;



(c) the right to place a live linear stream of its local WORLD channel broadcast on the licensee's website or app. Such a live linear stream shall be transmitted on a concurrent, linear basis with the Licensed Stations' broadcast signal, and must be geo-blocked and geo-filtered to the Licensed Station's broadcast territory; programs shall not be available for download. Furthermore, to the extent permitted by PBS, the live linear stream of Licensee's local WORLD channel broadcast may be placed within PBS streaming video site and apps (currently known as pbs.org/video, the PBS App, and Media Manager). Licensee's stream is subject to rights restrictions in underlying content, and subject to blackouts of any content that is not affirmatively cleared for streaming rights, and such content shall be blacked out by Licensee before the signal appears as a stream, whether on Licensee's website or app, or on PBS streaming platforms; and

(d) the right to replace up to two hours of programming per twelve-hour block with national, local and/or acquired programming in keeping with the programming of the WORLD Channel, provided Licensee has secured the necessary rights, including representations and warranties that all rights, releases and clearances with respect to such program and all materials and elements contained therein have been secured for distribution via the WORLD Channel, and, to the extent permitted by law, indemnities against all claims, damages, costs, liabilities and expenses, including attorney fees which may be suffered or incurred arising out of use of such program for WORLD, APT, WNET and CPB. In addition, Licensee has the right, subject to written pre-approval by WORLD and/or APT, to replace the WORLD Channel schedule with pledge events, public affairs, news or expanded coverage of events important to the local community. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in order to ensure national carriage for original or acquired WORLD Channel-exclusive content, WORLD may designate certain programs for required carriage, making them ineligible for replacement with local programs as set forth above unless Licensee records and broadcasts such programs during an equivalent time period during the seven-day period following initial broadcast. WORLD will give stations advance notice of such designations as part of the release of the monthly schedule. If additional accommodations are needed by a Licensee, WORLD will negotiate with each Licensee as needed. Licensee must notify APT of preemptions, in advance where possible or promptly afterward, such notice to be sent to the attention of Shawn Halford by email, [Shawn\\_Halford@APTonline.org](mailto:Shawn_Halford@APTonline.org).

5. Carriage Requirements.

(a) Licensee must transmit the WORLD Channel for a minimum of 12 consecutive hours per day, seven days per week, in complete 12-hour blocks. It is recommended that at least six hours of the minimum 12 hours be transmitted by Licensee between twelve noon (12 pm) to twelve midnight (12 am) local time. This Agreement may be terminated by WORLD if, the above-referenced minimum carriage requirement, is not met by Licensee. Additionally, Licensee is not permitted to alter the WORLD Channel program hours on a short-term basis (e.g. for a specific day), except as



indicated in Section 4(c) above. Stations transmitting the WORLD Channel are encouraged to co-brand the Service locally, by using their station's call letters above or preceding the WORLD logo e.g. XXXX WORLD (See the Station Tool Kit and WORLD style guide for more information on branding). If a Licensee transmits the WORLD Channel for less than 24 hours (not including agreed-upon pre-emptions), Licensee may not use the WORLD Channel brand (i.e. "WORLD") over the non-WORLD Channel portion of their transmission.

(b) APT is responsible for facilitating the station contracts for carrying the WORLD Channel. In addition, all proposals for adding or dropping WORLD Channel hours must be submitted to APT, in writing, thirty (30) days in advance of the proposed implementation of such changes. Such proposals must be sent to the attention of Shawn Halford, at APT, 55 Summer Street, Boston, MA 02110 or [Shawn\\_Halford@APTonline.org](mailto:Shawn_Halford@APTonline.org).

(c) Except with respect to WORLD Programs, the parties acknowledge that the source of the program rights for programs included in the Service originate from the initial releases granted by the programs' distributors to the system (i.e. APT, NETA, and/or PBS as the case may be).

6. Reporting Requirements. Licensee must advise APT in writing and via the required annual station questionnaire on items, including the following:

- (a) Which cable systems will carry the Service and on what channel number(s);
- (b) Licensee's exact plans for usage, either 24/7 or exact time of the 12-hour blocks;
- (c) If available, any local customization of Nielsen ratings for the Service in Licensee's market;
- (d) Licensee's plans to localize, if so doing, and in what specific way;
- (e) Licensee's plans to distribute the Service's schedule in program guides and websites, and any marketing plans for the WORLD Channel; and
- (f) Licensee's plans to distribute the WORLD Channel via live linear streaming on Licensee's website or app, such plans shall include start date, placement (website or app) and streaming methodology for live linear streaming of its local WORLD Channel broadcast as well as any audience measurements.

7. Interstitial & Branding Content. The WORLD Channel is delivered to Licensee



with interstitial elements including co-brandable IDs, billboards, image, series promotion and other spots. WORLD Channel breaks will accommodate local availabilities for local brand, promotion, underwriting or other messages. In the future, WORLD will also be employing “snipe” on-air technology to promote the schedule.

(a) License: WORLD hereby grants Licensee the non-exclusive right to use all interstitial material included in the WORLD Channel as delivered in accordance with the conditions contained herein. Licensee is permitted to use the interstitials with the WORLD name only as part of the WORLD Channel transmission and/or its promotion (including cross-promotion on other channels operated by Licensee), and not in any other manner.

(b) Co-branding: Licensee shall have the right to place a co-branded “bug,” reflecting the local station identity and “WORLD” combined, in the lower right-hand corner of the screen over all program content to signal the viewing destination for, and source of, this Service. The co-branded “bug” shall be designed in accordance with the WORLD Channel co-branding rules and guidelines as outlined in the WORLD Channel Toolkit and Style Guide.

(c) Integrity: Licensee shall not delete, alter, replace, obscure, edit, or move any branding or any website identifiers or tags that are included as part of the WORLD Channel (including but not limited to programs, packaging or interstitial content transmitted or distributed as part of the WORLD Channel).

(d) Local Availabilities and Pre-emption of Interstitials: Licensee may choose to pre-empt specific interstitial elements as detailed by WORLD in regular scheduling communications. Such communications shall be considered a part of this Agreement. Licensee may substitute its materials for interstitial elements identified as pre-emptible. For example, there is a three minute break in between programs, of which one minute may be customized by Licensee for local underwriting, promotional spots or other customized interstitial content. Licensee-inserted brand and promotion spots or other interstitials must conform to the guidelines included in the WORLD Channel Toolkit and Style Guide.

8. On-air Fundraising. On-air fundraising is permitted on WORLD Channel under the following conditions:

(a) Breaks may be live, locally taped, or pre-packaged “pledge event” breaks;

(b) Programming must be documentary, history, news or public affairs programming in genre that would be of interest to the WORLD Channel audience;



(c) Licensees are encouraged to customize breaks to fit the WORLD Channel's branding. For example in a pledge event, the opt-outs should feature local roll-ins that speak to the viewers' affinity for the channel;

(d) Licensees must include the co-branded "WORLD Channel" bug during pledge breaks;

(e) Licensees are encouraged to add a WORLD Channel-centric pitch line to local graphics during WORLD Channel breaks along the following suggested parameters:

(i) "(local brand) WORLD Brave. New. Real."

(ii) "(local brand) WORLD Unexpected Stories"

(iii) "(local brand) WORLD Widen Your Lens - See Yourself"

(f) Subject to Paragraph 4(c) above with respect to national carriage for original or acquired WORLD Channel exclusive content, Licensees may pledge on the WORLD Channel for up to six (6) consecutive hours per day, up to thirty (30) days per year during the Term. Alternately, Licensees may pledge for shorter hours per day, but for more days: up to three (3) consecutive hours per day for up to forty-five (45) days as long as not more than 35 events occur in prime time. Stations are encouraged to rotate the local time of the pledge block throughout the schedule to minimize repetition for viewers.

(g) WORLD makes available to Licensee two (2) turnkey multi-day pledge periods ("Turnkey Pledges")- one (1) in December and one (1) in June, which pledge periods are *in addition to* the Licensee's thirty day (30) and forty-five (45) day allotment set forth in Paragraph 8(f) above. Licensee may incorporate such Turnkey Pledges into Licensee's website and station finder enabling donors to make pledges directly to Licensee.

(h) Should WORLD deem that the allowance for pledge on the Service as described herein becomes a hindrance in securing underwriting, WORLD reserves the right to adjust the pledge guidelines.

(i) Periodically the WORLD national schedule includes pledge programming. Licensee has the right to replace that programming if not participating in on-air fundraising during the designated WORLD pledge period. Licensee must notify WORLD of pledge pre-emptions in advance per paragraph 4(c).

9. Ratings Reports. Licensee agrees to provide WORLD, whenever possible, with



any local customized ratings reports, especially on local specials in its market.

10. Termination. WORLD shall have no obligation to continue to provide the Service to Licensee for the entire Term and may discontinue providing the Service at any time. WORLD shall have no liability to Licensee or any other party for such discontinuation, other than return of the remaining pro-rata portion of the Fee, if any, prorated over a twelve month period, to Licensee. WORLD will provide Licensee with notice of any such discontinuation at least sixty (60) days prior to the point of service termination.

11. Warranties and Indemnities.

(a) Licensee represents and warrants that it has full power, legal capacity and authority to enter into this Agreement, and that it will use the WORLD Channel and its related content, including the WORLD Programs, solely in accordance with this Agreement, and that it shall secure the necessary rights, releases and clearances with respect to any program(s) that Licensee distributes via the WORLD Channel including any and all materials and elements contained in such program(s). Licensee shall, only to the extent consistent with and permitted by Article VII, Section 1 of the Iowa Constitution and Iowa Code Chapter 669, indemnify WORLD from and against any claim, as defined in Iowa Code Section 669.2, caused directly by the negligent or wrongful acts or omissions of any employee of Licensee or the State of Iowa while acting within the scope of the employee's office or employment in connection with the performance of the Agreement. WORLD agrees that any claim for which indemnification is sought pursuant to this Paragraph 10 shall be subject to the provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 669 and 543 Iowa Administrative Code 1, including, without limitation, those provisions which address the making and filing of claims.

(b) With respect to the WORLD Programs and the WORLD Channel, WORLD represents and warrants that it has full power, legal capacity and authority to enter into this Agreement, and that it has the right to grant this license. WORLD will not be liable for damages or breach of this warranty unless given prompt written notice of claims and details thereof by Licensee as well as full control of defense and/or settlement of claims including the right to engage its own counsel. Licensee agrees to cooperate fully with WORLD in defense or settlement of any such claim. To the extent permitted by law, WORLD shall indemnify and hold harmless Licensee and its officers, directors, employees and agents from and/or against any and all claims, damages, costs, liabilities and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, that may be suffered or incurred arising out of any breach of the foregoing representations and warranties made by WORLD.

12. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, supersedes all previous written or



verbal agreements between the parties, including but not limited to all representations, warranties, statements, correspondence, and understandings previously made by Licensee or WORLD with respect to the WORLD Channel, and may not be modified except by a written agreement signed by both parties. A waiver by either party of any breach or default by the other party shall not be construed as a waiver of any other breach or default.

13. Binding Agreement. This Agreement, when signed by an authorized representative of each party, constitutes a binding agreement between Licensee and WORLD. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Signed signature pages may be transmitted by facsimile and/or by email (in .pdf format), and any such signature shall have the same legal effect as an original page.

14. [Intentionally deleted]

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16. Reservation of Rights. All rights not expressly granted herein are reserved by WORLD.

17. Additional Conditions. In order to ensure compliance with WORLD's obligations to its funders, Licensee agrees that by signing this Agreement, Licensee shall not engage in violence, terrorism, bigotry or the destruction of any state, nor enter into any agreements in connection with the Service with any entity that engages in these activities.

AGREED AND ACCEPTED AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE:

WGBH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

LICENSEE

By: Susan L. Kantrowitz  
Susan L. Kantrowitz  
Vice President & General Counsel

By: Matthew McPike  
Name: Matthew McPike

Date Signed: 9/22/2021

Title: Programming & Operations Manager

Date Signed: 9/21/2021

Please return completed License Agreement to Randi Lee at APT. (55 Summer Street, Boston, MA 02110, Randi\_Lee@APTonline.org). Thank you.