Arizona State University  
Employee/Independent Contractor Determination Checklist

NOTE: This form must be completed by the department and reviewed and approved by the Tax Services unit of Financial Services before making a commitment to an individual to be paid as an independent contractor.

EXCEPTIONS

Per FIN 421-01 checklist must be completed for engagements of all service providers except for the following:

- Expense reimbursement only: No income or honorarium payment is included.
- Cumulative payments to the individual service provider of less than $600 per calendar year
- Individuals performing external peer-review consulting services as part of departmental/program accreditation
- Performers giving a limited number of performances
- Athletic Officials
- Corporations or partnerships (sole proprietors and single member LLC’s are not exempt)

Policy references are SPP 210, Consultants/Independent Contractors; FIN 421-01, Guest Lecturers, Consultants, and Other Independent Contractors; FIN 425-04, Nonresident Alien Independent Contractors; and PUR 202, University Policy on Signature Authority for Contracts.

Name of Service Provider: ____________________________________________________________

To be completed by the Individual:  

Has this individual been employed by ASU, Thunderbird, or any ABOR University in a regular or temporary appointment, during the 12-month period prior to the date these services are to begin?  

If yes, please explain. ________________________________

Is the individual currently receiving payments from the Arizona State Retirement System  

If yes, retirement date ________________

Does the individual engage in entrepreneurial activities in an established business at risk for loss?  

Does the individual have his or her own insurance for work-related injuries?  

Does the individual routinely provide the same or similar services outside of ASU to the general public as part of a continuing trade or business?  

To be completed by the Department:

Does ASU plan to hire this individual as an employee after the period of their services?  

Is the individual a guest lecturer, meaning an individual who lectures at only a few class sessions?
Is the individual the instructor of record in a department course being offered for academic credit toward a university degree?  

Will the department provide the individual with specific instructions to perform the required work, rather than rely on the individual’s expertise?  

Will the department provide the individual with specific supplies or equipment to perform the required work, rather than rely on the individual’s own supplies and equipment?  

Will ASU set the number of hours and/or days of the week that the individual is required to work, as opposed to allowing the individual to set his or her own work schedule?  

If research related, is individual listed as a Co-PI on an ASU grant?  

General Information - Please print clearly - All information is required

Service Provider’s Name: ________________________________

Service Provider's Social Security Number: ________________________________

Service Provider’s Mailing Address: ________________________________

Location where services will be provided: ________________________________

Specific services to be provided (attach additional information if needed):

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Start Date: ___________ End Date: ___________ Total Fee: ___________

How fee is determined:

Fixed ______ Milestone Based _______ Hourly(rate) _______ Other (describe) _________

Certification of Service Provider:

I certify that all the information provided in this document is correct.

Signature of Individual Performing Services

Certification by Department:

Department Representative Name (Please Print): ________________________________

Department Representative Signature: ________________________________ Date: __________

Department (Please Print): ________________________________

Form Prepared By: _______________ Phone Number: ___________ Mail Code: _______

The approved checklist will be returned to the Mail Code indicated above.

For Tax Services approval, please fax to the Financial Services Tax unit (480) 965-2625.

Approved by: ________________________________ Date: __________

Reviewer Notes: ________________________________