Purchases of Tangible Services by Qualifying Exempt Organizations

General Purpose: A qualifying exempt organization must issue this certificate to retailers when purchasing items to be used by the organization exclusively for the purposes for which it was established. Under Conn. Gen. Stat. §12-412(8), a qualifying exempt organization is either:

- An organization issued an exemption permit by the Department of Revenue Services (DRS) under Conn. Agencies Regs. §12-426-15, if the permit has not been canceled or revoked by DRS; or
- An organization that is exempt from federal income tax under I.R.C. §501(a) and has been issued a determination letter by the U.S. Treasury Department as an organization described in I.R.C. §501(c)(3) or (13), if the determination letter has not been revoked by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

A qualifying exempt organization may use this certificate to purchase any tangible personal property for resale at one of five fundraising or social events of a day’s duration during any calendar year. The event must be exempt from tax under Conn. Gen. Stat. §12-412(94). Otherwise, exempt organizations are not allowed to purchase tangible personal property for resale with this certificate. See Special Notice 98(11), Exemption From Sales and Use Taxes of Sales by Nonprofit Organizations at Fundraising or Social Events.

Purchases of Meals and Lodging: In general, qualifying exempt organizations may not use this certificate to purchase meals and lodging, but must get preapproval from DRS for these purchases, and use CERT-112, Exempt Purchases of Meals and Lodging by Exempt Entities, or CERT-123, Blanket Certificate for Exempt Qualifying Purchases of Meals or Lodging by an Exempt Entity.

However, a qualifying exempt organization may purchase meals tax exempt using this certificate, without prior approval from DRS, when it will resell the meals at one of five fundraising or social events per year exempt under Conn. Gen. Stat. §12-412(94). See Policy Statement 2003(4), Purchases of Meals of Lodging by Exempt Entities.

If the purchaser is not a qualifying exempt organization or does not use the property or services purchased exclusively for the purposes for which the organization was established, the purchaser owes use tax on the total purchase price of the property or services.

Statutory Authority: Conn. Gen. Stat. §12-412(8) and (94).

Instructions for the Purchaser: An officer of a qualifying exempt organization must issue and sign this certificate to advise the seller of tangible personal property or taxable services that sales and use taxes do not apply to the purchase. Keep a copy of this certificate, the documents attached, and records that substantiate the information entered on this certificate for at least six years from the date this certificate is issued.

The purchaser must attach to this certificate a copy of the:

- Exemption permit issued to the organization by DRS under Conn. Agencies Regs. §12-426-15; or
- Determination letter or group exemption letter issued by the IRS which establishes that the organization has been determined to be an exempt organization described in I.R.C. §501(c)(3) or (13).

For More Information: Call DRS at 1-800-382-9463 (in-state) or 860-297-5962 (from anywhere). TTY, TDD, and Text Telephone users only may transmit inquiries 24 hours a day by calling 860-297-4911. Preview and download forms and publications from the DRS website at www.ct.gov/DRS
Name of Purchaser: Oberlin College
Address: 173 W. Lorain Street
          Oberlin, OH 44074
CT Tax Registration Number: 501(c)(3) See A
Exemption Permit #: (If any)
Federal Employer ID #:

Name of Seller: 
Address: 
CT Tax Registration Number: (If none, explain)
Federal Employer ID #:

Check one box:
☐ Blanket certificate (CERT-119 may not be used as a blanket certificate for purchases of tangible personal property for resale at any one of five fundraising or social events per calendar year exempt under Conn. Gen. Stat. §12-412(94). See below.)
☒ Certificate for one purchase only
☐ Purchases that qualify for exemption under Conn. Gen. Stat. §12-412(94). Indicate the number of prior fundraising or social events during this calendar year for which you claimed exemption under Conn. Gen. Stat. §12-412(94): 

Check the appropriate box and provide a written description of each item purchased:
☒ Tangible Personal Property  ☐ Taxable Services

Description:

Declaration by Purchaser

The qualifying exempt organization declares that the tangible personal property or taxable services described above will be used exclusively for the purposes for which the organization was established, including the purchase of tangible personal property or meals for resale at one of five fundraising or social events per year exempt from tax. The organization further declares the exemption permit, determination letter, or group exemption letter (as the case may be) attached to this certificate has not been canceled or revoked.

According to Conn. Gen. Stat. §12-412(8) or Conn. Gen. Stat. §12-412(94), the purchase of the item(s) is exempt from sales and use taxes.

I declare under penalty of law that I have examined this certificate (including any accompanying schedules and statements) and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, complete, and correct. I understand the penalty for willfully delivering a false return to DRS is a fine of not more than $5,000, or imprisonment for not more than five years, or both.

Kalinda Watson
Name of Purchaser

By: [Signature of Authorized Person]

Associate VP for Operations: [Title]
Date: January 1, 2023