

# Wisconsin Family Business Forum Buddy System Contract

*The Buddy System is an opportunity for more seasoned members/sponsors to network with new members/sponsors and develop strong relationships, mutually beneficial to both parties. It demonstrates commitment to the Forum by enhancing the first impression new members/sponsors have of the organization.*

## Prerequisites to Participate as a Buddy

- Two years in the Forum with participation in various activities (seasoned).
- Buddy for new member = seasoned member.
- Buddy for new sponsor = seasoned sponsor.
- Agreement to fulfill the Buddy requirements below.

## Buddy Requirements

- Serve as a Buddy for a calendar year with a maximum of one assignment per quarter.
- Within two weeks of the assigned member/sponsor joining, the Buddy will schedule a lunch, dinner, or another one on one meeting with them. Focus of the meeting should be on getting to know them and education on the Forum programs and activities. A new member/sponsor packet will be provided for discussion purposes. If possible, try to align them with a peer group that might be a good fit.
- Attendance at the first Forum meeting the new member/sponsor plans on attending (greet them and introduce them to others).
- Subsequent to the new member/sponsor's first meeting, but no later than 90 days following their initial membership, the Buddy will schedule a first quarter debrief meeting for any new questions, concerns, or comments.
- Follow up with any new member/sponsor if they are not getting involved (Sue or Donna would notify the Buddy).

I agree to fulfill the Buddy Requirements as listed above.

ACCEPTED:

Buddy Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Executive Director Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_