

AGREEMENT FOR PUBLICATION AND MARKETING OF THE

IEEE Transactions on Big Data

BETWEEN

Technical Cosponsors

**IEEE Biometrics Council
IEEE Control Systems Society
IEEE Photonics Society
IEEE Power and Energy Society
IEEE Engineering Medicine and Biology Society
IEEE Consumer Technology Society**

AND

Financial Cosponsors

**IEEE Computer Society
IEEE Communications Society
IEEE Computational Intelligence Society
IEEE Sensors Council
IEEE Signal Processing Society
IEEE Systems, Man and Cybernetics Society
IEEE Systems Council
IEEE Vehicular Technology Society**

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR TECHNICAL COSPONSORSHIP

The IEEE Biometrics Council, IEEE Control Systems Society, IEEE Photonics Society, IEEE Power and Energy Society, IEEE Engineering Medicine and Biology Society, and IEEE Consumer Technology Society agree to be a technical cosponsor of the periodical known as the *IEEE Transactions on Big Data* (hereafter, the publication).

RESPONSIBILITIES & COLLABORATION IN EDITORIAL POLICY:

Editorial selection and review shall be consistent with the policies and procedures of IEEE, including but not limited to the IEEE PSPB Operations Manual and as expressed below. One (1) Editorial Board liaison from each technical cosponsor shall be appointed by the technical cosponsor's President to serve as a member of the publication's Editorial Board for a term of two years with a maximum of two consecutive terms. Any travel expense for this appointed Editorial Board liaison will be funded by the technical cosponsor, and will not be attributed to the publication's finances.

The function of the Editorial Board liaison shall be to offer guidance regarding the technical content of the publication to ensure coverage of the technical sponsor's relevant topics and to suggest Associate Editors with relevant experience to the Editor-in-Chief as needed to assist in screening submitted papers. The liaison shall help to implement the policies established by the Editorial Board and Editor-in-Chief, as well as the following:

- A. As a matter of principle, the financial cosponsors and the technical cosponsors shall direct the Editors-in-Chief of their other publications to forward suitable material to the publication. The Editor-in-Chief shall develop procedures (a) for IEEE and the technical cosponsors to request, prepare, and publish special issues of the publication, and (b) for directing papers not within the scope of the publication to other IEEE and cosponsor publications for consideration.
- B. Authors of the financial cosponsors' and technical cosponsors' conference, symposium, or workshop papers are encouraged to update, rewrite, and extend their papers with significant new technical material and submit them to the publication for consideration to be published as original papers.
- C. Each technical cosponsor's appointed Editorial Board liaison will keep the technical cosponsor's President and Vice President for Publications apprised of activities related to the publication via a written status report on this partnership's successes and/or challenges one month prior to each Administrative Committee meeting of the technical cosponsor. This clause is included to ensure information flow to the technical cosponsors and assumes standard information flow with the financial cosponsors is already in place via the publication's Steering Committee's activities.

PERIODICAL SCOPE:

The current scope of the publication as approved by the IEEE Technical Activities Board (TAB) on 21 June 2014 is as follows:

“The IEEE Transactions on Big Data publishes peer reviewed articles with big data as the main focus. The articles provide cross disciplinary innovative research ideas and applications results for big data including novel theory, algorithms and applications. Research areas for big data include, but are not restricted to, big data analytics, big data visualization, big data curation and management, big data semantics, big data infrastructure, big data standards, big data performance analyses, intelligence from big data, scientific discovery from big data security, privacy and legal issues specific to big data. Applications of big data in the fields of endeavor where massive data

is generated are of particular interest.”

This scope can be changed after approval by the publication’s Steering Committee. Formal scope change approval and implementation policies in existence within the financial and technical cosponsors and the IEEE at the time of the proposed change shall also be followed. Succinct scope statements are preferred with itemized topics published on the periodical webpage instead.

PERIODICAL INFORMATION AND MARKETING MATERIALS TREATMENT:

The financial and technical cosponsors shall be listed on webpages dedicated to the publication for authors, readers, subscribers, or other audiences; on the IEEE catalog detail page; and on all marketing materials solely focused on the publication. When practical, the financial and technical cosponsors’ logos, as well as the IEEE logo, should also be included. The technical cosponsors shall list the publication on its website and areas of promotion for related technical content.

Statements regarding cosponsorship and the placement of logos should be synchronized at the start of this agreement; however, the application of a cosponsor price for subscriptions must be done only at specific times of the year to avoid disruption of the IEEE’s renewal handling. Communication with Technical Activities staff is important to coordinate this pricing change, and periodical@ieee.org is the e-mail alias for the staff who will assist in the setup of this price level for the technical cosponsor’s members. Cosponsor-level subscription pricing for the new technical cosponsor must be communicated during the renewal preparation period (May/June before the subscription year the lower price should apply).

AGREEMENTS & DURATIONS:

The term of this agreement shall begin 1 January 2026 and continue through 31 December 2030, unless terminated in accordance with this agreement prior. Automatic renewal of MOUs is not permissible, so leave ample time for preparation for a new MOU near the end of the stated term.

This agreement may be terminated by the financial or technical cosponsors upon written notification supplied at least one year in advance of the effective publication year. For example, to end technical cosponsorship for the 2028 publication year, the financial or technical cosponsor must have provided notice of the intent to terminate this agreement by 31 December 2026. Notification shall be sent to all of the following parties:

- President(s) of the financial and technical cosponsors
- Vice President(s) for Publications of the financial and technical cosponsors
- Editor-in-Chief of the publication
- Chair of the Steering Committee for the publication, if one exists
- Executive Director (staff) of the financial and technical cosponsors, if this position exists
- Technical Activities staff at periodical@ieee.org

The termination notification will trigger planning regarding the end of the agreement, cosponsor pricing for the technical cosponsor’s members, and adjustments to remove marketing and editorial references of the partnership.

All modifications to this agreement must be approved by the Administrative Committees of all financial cosponsors of the publication. All modifications to this agreement must be in writing and signed by the Presidents of the financial and technical cosponsors.

Upon termination of this agreement or the termination of the publication, the financial cosponsors and the technical cosponsors agree to the following terms:

- A. All indications of joint cosponsorship with the technical cosponsors shall be removed from all future issues of the publication, and this removal is timed with the end of a publication year. However, an indication that the publication is a continuation of the previously jointly cosponsored publication with the technical cosponsor is permitted through one complete calendar year from the date of termination.
- B. Papers accepted for the publication, or under review and subsequently accepted, shall remain committed to the publication.

MISCELLANEOUS

- A. The relationship between the parties shall be that of independent contractors, and nothing in this agreement shall be construed to constitute either party as an employee, agent, or member of the other. Without limiting the foregoing, neither party shall have authority to act for or to bind the other in any way, to make representations or warranties or to execute agreements on behalf of the other, or to represent that it is in any way responsible for the acts or omissions of the other.
- B. No party may assign this MOU or any of its rights, obligations, or duties hereunder, without the prior written consent of the other parties.
- C. This agreement represents the full and complete understanding of the parties.

AGREEMENT ACCEPTANCE BY THE PRESIDENTS OF THE TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL COSPONSORS:

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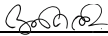
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