

Yuma Private Industry Council (YPIC)
between Desert Financial and Tax Services (DFATS)
Agreement

This agreement is effective upon signature and is between Desert Financial and Tax Services (DFATS) and Yuma Private Industry Council (YPIC).

Purpose of Agreement: To establish a partnership with Desert Financial and Tax Services (DFATS) and Yuma Private Industry Council to operate the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program which provides Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Child Tax Credit (CTC) awareness as well as free income tax preparation assistance to individuals in Yuma County. YPIC provides employment and training services to the population this program is intended to benefit and will provide a location for the volunteer tax preparers to serve customers from January 27, 2026 to April 09, 2026. Additionally, the site will be used on January 19, 2026 for volunteer testing. Through the generosity of donors, we will be able to equip the site with the necessary volunteers, training, and materials to ensure the program can operate efficiently.

Responsibilities of Desert Financial and Tax Services:

- Recruit and train volunteer tax preparers, site coordinators, and electronic return originators.
- Market and recruit the clients who will receive services.
- Provide all software that will be removed at the end of the project.
- Provide supplies needed to operate tax preparation services
- Provide technical assistance for the local EITC Task Force Initiative.
- Maintain a relationship with Internal Revenue Service, ensuring that needed information is provided to Site Coordinator and EITC Task Force in a timely manner.
- Offer financial education and asset development opportunities at VITA sites.
- Coordinate volunteer recognition ceremony in appreciation of their assistance throughout the season.

Responsibilities of Yuma Private Industry Council:

- Provide adequate space for tax preparation services on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30PM to 8:30PM beginning January 27, 2026 and ending April 09, 2026.
- Provide computer equipment and Internet access to volunteer tax preparers and the Site Coordinator.
- Allow tax returns to be filed electronically at the site.
- Distribute VITA site information at YPIC locations.
- Provide contact name and phone number for staff member responsible for opening and closing the office, as well as appropriate YPIC staff contact information in case of emergency situation.

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Both Parties will be responsible for:

- Maintenance of volunteer contact information
- Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of VITA clients and their tax information

Amendments

This Agreement may not be amended or modified except in writing signed by both parties.

Entire Agreement

This Agreement contains the entire understanding of the parties and supersedes any prior understandings and agreements, written or oral, respecting the subjects discussed herein.

Notices

Any and all notices required by this Agreement shall be personally delivered or sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to a party at its address set forth herein, or at such other address as may be designated to the other party in accordance with this paragraph. A notice shall be deemed effective when received, or delivered, if personally delivered.

Notices to Yuma Private Industry Council shall be
sent to: Patrick Goetz, Operations Director
3834 W 16th St,
Yuma, AZ 85364

Notices to Desert Financial and Tax Services (DFATS) shall be
sent to: Xavier Dickson, CEO
Desert Financial and Tax Services (DFATS)
8155 E. Olive Ann
LN Yuma, Arizona
85365

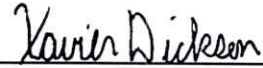
Liability

Yuma Private Industry Council acknowledges that it retains final authority to act upon any recommendations by Desert Financial and Tax Services. YPIC shall not be liable for any mistake of judgment, any other action taken in good faith on behalf of DFATS or any loss unless the loss is the result of gross negligence, dishonesty, fraudulent or criminal acts. YPIC will not be liable for any injuries. DFATS agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless YPIC, against loss, damages or expense, including court costs and attorney's fees arising out of claims, demands or lawsuits brought against YPIC for actions taken in performance of this Agreement, except for claims arising out of the gross negligence, dishonesty, fraudulent or

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criminal acts of YPIC. YPIC agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless DFATS, against loss, damages or expense, including court costs and attorney's fees arising out of claims, demands or lawsuits brought against DFATS for actions taken in performance of this Agreement, except for claims arising out of the gross negligence, dishonesty, fraudulent or criminal acts of DFATS. This section of the Agreement is separate and distinct from the other provisions of the Agreement and the rights and responsibilities herein shall survive the termination of the Agreement.

Authorized Signatures



Xavier Dickson
CEO
Desert Financial and Tax Services



Operations Director
Yuma Private Industry Council