### ***This combined invitation & consent form may be used for minimal risk online surveys that qualify for exempt review. NOTE: If you use this form, you must include a brief introduction at the beginning of the survey to remind participants about the purpose of the survey, the voluntary nature of participation, and the way they can contact the researchers with questions.***

### Dear Participant, We are inviting you to participate in a survey about [insert the purpose]. The survey is a part of the research study titled [insert the title]. The study is being conducted by researchers at Governors State University in Illinois by [insert your name(s), PI]. We are inviting you to participate because you meet the inclusion criteria for the study. You are [insert criteria].

### The survey should take no more than [insert estimated completion time] to complete. You will be asked [describe the nature of questions and provide example]. Your basic demographic information will also be collected.

### Participation in the survey is voluntary and you may refuse to participate or exit the survey at any time. You may also skip any questions you do not want to answer.

Participation in the survey will not benefit you directly, but it may help the researches better understand [the purpose of the survey and/or research question/phenomenon you are studying].

The risk of participation in this survey is minimal, however you should be aware that there is always a possibility of security breaches of data collected via the internet.

We will make every effort to protect your responses once the data are downloaded from the internet. [Briefly describe how it will be done or say, “The data will be de-identified, stored on a secure server at GSU, and will not be shared with anyone beyond the research team”].

[Insert if applicable]. To thank you for you participation, we are offering [type of inventive, the odds of winning the incentive, and how it will be delivered to participants].

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact [names and contact information of investigators]. If you have any questions regarding your rights as a research participant, you may contact the Governors State University Institutional Review Board (IRB) at 708-235-2147or email at [irb@govst.edu](mailto:irb@govst.edu).

[Insert a statement of implied consent]. By clicking “I agree” below [or, by clicking on the link below] you are indicating that you are at least 18 years old, have read and understood this invitation, and agree to participate in this survey. [Or] Your willingness to complete the survey indicates your consent to participate in this study. You are free to skip any question or exit the survey at any time.

Please print or save a copy of this invitation for your records.

Thank you for your important contribution to this study!