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409 Employee Publications, Instructional Materials, Inventions, And Creations

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to identify and reserve the proprietary rights of the service cooperative to certain publications, instructional materials, inventions, and creations which employees may develop or create, or assist in developing or creating, while employed by the service cooperative.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

Unless the employee develops, creates or assists in developing or creating a publication, instructional material, computer program, invention or creation entirely on the employee's own time and without the use of any service cooperative facilities or equipment, the employee shall immediately disclose and, on demand of the service cooperative, assign any rights to publications, instructional materials, computer programs, materials posted on websites, inventions or creations which the employee develops or creates or assists in developing or creating during the term of employee's employment and for 3 years thereafter. In addition, employees shall sign such documents and perform such other acts as may be necessary to secure the rights of the service cooperative relating to such publications, instructional materials, computer programs, materials posted on websites, inventions and/or creations, including domestic and foreign patents and copyrights.

III. NOTICE OF POLICY

The service cooperative shall give employees notice of this policy by such means as are reasonably likely to inform them of this policy.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 181.78 (Agreements; Terms Relating to Inventions)
17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq. (Copyrights)

Cross References: None