**External Site Authorization/Cooperation**

1. Obtain an authorization letter for each location where research will be conducted. The letter must be on file with the IRB before research can be conducted at each location.
2. Include the investigator’s name and title, the title of the research protocol, and a brief summary of the protocol to confirm site understanding of the study. Include a statement that the will receive a copy of the IRB-approved, stamped consent document. The letter must define whether the investigator will *contact* and/or *recruit* employees and if permission is granted to *collect data* at the location.
3. State what the site has agreed to allow the investigator to do, including any restriction or limitations and what responsibilities, if any, the site is assuming. Further, this letter must specify whether the site will receive any benefits, including a copy of any aggregate results.
4. Include the time frame involved or any time restrictions.
5. The letter must be on company letterhead and include the title and signature of the company representative who gives the authorization.

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*Sample Letter of Authorization/Cooperation*

XYZ COMPANY

3333 Main Street

Anytown, USA 00000

Date

University of Arizona Institutional Review Board

c/o Office of Human Subjects

1618 E Helen St

Tucson, AZ 85721

Please note that Ms. Jane Martin, UA Graduate Student, has permission of the XYZ Company to conduct research at our Anytown facility for her study, “Employee Opinions Concerning Cleanliness and Efficiency.”

Ms. Martin will contact employees to *recruit* them by approaching them as they leave the campus at the end of each shift and distributing a packet of information, including a survey which will be returned to her by postal service (via a self-addressed, stamped envelope). Her plan is to have all packets distributed by the end of the month. Our human resources office will provide de-identified information regarding employee breaks for use in her research. Ms. Martin’s on-site research activities will be completed by \_\_\_\_\_*(date)*\_\_\_.

Ms. Martin has agreed not to enter any of our buildings or interfere with the flow of pedestrians or vehicles. Employees will not be allowed time from their work duties to complete the surveys. Ms. Martin also has agreed to provide to my office a copy of the University of Arizona IRB-approved, stamped consent document before she recruits participants on campus, and will also provide a copy of any aggregate results.

If there are any questions, please contact my office.

Signed,

XYZ Company President