You are being asked to participate in a focus group as part of a research study entitled, ***“Title of Project****”,* which is being conducted by ***name of researcher****,* a ***faculty member/staff member/student***at Valdosta State University. The purpose of the study is to **<*in layman’s terms, clearly state what the study is about***>. You will receive no direct benefits from participating in this research study. However, your responses may help us learn more about **<*explain this* *in layman’s terms****>*. There are no foreseeable risks involved in participating in this study other than those encountered in day-to-day life. Participation should take approximately **<*minutes/hours*>.**  The focus group will be ***audio or videotaped*** in order to accurately capture concerns, opinions, and ideas that are offered by the group. Once the recordings have been transcribed, the tapes will be destroyed. No one, including the researcher, will be able to associate your responses with your identity. Your participation is voluntary.  You may choose not to participate, to stop responding at any time, or to skip any questions that you do not want to answer. You must be at least 18 years of age to participate in this study. Your participation in the focus group will serve as your voluntary agreement to participate in this research study and your certification that you are 18 years of age or older.

Questions regarding the purpose or procedures of the research should be directed to ***name of researcher***at ***e-mail address***. This study has been exempted from Institutional Review Board (IRB) review in accordance with Federal regulations. The IRB, a university committee established by Federal law, is responsible for protecting the rights and welfare of research participants. If you have concerns or questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact the IRB Administrator at 229-253-2947 or [irb@valdosta.edu](mailto:irb@valdosta.edu).