

**GREAT PLAINS
COOPERATIVE ECOSYSTEM STUDIES UNIT**

**AMENDMENT FOUR TO
COOPERATIVE and JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT**

between

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Geological Survey
National Park Service**

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
U.S. Forest Service**

and

**UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA - LINCOLN (HOST)
Black Hills State University
Colorado State University
Langston University
Little Priest Tribal College
North Dakota State University
South Dakota State University
Texas A&M University
University of Minnesota
University of North Dakota
University of Oklahoma
University of South Dakota
University of Wyoming**

With the exception of the changes below, all terms and conditions of the Great Plains CESU Cooperative and Joint Venture Agreement apply to this Amendment, and this Amendment is hereby made part of the agreement.

ARTICLE I. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

A.2. The Natural Resources Conservation Service is included in the Great Plains CESU as a Federal Agency partner under Agreement # 68-3A75-4-102.

J. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (hereinafter called NRCS) provides technical assistance to farmers, ranchers, and other private landowners in managing soil, water, animal, plant, air and human resources. NRCS scientists and technical specialists identify appropriate technologies in research and development and transfer them to field staff for implementation. Under section 714 Of P.L. 106-387, 7 U.S.C.

6962a, NRCS is authorized to enter into this cooperative agreement establishing the Great Plains CESU to assist in providing research, technical assistance and education.

ARTICLE III. TERM OF AGREEMENT

A.1. The effective date of the Great Plains Cooperative Agreement is 5 October 2000.

A.6. The effective date of this amendment to the Great Plains CESU Cooperative Agreement shall be determined from the date of the last signature.

ARTICLE IV. KEY OFFICIALS

A.6. The technical representative for the NRCS is as follows:

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ARTICLE V. AWARD

B.2. Upon signature of all parties to this amendment, the NRCS commits \$10,000 in funds to the Host University in furtherance of the agreement, to be authorized by a modification issued against the agreement.

D.1. An exception is that for NRCS, the indirect cost rate is limited to 10% of total direct costs for colleges, universities, and other nonprofit organizations pursuant to Section 708 of P.L. 108-199.

ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES

The following authorizing signatures are attached to this amendment:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

A. Bureau of Land Management

B. Bureau of Reclamation

C. U.S. Geological Survey

D. National Park Service

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

E. U.S. Forest Service

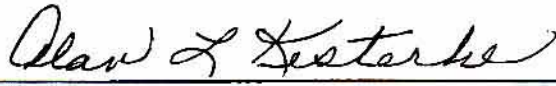
F. Natural Resources Conservation Service

G. UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN

- H. Black Hills State University
- I. Colorado State University
- J. Langston University
- K. Little Priest Tribal College
- L. North Dakota State University
- M. South Dakota State University
- N. Texas A&M University
- O. University of Minnesota
- P. University of North Dakota
- Q. University of Oklahoma
- R. University of South Dakota
- S. University of Wyoming


ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

A. Bureau of Land Management



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[Print Title]: Associate State Director

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Date



[Print Name]: DAVE JOHNSON
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B. Bureau of Reclamation

(See Article III.C.1)

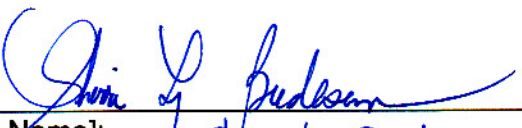
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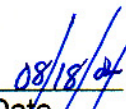
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C. U.S. Geological Survey

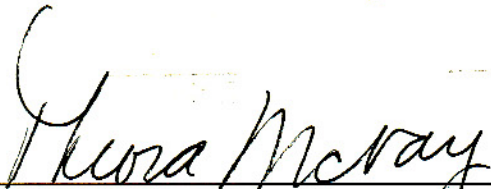


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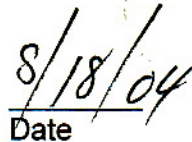

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D. National Park Service



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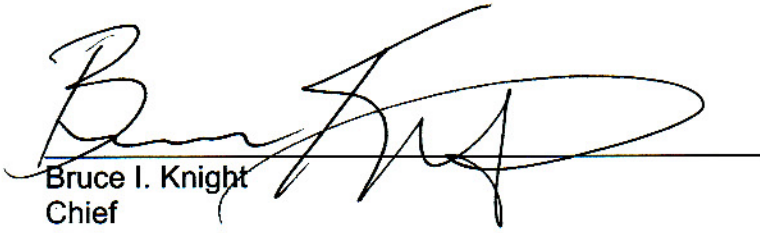


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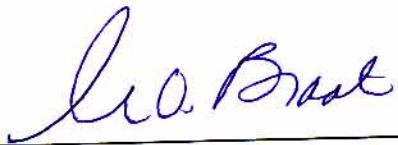


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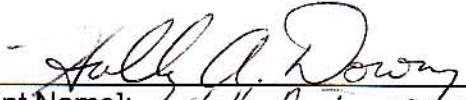


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H. Black Hills State University



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I. Colorado State University

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K. Little Priest Tribal College

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L. North Dakota State University



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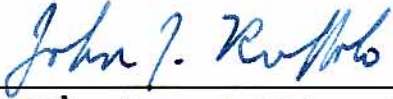
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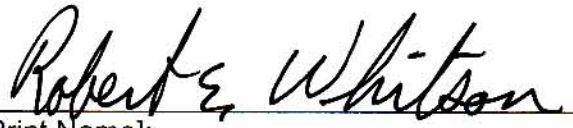
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O. University of Minnesota



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Q. University of Oklahoma



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R. University of South Dakota

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S. University of Wyoming



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