

**DESERT SOUTHWEST
COOPERATIVE ECOSYSTEM STUDIES UNIT**

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

between

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

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

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Office of Deputy Under Secretary of Defense
(Installations and Environment)**

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Howard University
New Mexico State University
Southwest Texas State University
University of California – Riverside
University of Texas at El Paso
Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum
Sonoran Institute
The Nature Conservancy**

**Adding the
Natural Resources Conservation Service**

With the exception of the changes below, all terms and conditions of the Desert Southwest 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.1. The Natural Resources Conservation Service is included in the Desert Southwest CESU as a Federal Agency partner under Agreement # 68-3A75-4-100.

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 Desert Southwest CESU to assist in providing research, technical assistance and education.

ARTICLE III. TERM OF THE AGREEMENT

A.1. The effective date of the Desert Southwest CESU Cooperative and Joint Venture agreement is 6 October 2000.

A.4. The effective date of this amendment to the Desert Southwest CESU Cooperative and Joint Venture 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.1. 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. U.S. Geological Survey

C. National Park Service

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

D. U.S. Forest Service

E. Natural Resources Conservation Service

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U.S. Army Engineer and Support Center, Huntsville

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