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
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A. Bureau of Land Management

[Print Name]: Alan L. Kesterke
[Print Title]: Associate State Director

8/18/04
Date

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[Print Title]: ASSISTANCE OFFICER

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Date
ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

B. Bureau of Reclamation

(See Article III.C.1)

[Print Name]:

[Print Title]:

Date
ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

C. U.S. Geological Survey

[Print Name]:
[Print Title]:

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Contracting Officer

08/18/04

Date
ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

D. National Park Service

[Print Name]: THEORA J. McVAY
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E. USDA Forest Service

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F. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Bruce I. Knight  
Chief  

8/2/07  
Date
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ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

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8-26-04 Date
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K. Little Priest Tribal College

(see Article III.C.1.)

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[Print Name]: Date
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L. North Dakota State University

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N. Texas A&M University

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8/24/04
Date
ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENT Authorizing Signatures (cont.)

P. University of North Dakota

Barry Mlavetz
Interim Director, Office of Research & Program Development

Date 8/27/04

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ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

R. University of South Dakota

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