GREAT PLAINS
COOPERATIVE ECOSYSTEM STUDIES UNIT

AMENDMENT THREE TO
COOPERATIVE and JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT

between

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

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
  U.S. Forest Service
  Natural Resources Conservation Service

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
  U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Civil Works
  Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense
  (Installations and Environment)

and

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA - LINCOLN (HOST)
  Black Hills State University
  Colorado State University
  Kansas State University
  Langston University
  North Dakota State University
  South Dakota State University
  Texas AgriLife Research of the Texas A&M University System
  University of Minnesota
  University of North Dakota
  University of Oklahoma
  University of South Dakota
  University of Wyoming
  Emporia State University
ARTICLE I. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

A.1. The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) is hereby included in the Great Plains CESU as a Federal Agency Partner.

N. The mission of the Farm Service Agency (hereinafter called FSA) is to equitably serve all farmers, ranchers, and agricultural partners through the delivery of effective, efficient agricultural programs for all Americans. FSA administers the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC). The CRP is a voluntary program for agricultural landowners. The CRP provides annual rental payments, technical assistance, and cost-share assistance to landowners who establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland. To accomplish its mission, FSA has established the Monitoring, Assessment, and Evaluation Project (MAE) to employ sound science to qualify CRP impacts on ecosystem services including: water quality, wildlife habitat, carbon sequestration, soil productivity, and hydrologic storage. FSA, under 7 U.S.C. § 2204b(b)(4), and CCC, under 15 U.S.C. § 714b(g), is authorized to enter into this cooperative agreement continuing 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 CESU Cooperative and Joint Venture Agreement is 06 October 2010.
A.2. The effective date of this Amendment to the Great Plains CESU Cooperative and Joint Venture Agreement shall be determined from the date of the last signature to this Amendment.

ARTICLE IV. KEY OFFICIALS

A.10. The technical representative for the Farm Service Agency is:

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Economic and Policy Analysis Staff  
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ARTICLE V. AWARD

A.1. Upon signature of all parties to this amendment, the Farm Service Agency will commit $10,000 in funds to the Great Plains CESU Host University in furtherance of the Agreement, to be authorized by a modification issued against the Agreement.

ARTICLE XIII. 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. Bureau of Reclamation  
C. U.S. Geological Survey  
D. National Park Service  
E. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
F. U.S. Forest Service  
G. Natural Resources Conservation Service  
H. Farm Service Agency

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
I. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Civil Works
J. Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Installations and Environment)

K. UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN (Host)
L. Black Hills State University
M. Colorado State University
N. Langston University
O. Kansas State University
P. North Dakota State University
Q. South Dakota State University
R. Texas AgriLife Research of the Texas A&M University System
S. University of Minnesota
T. University of North Dakota
U. University of Oklahoma
V. University of South Dakota
W. University of Wyoming
X. Emporia State University
Y. New Mexico Highlands University
Z. South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
AA. Winona State University
BB. Oklahoma State University
CC. University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Public Health
ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

A. Bureau of Land Management

_________ ___________________________ 5/16/13
Donald A. Simpson  
State Director, Wyoming

[Print Name]: ___________________________ Date
[Print Title]: ___________________________
ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

B. U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

[Signature]
Lindsay Nafts
Grants and Agreements Officer

[Date]
-May-2013
ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

C. U.S. Geological Survey

[Signature]
Sherry Ly Bredesen
Contracting Officer

05/15/13
Date
D. National Park Service

ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

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Tonya Bradley Date
Grants and Agreements Officer

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E. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Per Article III, C: If a Partner Institution or Federal Agency has not responded after forty-five (45) days from receipt of the amendment, its signature will not be required to make the amendment effective.

Greg Watson
Chief, Office of Landscape Conservation
FWS, Mountain – Prairie Region

Date
ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

F. U.S. Forest Service

DEBORAH M. FINCH
Program Manager

30 MAY 2013
Date
ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

G. Natural Resources Conservation Service

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Jane Hardisty                                          Date
Acting Deputy Chief for Management
ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

H. USDA Farm Service Agency

Joy Harwood
Director, Economic and Policy Analysis Staff

5/06/13
Date
ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

I. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Civil Works

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Grants Officer

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J. Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense
   (Installations and Environment)

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Derek Gadberry
Grants Officer (Representing ODUSD (I&E))

Date: [13 May 17]
ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

K. University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Host)

Jeanne Wicks  
Director, Office of Sponsored Programs  

5/15/13  
Date
ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

L. Black Hills State University

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Kathy Johnson
Vice President, Finance and Administration

5-15-13
Date
ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

M. Colorado State University

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David B. Doty
Associate Director, Sponsored Programs

5/7/13
Date
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N. Langston University

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Dennis Howard  
Director, Grasslands Center of Excellence  

Date
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O. Kansas State University

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Paul R. Lowe
Assistant Vice-President for Research

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Date 5/16/2013
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P. North Dakota State University

Amy Scott
Assistant Director, Office of Sponsored Programs Administration

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Q. South Dakota State University

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James J. Doolittle
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Date
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R. Texas AgriLife Research of the Texas A&M University System

Craig L. Nessler
Director

Date 5/20/2013
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S. University of Minnesota

April Coon  
Assistant Director, Sponsored Programs Administration

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Date
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T. University of North Dakota

by

Michael F. Moore
Associate Vice President for Research and Economic Development

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Date
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U. University of Oklahoma

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Andrea Deaton
Associate Vice President for Research

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V. University of South Dakota

Laura Jenski
Vice President for Research

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ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

W. University of Wyoming

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William A. Gern
Vice President for Research and Economic Development

7/22/2013
Date
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X. Emporia State University

Diana E. Kuhlmann
Associate Vice President for Fiscal Affairs

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Date
ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

Y. New Mexico Highlands University

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Ken Reid
Interim Director, NM Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute

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Date
ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

Z. South Dakota School of Mines and Technology

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Ronald J. White, Ph.D.
Vice President for Research

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ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

AA. Winona State University

Charla S. Miertschin
Interim Dean, College of Science & Engineering

5/15/13
Date
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BB. Oklahoma State University

S.W.S. McKeever
Vice President for Research and Technology Transfer

Date
5/17/13
ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

CC. University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Public Health

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Deborah K. Vetter
Director, Sponsored Programs Administration

5-29-13
Date