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NORTH ATLANTIC COAST COOPERATIVE ECOSYSTEM STUDIES UNIT

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

between

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
U.S. Geological Survey
National Park Service
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Natural Resources Conservation Service**

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Civil Works**

and

**UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND (HOST)
The Research Foundation of SUNY for Stony Brook University
Rutgers University
University of Maryland Eastern Shore
University of Massachusetts – Amherst
Maryland Coastal Bays Program
The University of Maine
City University of New York
College of the Atlantic
The Research Foundation of State University of New York for
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
Columbia University in the City of New York**

ARTICLE I. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

- A. This Cooperative agreement (hereinafter called Agreement) between the U.S. Geological Survey, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Natural

Resources Conservation Service, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Civil Works (hereinafter called Federal Agencies), and the University of Rhode Island and its partner institutions is a continuation for a five (5) year term to provide for the operation and maintenance of the North Atlantic Coast Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (CESU). This continuation of the North Atlantic Coast CESU is implemented by mutual consent of the parties and is consistent with the prior Agreement and the express intent of the request for proposals for that Agreement. The North Atlantic Coast CESU is associated with a national network of CESUs.

B. The objectives of the North Atlantic Coast Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit are to:

- Provide research, technical assistance and education to federal land management, environmental and research agencies and their potential partners;
- Develop a program of research, technical assistance and education that involves the biological, physical, social, and cultural sciences needed to address resource issues and interdisciplinary problem-solving at multiple scales and in an ecosystem context at the local, regional, and national level; and
- Place special emphasis on the working collaboration among federal agencies and universities and their related partner institutions.

C. The U.S. Geological Survey (hereinafter called USGS) serves the Nation by providing reliable scientific information to describe and understand the Earth, minimize the loss of life and property from natural disasters, manage water, biological, energy, and mineral resources, and enhance and protect our quality of life. In accordance with 31 USC 6302 et seq., 16 USC 1a-2j, 16 USC 5933 and Secretarial Order No. 3202, the USGS is authorized to enter into a cooperative agreement to continue the North Atlantic Coast CESU to assist in providing research, technical assistance and education.

D. The National Park Service (hereinafter called NPS) is responsible for the management of areas in the National Park System to conserve the scenery, the natural and historic objects, and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such a manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations (16 USC 1 et seq.). In accordance with 16 USC 1a-2j and 16 USC 5933, the NPS is authorized to enter into a cooperative agreement to continue the North Atlantic Coast CESU to assist in providing research, technical assistance and education.

E. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (hereinafter call USFWS) working with others, is responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people through Federal programs related to migratory birds, endangered species, interjurisdictional fish and marine mammals, and inland sport fisheries. In accordance with the Fish and Wildlife Act of

1956 (16 USC 742f), the USFWS is authorized to enter into the cooperative agreement to continue the North Atlantic Coast CESU to assist in providing research, technical assistance and education.

- F. 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 16 USC 590a-f, NRCS is authorized to enter into this cooperative agreement continuing the North Atlantic Coast CESU to assist in providing research, technical assistance and education.
- G. The US Army Corp of Engineers – Civil Works (hereinafter called USACE-CW) provides assistance in the development and management in the nation's water resources. The main missions of USACE-CW, i.e., the Corps, are 1) to facilitate commercial navigation, 2) to protect citizens and their property from flood and storm damages, and 3) to protect and restore environmental resources. The Corps carries out most of its work in partnership with Tribal, state and local governments and other non-federal entities. The Corps must rely upon using the best available science in the evaluation of water resources needs and in the development of recommendations for water resource management. The university and scientific advances will assist the Corps in reaching sound, scientifically based decisions. In accordance with 10 USC 2358, USACE-CW is authorized to enter into the cooperative agreement with the North Atlantic Coast CESU enabling the USACE-CW to receive direct scientific support from regional CESU members under agreement number # W912HZ-08-2-0007 for a cumulative amount not-to-exceed \$25,000,000.00. USACE-CW is authorized to cooperate with other agencies in accordance with Title 33 USC 2323a and 10 USC 3036(d).
- H. The University of Rhode Island (hereinafter called Host University) is one of the nation's premier academic institutions for the study of coastal ecosystems and associated watersheds. There are more than 200 faculty and 40 departments and programs that work in the field of marine, coastal, and environmental research, teaching, or service. The University of Rhode Island hosts a mixture of University programs, federal cooperative partnerships, and major federal laboratories that contribute to a diverse and enriched community all focused on coastal zone ecosystems.
- I. The partner institutions to the Host University include The Research Foundation of SUNY for Stony Brook University, Rutgers University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, University of Massachusetts – Amherst, Maryland Coastal Bays Program, The University of Maine, City University of New York, College of the Atlantic, The Research Foundation of State University of New York for SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, and Columbia University in the City of New York (hereinafter called Partner Institutions).

ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF WORK

A. Each Federal Agency agrees to:

1. Provide administrative assistance, as appropriate, necessary to execute this Agreement and subsequent modifications;
2. Conduct, with the Host University and Partner Institutions, a program of research, technical assistance and education related to the North Atlantic Coast CESU objectives and to the extent allowed by each Federal Agencies' authorizing legislation;
3. Provide opportunities for research on federal lands or using federal facilities in cooperation with Federal Agencies, as appropriate, and according to all applicable laws, regulations and Federal Agencies' policies;
4. Provide funds for basic support and salary for participating Host University and Partner Institution faculty, as appropriate;
5. Provide project funds and/or collaboration to support specific research, technical assistance and education projects, as appropriate;
6. Make available managers to serve on the North Atlantic Coast CESU Managers Committee;
7. Comply with the Host University's and Partner Institutions' rules, regulations, and policies regarding professional conduct, health, safety, use of services and facilities, use of animals, recombinant DNA, infectious agents or radioactive substances, as well as other polices generally applied to Host University and Partner Institution personnel;
8. Ensure its employees follow the Code of Ethics for Government Employees;
9. Allow Federal Agency employees to participate in the activities of the Host University and Partner Institutions, including serving on graduate committees and teaching courses, as appropriate, and as specifically determined in modifications to the Agreement; and
10. Be individually responsible for their agency's role in administering the Agreement, transferring funds, and supervision of agency employees, as appropriate.

B. The Host University agrees to:

1. Continue, in consultation with the Federal Agencies and Partner Institutions, the North Atlantic Coast CESU;
2. Conduct, with participating Federal Agencies and Partner Institutions, a program of research, technical assistance and education related to the North Atlantic Coast CESU objectives;
3. Allow and encourage its faculty to engage in participating Federal Agencies' research, technical assistance and education activities related to the North Atlantic Coast CESU objectives, as appropriate;
4. Provide basic administrative and clerical support as appropriate;
5. Provide access for North Atlantic Coast CESU Federal Agency staff to campus facilities, including library, laboratories, computer facilities on the same basis or costs as other faculty members of the Host University to the maximum extent allowable under state laws and regulations;
6. Provide suitable office space, furniture and laboratory space, utilities, computer network access and basic telephone service for North Atlantic Coast CESU Federal Agency staff to be located at the Host University, as appropriate;
7. Offer educational and training opportunities to participating Federal Agency employees, in accordance with the respective policies of the Federal Agencies and the Host University;
8. Encourage its students to participate in the activities of the North Atlantic Coast CESU;
9. Coordinate activities, as appropriate, with the Partner Institutions and develop administrative policies for such coordination; and
10. Maintain a North Atlantic Coast CESU Managers Committee and convene a meeting of this committee, at least annually, to provide advice and guidance, review of the annual work and multi-year strategic plans, and assist in evaluating the North Atlantic Coast CESU.

C. Each Partner Institution agrees to:

1. Conduct, with participating Federal Agencies and the Host University, a program of research, technical assistance, and education related to the North Atlantic Coast CESU objectives and allow and encourage faculty to participate in the program as appropriate;
2. Offer educational and training opportunities to participating Federal Agency employees, as appropriate; and

3. Encourage students and employees to participate in the activities of the North Atlantic Coast CESU.

D. All Federal Agencies, the Host University and Partner Institutions agree to:

1. Maintain the North Atlantic Coast CESU closely following the mission and goals of the CESU Network as described in the *CESU Network Strategic Plan*, adapting key elements to local and regional needs, as appropriate;
2. Maintain a current North Atlantic Coast CESU role and mission statement;
3. Operate under a current multi-year strategic plan;
4. Issue individual funding documents under this Agreement, in accordance with each Federal Agency's respective procedures, that include a specific "scope of work" statement and a brief explanation of the following:
 - (a) the proposed work;
 - (b) the project contribution to the objectives of the CESU;
 - (c) the methodology of the project;
 - (d) the substantial involvement of each party;
 - (e) the project budget and schedule;
 - (f) the specific deliverables;
5. Coordinate in obtaining all necessary state, federal, and tribal permits and/or permissions from private landowners in order to conduct projects occurring under this Agreement;
6. Follow OMB Circulars A-21, A-87, A-102, A-110, A-122, and A-133, as appropriate, and the related federal agency regulations, as applicable, specifically 43 CFR Part 12 (Department of the Interior), and 7 CFR Parts 3015-3052 (Department of Agriculture), 22 CFR Part 518 (Department of Defense), 10 USC 2358, 33 USC 2323a, 10 USC 3036(d), and DoD 3210.6-R, and Department of Defense Grant and Agreement Regulations (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers–Civil Works). These documents are incorporated into this Agreement by reference.

ARTICLE III. TERM OF AGREEMENT

- A. This Agreement shall continue for a period of five (5) years from the effective date of execution. The effective date of this Agreement shall be 19 June 2009. Parties will have until 19 June 2009 to sign this Agreement and thereby express their intent to continue participation in the North Atlantic Coast CESU; parties that do not sign this Agreement by 19 June 2009 will not be participants in the North Atlantic Coast CESU.

- B. By mutual consent and at the end of this Agreement, a new Agreement, for a separate and distinct (5) year period, can be entered into to continue the activities of the North Atlantic Coast CESU.
- C. For the purposes of this Agreement, amendments are changes (edits, deletions, or additions) to the Agreement that do not involve the transfer of funds. Amendments may be proposed by any of the Federal Agencies, the Host University or by the Host University on behalf of any of the Partner Institutions. Amendments shall be in writing, signed and agreed to by all signatories to this Agreement, except in cases described in Article III. C.1.
 - 1. For amendments whose sole purpose is to add a Partner Institution and/or Federal Agency to this Agreement, each Partner Institution and Federal Agency currently participating in this Agreement will have forty-five (45) days from receipt of the amendment to either sign the amendment or object in writing to the Host University. 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. The Partner Institution and/or Federal Agency being added to the Agreement and the Host University shall sign the amendment.
- D. For the purposes of this Agreement, modifications or task agreements are specific two-party agreements between one of the Federal Agencies and the Host University and/or a Partner Institution in support of the goals of this broad Agreement. Modifications or task agreements will be issued by a Federal Agency, will transfer funds to support the statement of work, and will conform to each Federal Agency's respective procedures.
- E. A separate interagency agreement is required to facilitate transfer of funds from one Federal Agency to another Federal Agency.
- F. The expiration of this Agreement will not affect the validity or duration of projects which have been initiated under this Agreement prior to such expiration.

ARTICLE IV. KEY OFFICIALS

- A. The technical representatives for the Federal Agencies are as follows:

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ARTICLE V. AWARD

- A. Upon signature of all parties and upon satisfactory submission of a budget and related documentation from the Host University, any newly joining Federal Agency partner shall obligate \$10,000 to award to the Host University to carry out this Agreement. For the Federal Agency partners listed under Article I. A., no further financial obligation is required.
- B. Payments will be made by the Federal Agencies for work in accordance with OMB Circulars A-21, A-110, A-87, A-102, A-122, A-133, as appropriate, and the related federal agency regulations, as applicable, specifically, 43 CFR Part 12 (Department of the Interior), 7 CFR Parts 3015-3052 (Department of Agriculture), 22 CFR Part 518 (Department of Defense), 10 USC 2358, 33 USC 2323a, 10 USC 3036(d), and DoD 3210.6-R, Department of Defense Grant and Agreement Regulations (US Army Corps of Engineers-Civil Works).
- C. A 17.5% indirect cost rate will be paid on work covered by the Agreement and all its modifications.
 1. One 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 705 of P.L. 111-8.

2. No indirect cost will be charged by the Host University for funds transferred directly from a participating Federal Agency to a Partner Institution via a modification to the Agreement.
- D. Award of additional funds or in-kind resources will be made through modifications to the Agreement subject to the rules, regulations, and policies of the individual Federal Agency proposing the modification.
 - E. Nothing herein shall be construed as obligating the Federal Agencies to expend, or as involving the Federal Agencies in any contract or other obligation for the future payment of money, in excess of appropriations authorized by law and administratively allocated for specific work.

ARTICLE VI. PRIOR APPROVAL

Prior approvals are in accordance with OMB Circulars A-110 or A-102, as appropriate, and the related federal agency regulations, as applicable, specifically 43 CFR Part 12 (Department of the Interior), 7 CFR Parts 3015-3052 (Department of Agriculture), 22 CFR Part 518 (Department of Defense), 10 USC 2358, 33 USC 2323a, 10 USC 3036(d), and DoD 3210.6-R, Department of Defense Grant and Agreement Regulations (US Army Corps of Engineers-Civil Works).

ARTICLE VII. REPORTS AND/OR DELIVERABLES

- A. OMB Circulars A-110 or A-102, specifically 43 CFR Part 12 (Department of the Interior) and 7 CFR Parts 3015-3052 (Department of Agriculture), 22 CFR Part 518 (Department of Defense), 10 USC 2358, 33 USC 2323a, 10 USC 3036(d), and DoD 3210.6-R, Department of Defense Grant and Agreement Regulations (US Army Corps of Engineers-Civil Works) establish uniform reporting procedures for financial and technical reporting.
- B. As appropriate, the Host University will convene periodic meetings of North Atlantic Coast CESU Federal Agencies and Partner Institutions for the purpose of collaboration and coordination of CESU activities. Copies of the meeting minutes will be available to all parties to this Agreement.
- C. A current role and mission statement for the North Atlantic Coast CESU will be agreed to and maintained by all North Atlantic Coast CESU cooperators. Copies of the role and mission statement will be available to all parties to this Agreement.
- D. Annual work plans will be developed to guide the specific activities of the North Atlantic Coast CESU and will:
 1. Describe the North Atlantic Coast CESU ongoing and proposed research, technical assistance and education activities;

2. Describe anticipated projects and products; and
3. Identify faculty, staff, and students involved in the North Atlantic Coast CESU during the year.

Copies of the annual work plan will be available to all parties to this Agreement.

- E. A current multi-year strategic plan will be maintained to generally guide the North Atlantic Coast CESU. Copies of the strategic plan will be available to all parties to this Agreement.

ARTICLE VIII. PROPERTY UTILIZATION AND DISPOSITION

Property utilization and disposition is in accordance with OMB Circulars A-110 or A-102, as appropriate, and the related federal agency regulations, as applicable, specifically 43 CFR Part 12 (Department of the Interior), 7 CFR Parts 3015-3052 (Department of Agriculture), 22 CFR Part 518 (Department of Defense), 10 USC 2358, 33 USC 2323a, 10 USC 3036(d), and DoD 3210.6-R, Department of Defense Grant and Agreement Regulations (US Army Corps of Engineers-Civil Works).

ARTICLE IX. TERMINATION

Termination of this Agreement is in accordance with OMB Circulars A-110 or A-102, as appropriate, and the related federal agency regulations, as applicable, specifically 43 CFR Part 12 (Department of the Interior), 7 CFR Parts 3015-3052 (Department of Agriculture), 22 CFR Part 518 (Department of Defense), 10 USC 2358, 33 USC 2323a, 10 USC 3036(d), and DoD 3210.6-R, Department of Defense Grant and Agreement Regulations (US Army Corps of Engineers-Civil Works). Any party to this Agreement may terminate its participation by delivery of thirty (30) days advance written notice to each of the Federal Agencies and the Host University.

ARTICLE X. REQUIRED/SPECIAL PROVISIONS

A. REQUIRED PROVISIONS:

1. **NON-DISCRIMINATION:** All activities pursuant to this Agreement and the provisions of Executive Order 11246; shall be in compliance with applicable requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252 42 USC § 2000d et seq.); Title V, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 394; 29 USC § 794); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (89 Stat. 728; 42 USC § 6101 et seq.); and with all other applicable Federal laws and regulations

prohibiting discrimination on grounds of race, color, national origin, handicap, religious or sex in providing of facilities and service to the public.

2. **CONSISTENCY WITH PUBLIC LAWS:** Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to be inconsistent with or contrary to the purpose of or intent of any Act of Congress establishing, affecting, or relating to the Agreement.
3. **APPROPRIATIONS (Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 USC 1341):** Nothing herein contained in this Agreement shall be construed as binding the Federal Agencies to expend in any one fiscal year any sum in excess of appropriations made by Congress, for the purposes of this Agreement for that fiscal year, or other obligation for the further expenditure of money in excess of such appropriations.
4. **OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT:** No Member of, Delegate to, or Resident Commissioner in, Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of this Agreement or to any benefit to arise therefrom.
5. **LOBBYING PROHIBITION:** The parties will abide by the provisions of 18 USC 1913 (Lobbying with Appropriated Moneys), which states:

No part of the money appropriated by any enactment of Congress shall, in the absence of express authorization by Congress, be used directly or indirectly to pay for any personal service, advertisement, telegram, telephone, letter, printed or written matter, or other device, intended or designed to influence in any manner a Member of Congress, a jurisdiction, or an official of any government, to favor, adopt, or oppose, by vote or otherwise, any legislation, law, ratification, policy or appropriation, whether before or after the introduction of any bill, measure, or resolution proposing such legislation, law, ratification, policy, or appropriation; but this shall not prevent officers or employees of the United States or of its departments or agencies from communicating to any such Member or official, at his request, or to Congress or such official, through the proper official channels, requests for any legislation, law, ratification, policy, or appropriations which they deem necessary for the efficient conduct of the public business, or from making any communication whose prohibition by this section might, in the opinion of the Attorney General, violate the Constitution or interfere with the conduct of foreign policy, counter-intelligence, intelligence, or national security activities.

6. **LIABILITY PROVISION:**

Governmental Parties

The Federal Agencies (excluding the US Forest Service), Host University, and Partner Institutions which are governmental parties, each accept responsibility for any property damage, injury, or death caused by the acts or omissions of their respective employees, acting within the scope of their employment, to the fullest

extent permitted by their respective applicable laws, including laws concerning self-insurance.

To the extent work by governmental parties is to be performed through sub-contract by non-governmental entities or persons, the governmental party sub-contracting work will require that subcontracted entity or person to meet provisions (a), (b), and (c) for non-governmental parties stated below.

This provision is applicable to the USDA Forest Service acting by and through the Forest Service, USDA does hereby recognize potential liability for payment of claims for injury or loss of property of personal injury or death caused by the Government, or any officer, agent or employee thereof, while acting within the scope of his/her office of employment under circumstances when the United States, if a private person, would be liable to the claimant in accordance with the law of the place where the act or omission occurred. 28 USC §§1346 (b), 2672 et seq.

Non-governmental Parties

Work provided by non-governmental entities or persons, will require that entity or person to:

- (a) Have public and employee liability insurance from a responsible company or companies with a minimum limitation of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per person for any one claim, and an aggregate limitation of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for any number of claims arising from any one incident. In subsequent modifications, the parties may negotiate different levels of liability coverage, as appropriate. The policies shall name the United States as an additional insured, shall specify that the insured shall have no right of subrogation against the United States for payments of any premiums or deductibles due thereunder, and shall specify that the insurance shall be assumed by, be for the account of, and be at the insured's sole risk; and
- (b) Pay the United States the full value for all damages to the lands or other property of the United States caused by such person or organization, its representatives, or employees; and
- (c) Indemnify, save and hold harmless, and defend the United States against all fines, claims, damages, losses, judgments, and expenses arising out of, or from, any omission or activity of such person or organization, its representatives, or employees.

Non-governmental Partner Institutions shall provide the Federal Agencies confirmation of such insurance coverage, prior to beginning specific work authorized herein and specified in subsequent modifications.

7. TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS:

(a) Provisions applicable to a recipient that is a private entity.

- (1) You as the recipient, your employees, subrecipients under this award, and subrecipients' employees may not—
 - i. Engage in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect;
 - ii. Procure a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect; or
 - iii. Use forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

- (2) We as the Federal awarding agency may unilaterally terminate this award, without penalty, if you or a subrecipient that is a private entity --
 - i. Is determined to have violated a prohibition in paragraph (a)(1) of this award term; or
 - ii. Has an employee who is determined by the agency official authorized to terminate the award to have violated a prohibition in paragraph (a)(1) of this award term through conduct that is either—
 - a. Associated with performance under this award; or
 - b. Imputed to you or the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 2 CFR part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," as implemented by each respective federal agency partner at: 2 CFR Part 1125 (Department of Defense), 2 CFR Part 1326 (Department of Commerce), 2 CFR 1400 (Department of the Interior), 2 CFR Part 1880 (NASA), 7 CFR Part 3017 (Department of Agriculture).

(b) Provision applicable to a recipient other than a private entity. We as the Federal awarding agency may unilaterally terminate this award, without penalty, if a subrecipient that is a private entity—

- (1) Is determined to have violated an applicable prohibition in paragraph (a)(1) of this award term; or

- (2) Has an employee who is determined by the agency official authorized to terminate the award to have violated an applicable prohibition in paragraph (a)(1) of this award term through conduct that is either—
 - i. Associated with performance under this award; or
 - ii. Imputed to the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 2 CFR part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," as implemented by our agency at 2 CFR Part 1125 (Department of

Defense), 2 CFR Part 1326 (Department of Commerce), 2 CFR 1400 (Department of the Interior), 2 CFR Part 1880 (NASA), 7 CFR Part 3017 (Department of Agriculture).

(c) Provisions applicable to any recipient.

- (1) You must inform us immediately of any information you receive from any source alleging a violation of a prohibition in paragraph (a)(1) of this award term.
- (2) Our right to terminate unilaterally that is described in paragraph (a)(2) or (b) of this section:
 - i. Implements section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended (22 USC 7104(g)), and
 - ii. Is in addition to all other remedies for noncompliance that are available to us under this award.
- (3) You must include the requirements of paragraph (a)(1) of this award term in any subaward you make to a private entity.

(d) Definitions. For purposes of this award term:

- (1) "Employee" means either:
 - i. An individual employed by you or a subrecipient who is engaged in the performance of the project or program under this award; or
 - ii. Another person engaged in the performance of the project or program under this award and not compensated by you including, but not limited to, a volunteer or individual whose services are contributed by a third party as an in-kind contribution toward cost sharing or matching requirements.
- (2) "Forced labor" means labor obtained by any of the following methods: the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.
- (3) "Private entity":
 - i. Means any entity other than a State, local government, Indian tribe, or foreign public entity, as those terms are defined in 2 CFR 175.25.
 - ii. Includes:
 - a. A nonprofit organization, including any nonprofit institution of higher education, hospital, or tribal organization other than one included in the definition of Indian tribe at 2 CFR 175.25(b).
 - b. A for-profit organization.

- (4) “Severe forms of trafficking in persons,” “commercial sex act,” and “coercion” have the meanings given at section 103 of the TVPA, as amended (22 USC 7102).

B. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

1. Joint publication of results is encouraged; however, no party will publish any results of joint effort without consulting the other. This is not to be construed as applying to popular publication of previously published technical matter. Publication may be joint or independent as may be agreed upon, always giving due credit to the cooperation of participating Federal Agencies, the Host University, and Partner Institutions, and recognizing within proper limits the rights of individuals doing the work. In the case of failure to agree as to the manner of publication or interpretation of results, either party may publish data after due notice (not to exceed 60 days) and submission of the proposed manuscripts to the other. In such instances, the party publishing the data will give due credit to the cooperation but assume full responsibility of any statements on which there is a difference of opinion. Federal agencies reserve the right to issue a disclaimer if such a disclaimer is determined to be appropriate.
2. The results of any cooperative studies may be used in developing theses in partial fulfillment of requirements for advanced degrees and nothing herein shall delay publication of theses.
3. Individual modifications shall include specific plans for data management, sharing, and archiving, as appropriate.

ARTICLE XI. DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The following are to be incorporated into this Agreement:

1. DI-2010, Certifications for the Host University regarding debarment, suspension and other responsibility matter, drug-free workplace requirements and lobbying.

ARTICLE XII. ATTACHMENTS

The following documents are attached:

ATTACHMENT 1 – Request for Advance or Reimbursement, SF 270
ATTACHMENT 2 – Federal Financial Report, SF 425
ATTACHMENT 3 – ACH Payment, SF3881
ATTACHMENT 4 – Example Modification Template

ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES

The following authorizing signatures are attached:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

- A. U.S. Geological Survey
- B. National Park Service
- C. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

- D. Natural Resources Conservation Service

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

- E. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Civil Works


and

F. UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND (HOST)

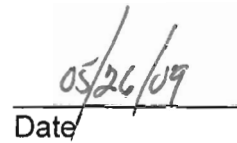
- G. The Research Foundation of SUNY for Stony Brook University
- H. Rutgers University
- I. University of Maryland Eastern Shore
- J. University of Massachusetts – Amherst
- K. Maryland Coastal Bays Program
- L. The University of Maine
- M. City University of New York
- N. College of the Atlantic
- O. The Research Foundation of State University of New York for SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
- P. Columbia University in the City of New York

ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

A. U.S. Geological Survey

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Sherri Ly Bredeesen
Contracting Officer

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Date

ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

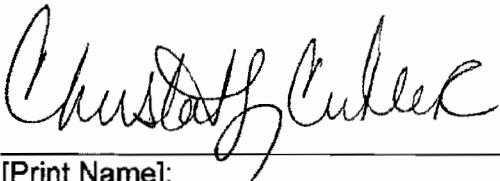
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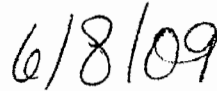
Beth A. Faudree
[Print Name]: Beth A. Faudree
[Print Title]: Contracting Officer

5/27/09
Date ~~5/2~~

ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

C. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service





[Print Name]:

Date

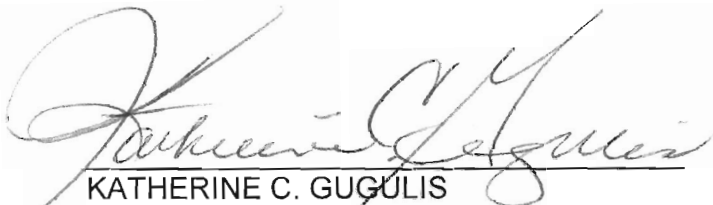
[Print Title]:

Christal L. Cutler
Grants Officer

USFWS Agreement #: 501819J111
Term: 6/19/09 - 6/19/14

ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

D. Natural Resources Conservation Service



KATHERINE C. GUGULIS
Deputy Chief for Management

6/16/09
Date

ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

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

Michael G. Lee

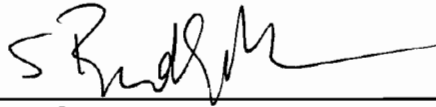
[Print Name]: MICHAEL G. LEE
[Print Title]: GRANTS OFFICER

17 JUNE 2009

Date

ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

F. University of Rhode Island



6/18/09

[Print Name]:

S Bradley Moran, Ph D
Asst VP for Research Admin

[Print Title]:

Date

ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

G. The Research Foundation of SUNY for Stony Brook University

Susan Gasparo
[Print Name]:
[Print Title]: SUSAN GASPARO
CONTRACTS AND GRANTS
ADMINISTRATOR

6/10/09
Date

ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

H. Rutgers University

[Print Name]:

[Print Title]:

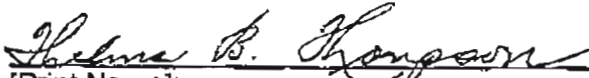

Sheryl N. Goldberg
Director
Office of Research and Sponsored Programs

6-11-09

Date

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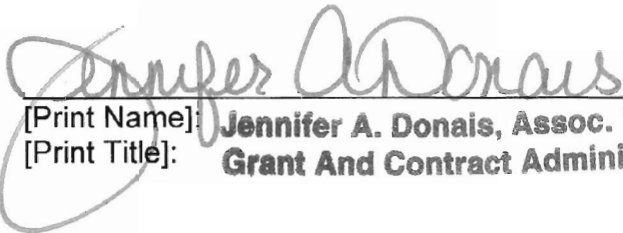
I. University of Maryland Eastern Shore


[Print Name]: Thelma B. Thompson
[Print Title]: President

6/17/09
Date

ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

J. University of Massachusetts – Amherst


[Print Name]: **Jennifer A. Donais, Assoc. Director**
[Print Title]: **Grant And Contract Administration**

6.17.09
Date

ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

K. Maryland Coastal Bays Program

Roman Jesien

[Print Name]:

[Print Title]:

Roman Jesien

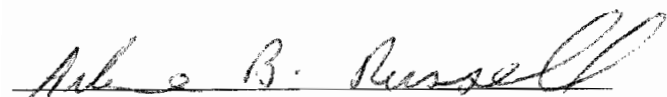
Science Coordinator

June 17, 200

Date

ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

L. The University of Maine

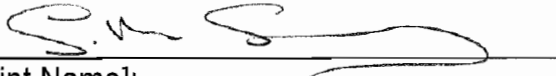


[Print Name]: Arlene B. Russell
[Print Title]: Institutional Administrative Official

6/18/09
Date

ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

M. The City University of New York

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[Print Name]:
[Print Title]:

6/9/09

Date

ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

N. College of the Atlantic



[Print Name]: DAVID HALES
[Print Title]: PRESIDENT

6/17/09
Date

ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

O. The Research Foundation of State University of New York for SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry



[Print Name] _____ Date 6-16-09
[Print Title]: **Justine Gordon**
Contract & Grant Specialist

ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

O. The Research Foundation of State University of New York for SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry

Cornelius B. Murphy, Jr.
[Print Name]: Cornelius B. Murphy, Jr
[Print Title]: President

6/18/09
Date

ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

P. Columbia University in the City of New York

Mario R Reyes
[Print Name]: Mario R. Reyes
[Print Title]: Assistant Director of Operations
Sponsored Projects Administration
Columbia University

6/19/09
Date

NOTE:

Columbia University may continue to have separate agreements and projects with the Federal Agencies that will not be affected by this Cooperative Agreement. Programs and activities will be considered covered by this Cooperative Agreement only through separate written project agreements that specifically reference this Cooperative Agreement and which are signed by the Associate Vice President for Sponsored Projects Administration or her direct designee.

REQUEST FOR ADVANCE OR REIMBURSEMENT

(See instructions on back)

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1. TYPE OF PAYMENT REQUESTED a. "X" one or both boxes <input type="checkbox"/> ADVANCE <input type="checkbox"/> REIMBURSEMENT b. "X" the applicable box <input type="checkbox"/> FINAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARTIAL	2. BASIS OF REQUEST <input type="checkbox"/> CASH <input type="checkbox"/> ACCRUAL
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3. FEDERAL SPONSORING AGENCY AND ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT TO WHICH THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED

4. FEDERAL GRANT OR OTHER IDENTIFYING NUMBER ASSIGNED BY FEDERAL AGENCY

5. PARTIAL PAYMENT REQUEST NUMBER FOR THIS REQUEST

6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

7. RECIPIENT'S ACCOUNT NUMBER OR IDENTIFYING NUMBER

8. **PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REQUEST**
 FROM (month, day, year) _____ TO (month, day, year) _____

9. RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION

Name: _____

Number and Street: _____

City, State and ZIP Code: _____

10. PAYEE (Where check is to be sent if different than item 9)

Name: _____

Number and Street: _____

City, State and ZIP Code: _____

11. COMPUTATION OF AMOUNT OF REIMBURSEMENTS/ADVANCES REQUESTED

PROGRAMS/FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES ►	(a)	(b)	(c)	TOTAL
a. Total program outlays to date <i>(As of date)</i>	\$	\$	\$	\$
b. Less: Cumulative program income				
c. Net program outlays (Line a minus line b)				
d. Estimated net cash outlays for advance period				
e. Total (Sum of lines c & d)				
f. Non-Federal share of amount on line e				
g. Federal share of amount on line e				
h. Federal payments previously requested				
i. Federal share now requested (Line g minus line h)				
j. Advances required by month, when requested by Federal grantor agency for use in making prescheduled advances	1st month			
	2nd month			
	3rd month			

12. ALTERNATE COMPUTATION FOR ADVANCES ONLY

a. Estimated Federal cash outlays that will be made during period covered by the advance	\$
b. Less: Estimated balance of Federal cash on hand as of beginning of advance period	
c. Amount requested (Line a minus line b)	\$

13. **CERTIFICATION**

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the data on the reverse are correct and that all outlays were made in accordance with the grant conditions or other agreement and that payment is due and has not been previously requested.	SIGNATURE OR AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	DATE REQUEST SUBMITTED
	TYPED OR PRINTED NAME AND TITLE	TELEPHONE (AREA CODE, NUMBER, EXTENSION)

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PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.

INSTRUCTIONS

Please type or print legibly. Items 1, 3, 5, 9, 10, 11e, 11f, 11g, 11i, 12 and 13 are self-explanatory; specific instructions for other items are as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Entry</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Entry</u>
2	Indicate whether request is prepared on cash or accrued expenditure basis. All requests for advances shall be prepared on a cash basis.		activity. If additional columns are needed, use as many additional forms as needed and indicate page number in space provided in upper right; however, the summary totals of all programs, functions, or activities should be shown in the "total" column on the first page.
4	Enter the Federal grant number, or other identifying number assigned by the Federal sponsoring agency. If the advance or reimbursement is for more than one grant or other agreement, insert N/A; then, show the aggregate amounts. On a separate sheet, list each grant or agreement number and the Federal share of outlays made against the grant or agreement.	11a	Enter in "as of date," the month, day, and year of the ending of the accounting period to which this amount applies. Enter program outlays to date (net of refunds, rebates, and discounts), in the appropriate columns. For requests prepared on a cash basis, outlays are the sum of actual cash disbursements for goods and services, the amount of indirect expenses charged, the value of in-kind contributions applied, and the amount of cash advances and payments made to subcontractors and subrecipients. For requests prepared on an accrued expenditure basis, outlays are the sum of the actual cash disbursements, the amount of indirect expenses incurred, and the net increase (or decrease) in the amounts owed by the recipient for goods and other property received and for services performed by employees, contracts, subgrantees and other payees.
6	Enter the employer identification number assigned by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, or the FICE (institution) code if requested by the Federal agency.	11b	Enter the cumulative cash income received to date, if requests are prepared on a cash basis. For requests prepared on an accrued expenditure basis, enter the cumulative income earned to date. Under either basis, enter only the amount applicable to program income that was required to be used for the project or program by the terms of the grant or other agreement.
7	This space is reserved for an account number or other identifying number that may be assigned by the recipient.	11d	Only when making requests for advance payments, enter the total estimated amount of cash outlays that will be made during the period covered by the advance.
8	Enter the month, day, and year for the beginning and ending of the period covered in this request. If the request is for an advance or for both an advance and reimbursement, show the period that the advance will cover. If the request is for reimbursement, show the period for which the reimbursement is requested.	13	Complete the certification before submitting this request.
Note:	The Federal sponsoring agencies have the option of requiring recipients to complete items 11 or 12, but not both. Item 12 should be used when only a minimum amount of information is needed to make an advance and outlay information contained in item 11 can be obtained in a timely manner from other reports.		
11	The purpose of the vertical columns (a), (b), and (c) is to provide space for separate cost breakdowns when a project has been planned and budgeted by program, function, or		

FEDERAL FINANCIAL REPORT

(Follow form instructions)

1. Federal Agency and Organizational Element to Which Report is Submitted		2. Federal Grant or Other Identifying Number Assigned by Federal Agency (To report multiple grants, use FFR Attachment)			Page	1	of	
pages								
3. Recipient Organization (Name and complete address including Zip code)								
4a. DUNS Number		4b. EIN		5. Recipient Account Number or Identifying Number (To report multiple grants, use FFR Attachment)		6. Report Type <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Final		7. Basis of Accounting <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual
8. Project/Grant Period From: (Month, Day, Year)				To: (Month, Day, Year)		9. Reporting Period End Date (Month, Day, Year)		
10. Transactions							Cumulative	
<i>(Use lines a-c for single or multiple grant reporting)</i>								
Federal Cash (To report multiple grants, also use FFR Attachment):								
a. Cash Receipts								
b. Cash Disbursements								
c. Cash on Hand (line a minus b)								
<i>(Use lines d-o for single grant reporting)</i>								
Federal Expenditures and Unobligated Balance:								
d. Total Federal funds authorized								
e. Federal share of expenditures								
f. Federal share of unliquidated obligations								
g. Total Federal share (sum of lines e and f)								
h. Unobligated balance of Federal funds (line d minus g)								
Recipient Share:								
i. Total recipient share required								
j. Recipient share of expenditures								
k. Remaining recipient share to be provided (line i minus j)								
Program Income:								
l. Total Federal program income earned								
m. Program income expended in accordance with the deduction alternative								
n. Program income expended in accordance with the addition alternative								
o. Unexpended program income (line l minus line m or line n)								
11. Indirect Expense		a. Type	b. Rate	c. Period From	Period To	d. Base	e. Amount Charged	f. Federal Share
		g. Totals:						
12. Remarks: Attach any explanations deemed necessary or information required by Federal sponsoring agency in compliance with governing legislation:								
13. Certification: By signing this report, I certify that it is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)								
a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official						c. Telephone (Area code, number and extension)		
						d. Email address		
b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official						e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year)		
14. Agency use only:								

Standard Form 425
OMB Approval Number: 0348-0061
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**ACH VENDOR/MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENT
ENROLLMENT FORM**

OMB No. 1510-0056

This form is used for Automated Clearing House (ACH) payments with an addendum record that contains payment-related information processed through the Vendor Express Program. Recipients of these payments should bring this information to the attention of their financial institution when presenting this form for completion. See reverse for additional instructions.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

The following information is provided to comply with the Privacy Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-579). All information collected on this form is required under the provisions of 31 U.S.C. 3322 and 31 CFR 210. This information will be used by the Treasury Department to transmit payment data, by electronic means to vendor's financial institution. Failure to provide the requested information may delay or prevent the receipt of payments through the Automated Clearing House Payment System.

AGENCY INFORMATION

FEDERAL PROGRAM AGENCY		
AGENCY IDENTIFIER:	AGENCY LOCATION CODE (ALC):	ACH FORMAT: <input type="checkbox"/> CCD+ <input type="checkbox"/> CTX
ADDRESS:		
CONTACT PERSON NAME:		TELEPHONE NUMBER: ()
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:		

PAYEE/COMPANY INFORMATION

NAME	SSN NO. OR TAXPAYER ID NO.
ADDRESS	
CONTACT PERSON NAME:	TELEPHONE NUMBER: ()

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION INFORMATION

NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
ACH COORDINATOR NAME:	TELEPHONE NUMBER: ()
NINE-DIGIT ROUTING TRANSIT NUMBER: _ _ _ _ _	
DEPOSITOR ACCOUNT TITLE:	
DEPOSITOR ACCOUNT NUMBER:	LOCKBOX NUMBER:
TYPE OF ACCOUNT: <input type="checkbox"/> CHECKING <input type="checkbox"/> SAVINGS <input type="checkbox"/> LOCKBOX	
SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: (Could be the same as ACH Coordinator)	TELEPHONE NUMBER: ()

Instructions for Completing SF 3881 Form

Make three copies of form after completing. Copy 1 is the Agency Copy; copy 2 is the Payee/Company Copy; and copy 3 is the Financial Institution Copy.

1. Agency Information Section - Federal agency prints or types the name and address of the Federal program agency originating the vendor/miscellaneous payment, agency identifier, agency location code, contact person name and telephone number of the agency. Also, the appropriate box for ACH format is checked.
2. Payee/Company Information Section - Payee prints or types the name of the payee/company and address that will receive ACH vendor/miscellaneous payments, social security or taxpayer ID number, and contact person name and telephone number of the payee/company. Payee also verifies depositor account number, account title, and type of account entered by your financial institution in the Financial Institution Information Section.
3. Financial Institution Information Section - Financial institution prints or types the name and address of the payee/company's financial institution who will receive the ACH payment, ACH coordinator name and telephone number, nine-digit routing transit number, depositor (payee/company) account title and account number. Also, the box for type of account is checked, and the signature, title, and telephone number of the appropriate financial institution official are included.

Burden Estimate Statement

The estimated average burden associated with this collection of information is 15 minutes per respondent or recordkeeper, depending on individual circumstances. Comments concerning the accuracy of this burden estimate and suggestions for reducing this burden should be directed to the Financial Management Service, Facilities Management Division, Property and Supply Branch, Room B-101, 3700 East West Highway, Hyattsville, MD 20782 and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (1510-0056), Washington, DC 20503.

[Agency Partner Name] – Project Summary



**[CESU Name] Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit
Agreement Modification Form**

FUNDING AGENCY:

SUB-AGREEMENT/MODIFICATION NUMBER:
[CESU USE ONLY]

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT NUMBER:

FUNDING AMOUNT:

PROJECT TITLE:

EFFECTIVE PROJECT DATES:

PROJECT PURPOSE:

STATEMENT OF MUTUAL BENEFIT AND INTEREST:

Key Words:

Federal Agency Contact(s) and Signature(s)		Partner Signature(s)	
<p>[Agency] Project Technical Representative & Project Leader:</p> <p>Technical Rep:</p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Phone:</p> <p>Fax:</p> <p>Email:</p> <p>Project Leader:</p> <p>Phone:</p> <p>Email:</p> <p>No Signature Needed</p>	<p>[Agency] Administrator:</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p>	<p>Principal Investigator:</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p>	<p>Agreement / Grant Administrator:</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p>

Project Type: Research ____ Technical Assistance ____ Education ____

Project Discipline(s): Biological ____ Cultural ____ Physical ____ Social ____ Interdisciplinary ____

Annual Performance Report Required:

Report(s) Received:

Publications on File:

This Modification is subject to all the provisions included in the Cooperative Agreement [Insert Agency Agreement Number]

[CESU Name] CESU Tracking #: