

**COOPERATING TECHNICAL PARTNERS  
PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

**AGREEMENT** is made on July 12, 2011, by these parties: State of Louisiana, Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration (OCPR), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**BECAUSE** the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) established by the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 has several purposes, the most significant being

- To better indemnify individuals from losses through the availability of flood insurance;
- To reduce future flood damages through community floodplain management regulations; and
- To reduce costs for disaster assistance and flood control;

**BECAUSE** a critical component of the NFIP is the identification and mapping of the nation's floodplains to create a broad-based awareness of flood hazards and to provide the data necessary for community floodplain management programs and to actuarially rate flood insurance;

**BECAUSE** FEMA administers the NFIP and is authorized by §1360 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4101), to establish and update flood-risk zone data in floodplain areas;

**BECAUSE**, in the identification of flood prone areas, FEMA is authorized to consult with, receive information from, and enter into agreements or other arrangements with the head of any State, regional, or local agency;

**BECAUSE** FEMA encourages strong Federal, State, regional, and local partnerships for the purposes of reducing flood losses and disaster assistance; FEMA and its State, regional, and local partners have determined that it is advantageous to encourage and formalize greater cooperation in the flood hazard identification and mapping processes; and many communities and the agencies that serve them have developed considerable technical capabilities and resources that provide the opportunity to improve and expand the collection, development, and evaluation of flood hazard data; and

**BECAUSE** OCPR either participates in the NFIP or shares flood protection and/or floodplain management responsibilities with communities that participate in the NFIP, OCPR has been deemed by FEMA to be in good standing in the NFIP; and

**BECAUSE** OCPR has expressed a desire to perform certain functions in the flood hazard identification process and has provided evidence that it has sufficient technical capability and will dedicate the resources necessary to perform those functions.

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is mutually agreed that the parties enter into this Agreement to work together to create and maintain accurate, up-to-date flood hazard data for OCPR subject to the terms and conditions recited below.

## **1. CONSULTATIONS**

The parties shall collaborate on flood hazard identification activities and shall consult with each other to fully integrate each other's contributions into flood hazard identification efforts. Questions regarding the execution of this Agreement will be resolved by an implementation committee consisting of a FEMA representative and an OCPR representative. If the implementation committee is unable to resolve technical issues, the issues may be resolved through alternative dispute resolution procedures.

## **2. EVALUATION AND REPORTING**

The parties shall, on an annual basis, review the partnership created by this Agreement to determine and document the activities undertaken to maintain accurate flood hazard data and to revise the Agreement as necessary.

## **3. RESOURCE COMMITMENT**

The parties agree to commit the appropriate and available human, technical, and financial resources, subject to legislative appropriation sufficient to coordinate effectively with all entities impacted by flood hazard identification efforts to implement this Agreement.

## **4. STANDARDS**

Unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, all flood hazard identification activities engaged in pursuant to this partnership will be accomplished in accordance with the standards documented in *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*, dated April 2003, and all subsequent revisions.

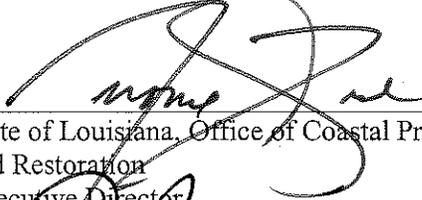
## **5. SPECIFIC INITIATIVES OR PROJECTS**

Specific initiatives or projects to be performed under this Agreement are to be documented in Mapping Activity Statement(s), which will be attached to this Agreement when they are signed. The parties will be obligated to perform as described in the signed Mapping Activity Statement(s).

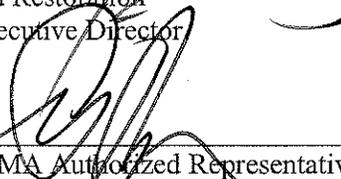
## **6. TERM**

The respective duties, responsibilities, and commitments of the parties in this Agreement shall begin on the date this Agreement is signed by the parties and may be periodically renewed, revised, or terminated at the option of any of the parties. The parties agree that a 60-day notice shall be given prior to the termination of this Agreement.

THEREFORE, each party has caused this Agreement to be executed by its duly authorized representatives on the date mentioned above.

  
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State of Louisiana, Office of Coastal Protection  
and Restoration  
Executive Director

7/6/2011  
Date (Printed)

  
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FEMA Authorized Representative  
FEMA Representative Title

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