

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
COOPERATING TECHNICAL COMMUNITY
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT is made on September 5, 2000, by these parties: the City of Minot, North Dakota 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 this program is the identification and mapping of the nation's floodplains to create a broad-based awareness of the flood hazard and to provide the data necessary for community floodplain management programs and to actuarially rate flood insurance;

BECAUSE the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) administers the National Flood Insurance Program (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. Further, 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 in order to identify these floodplain areas;

BECAUSE FEMA encourages strong Federal, State, regional, and local partnerships for the purposes of reducing flood losses and disaster assistance; and 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 the City of Minot participates in the NFIP, and the City of Minot has been deemed by FEMA to be in good standing in the NFIP; and

BECAUSE the City of Minot 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 the City of Minot subject to the terms and conditions recited below.

Charles Erickson
City of Minot Authorized Representative

September 7, 2000
Date

Sherry Nahl mit Branch Chief
FEMA Authorized Representative

September 12/2000
Date

State Representative

Date

(In states where statutory and/or regulatory requirements require the state's review and/or approval of new flood hazard data, the state will be a signatory to a community's agreement.)