

**GULF COAST
COOPERATIVE ECOSYSTEM STUDIES UNIT**

**AMENDMENT EIGHT to
COOPERATIVE and JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT**

between

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

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
U.S. Forest Service, Southern Research Station
Natural Resources Conservation Service**

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

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

and

**Texas A&M AgriLife Research, Texas A&M University System (Host)
Auburn University
Louisiana State University
Mississippi State University
Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi
Texas A&M University at Galveston
Texas A&M University at Kingsville
Troy University
University of Central Florida
University of Florida
University of Georgia Research Foundation, Inc.**

**University of Louisiana at Lafayette
University of Texas - Austin
The Nature Conservancy
Stephen F. Austin State University
University of New Orleans
The University of West Florida
Tarleton State University
Sul Ross State University
University of Arkansas at Monticello
University of Arkansas, Division of Agriculture
Houston Advanced Research Center (HARC)
Southern University and A&M College
Bat Conservation International
University of Texas at Brownsville
Florida State University
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
Valdosta State University
Dauphin Island Sea Lab
Columbus State University
University of South Florida
University of Texas – Pan American
University of South Alabama
Gulf Coast Bird Observatory
Louisiana State University Agricultural Center
Lamar University
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF)
The University of Alabama
Tulane University
University of Mississippi**

**Adding:
University of Texas at Tyler**

With the exception of the changes below, all terms and conditions of the Gulf Coast CESU agreement apply to this Amendment, and this Amendment is hereby made part of the agreement.

ARTICLE I. ARTICLE I. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

O.8. University of Texas at Tyler is hereby included in the Gulf Coast CESU as a Partner Institution.

ARTICLE III. TERM OF AGREEMENT

- A.1. The effective date of the Gulf Coast CESU Cooperative and Joint Venture Agreement is 02 August 2012.
- A.2. The effective date of this amendment to the Gulf Coast CESU Cooperative and Joint Venture Agreement shall be determined from the date of the last signature.

ARTICLE IV. KEY OFFICIALS

- C.41. The representatives for University of Texas at Tyler are:

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ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES

The following authorizing signatures are attached:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

- A. Bureau of Land Management
- B. U.S. Geological Survey
- C. National Park Service
- D. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- E. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

- F. U.S. Forest Service
- G. Natural Resources Conservation Service

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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

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

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

J. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

K. National Aeronautics and Space Administration

L. Texas A&M AgriLife Research (Host)

M. Auburn University

N. Louisiana State University

O. Mississippi State University

P. Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi

Q. Texas A&M University at Galveston

R. Texas A&M University at Kingsville

S. Troy University

T. University of Central Florida

U. University of Florida

V. University of Georgia Research Foundation, Inc.

W. University of Louisiana at Lafayette

X. University of Texas - Austin

Y. The Nature Conservancy

Z. Stephen F. Austin State University

AA. University of New Orleans

BB. The University of West Florida

CC. Tarleton State University

DD. Sul Ross State University

EE. University of Arkansas at Monticello

FF. University of Arkansas, Division of Agriculture

GG. Houston Advanced Research Center (HARC)

HH. Southern University and A&M College

II. Bat Conservation International

JJ. University of Texas at Brownsville

KK. Florida State University

LL. University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

MM. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

NN. Valdosta State University

OO. Dauphin Island Sea Lab

PP. Columbus State University

QQ. University of South Florida

RR. University of Texas – Pan American

SS. University of South Alabama

TT. Gulf Coast Bird Observatory

UU. Louisiana State University Agricultural Center

VV. Lamar University

- WW. Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF)
- XX. The University of Alabama
- YY. Tulane University
- ZZ. University of Mississippi
- AAA. University of Texas at Tyler**

ARTICLE XIV. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

A. Bureau of Land Management

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State Director, Eastern States

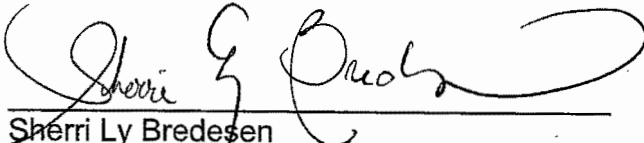
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Lisa Clayton
Grants Management Officer

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B. U.S. Geological Survey

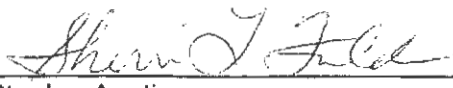


Sherri Ly Bredesen
Contracting Officer


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C. National Park Service

for 
Stanley Austin
Regional Director

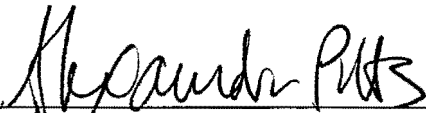
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D. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

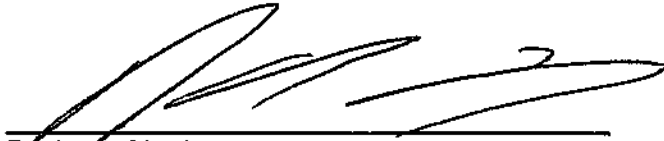


Alexandra Pitts
Deputy Regional Director

2.10.15
Date

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E. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management



Rodney Cluck
Chief, Division of Environmental Sciences

1/13/15
Date

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F. U.S. Forest Service

Robert L. Doudrick

Robert L. Doudrick
Station Director

01/12/2015

Date

The authority and format of this instrument has been reviewed and approved for award.

Joyce M. Gorgas

Joyce M. Gorgas
Lead Grants Management Specialist

1/12/2015

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G. Natural Resources Conservation Service

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Gayle N. Barry
Deputy Chief for Management

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**H. Department of Defense, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense
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I. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Civil Works



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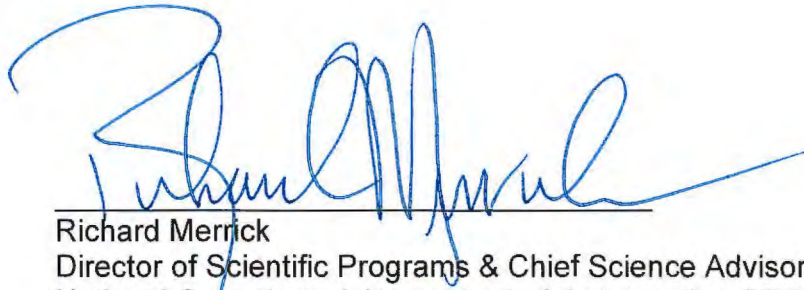
Deanna Sontag
Grants Officer

9 Feb 2015

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J. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration



Richard Merrick
Director of Scientific Programs & Chief Science Advisor
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration CESU Lead

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K. National Aeronautics and Space Administration

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Olga M. Dominguez
Assistant Administrator for Strategic Infrastructure

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L. Texas A&M AgriLife Research (Host)



Craig L. Nessler
Director

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M. Auburn University



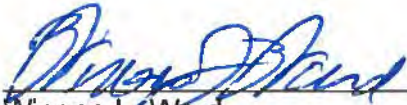
Gene Taylor
Associate Director, Office of Sponsored Programs

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Date

FOR: **John M. Mason**
 Vice President for Research
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N. Louisiana State University



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Executive Director, Sponsored Programs

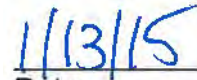
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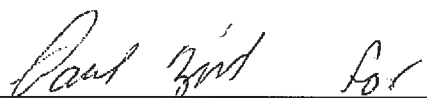
Jennifer Easley
Director of Sponsored Programs Administration



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P. Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi



Dr. Luis A. Cifuentes
Vice President of Research, Commercialization & Outreach

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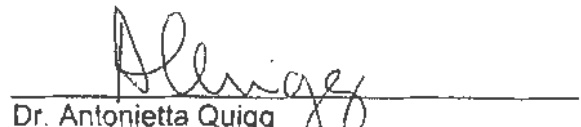
Q. Texas A&M University on behalf of Texas A&M University at Galveston


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Director – Contracts & Grants

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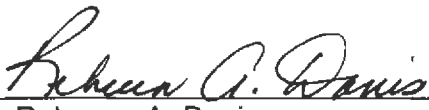
Recommended for Approval:


Dr. Antonietta Quigg
Associate Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies
Texas A&M University at Galveston

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R. Texas A&M University at Kingsville

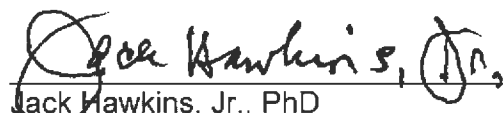


Dr. Rebecca A. Davis
Interim Director, ORSP

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S. Troy University



Jack Hawkins, Jr., PhD
Chancellor

1-13-2015
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T. University of Central Florida

Tamara E. Gabrus
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Sr. Contract Manager

Date 1/20/2015

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U. University of Florida

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Brian Prindle
Associate Director of Research

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V. University of Georgia Research Foundation, Inc.



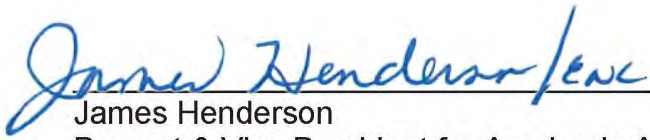
Jacob Maas
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W. University of Louisiana at Lafayette


James Henderson
Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs


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X. University of Texas – Austin



David K. Hawkins
Associate Director
Office of Sponsored Projects

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Y. The Nature Conservancy



John S. C. Herron
Texas Sr. Director of Conservation Programs



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Z. Stephen F. Austin State University



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President

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AA. University of New Orleans



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Vice President for Business Affairs

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BB. The University of West Florida

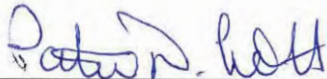


Richard S. Podemski, PhD
Associate Vice President for Research



Date

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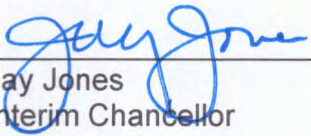
DD. Sul Ross State University

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Bill Kibler
President

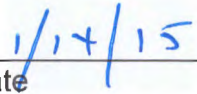
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EE. University of Arkansas at Monticello



Jay Jones
Interim Chancellor



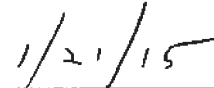
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FF.University of Arkansas, Division of Agriculture



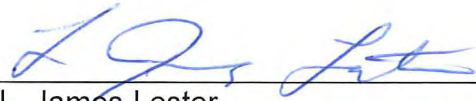
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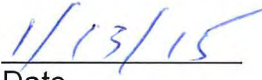
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GG. Houston Advanced Research Center (HARC)



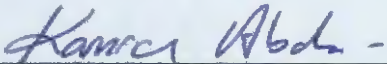
L. James Lester
President



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HH. Southern University and A&M College



Kamran Abdollahi, Ph.D.
Program Leader and Graduate Director
Urban Forestry

1/13/15
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Mr. Flandus McClinton, Jr.
Acting Chancellor

1/13/15
Date

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II. Bat Conservation International


Mylea Bayless
Director Conservation

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JJ. University of Texas at Brownsville

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Alan F.J. Artibise, Ph.D.
Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

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KK. Florida State University

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Gary K. Ostrander
Vice President for Research

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LL.University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

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Laurence B. Alexander
Chancellor

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MM. Texas AgriLife Extension Service




Douglas L. Steele
Director

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NN. Valdosta State University

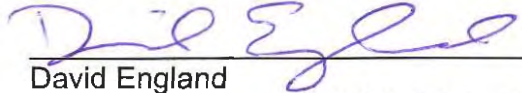


William J. McKinney, Ph.D
President

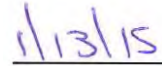
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OO. Dauphin Island Sea Lab



David England
Director of Finance and Administration



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PP. Columbus State University

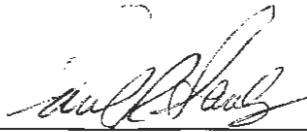


Dr. Tina Butcher
Interim Provost/VPAA

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QQ. University of South Florida Board of Trustees, a public body corporate

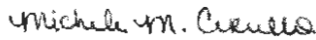


Paul R. Sanberg, Ph.D., D.Sc.
Senior Vice President
Research & Innovation

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Michele Corallo, JD
Associate General Counsel - University of South Florida


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RR. University of Texas – Pan American



Martin V. Baylor
Vice President for Business Affairs

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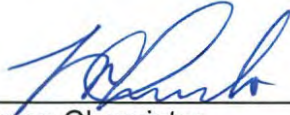


Seyed Sadiq Shah, Ph.D.
Vice Provost for Research and Sponsored Projects

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SS. University of South Alabama



Lynne Chronister
Vice President Research and Economic Development

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TT. Gulf Coast Bird Observatory

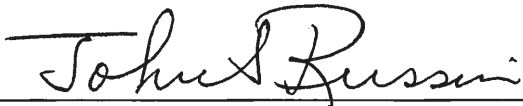
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Cecilia M. Riley
Executive Director

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UU. Louisiana State University Agricultural Center




William B. Richardson
Chancellor

20 Jan 2015
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VV. Lamar University



Peter J. Kelleher
Associate Provost for Research

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WW. Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF)

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Robert J. Barham
Secretary

Date

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XX. The University of Alabama

Dr. Carl A. Pinkert

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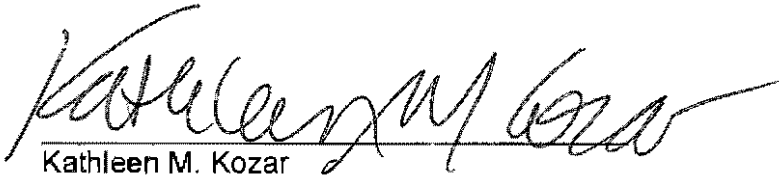
Dr. Carl A. Pinkert
Vice President for Research

January 13, 2015

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YY. Tulane University



Kathleen M. Kozar
Director, Sponsored Projects Administration

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ZZ. University of Mississippi

Robin C. Buchannon

~~Mickey McLaurin~~
~~Director, Sponsored Programs Administration~~

Robin C. Buchannon
Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research and Sponsored Programs

2-9-15
Date

ARTICLE XIV. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

AAA. University of Texas at Tyler



[print name]: Dr. Michael Odell

[print title]: Vice President for Research & Technology Transfer

January 5, 2015

Date