

**GULF COAST  
COOPERATIVE ECOSYSTEM STUDIES UNIT**

**AMENDMENT TWO TO  
COOPERATIVE and JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT**

between

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

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

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

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for  
Energy, Installations, and Environment  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers–Civil Works**

**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

and

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM (HOST)  
Texas A&M AgriLife Research – Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute (lead)  
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service  
Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station  
Texas A&M University–College Station  
Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi  
Texas A&M University at Galveston  
Texas A&M University–Kingsville  
Texas A&M University–San Antonio  
Tarleton State University**

**Auburn University  
Columbus State University  
Florida State University  
Houston Advanced Research Center  
Lamar University  
Louisiana State University  
Louisiana State University Agricultural Center  
Mississippi State University  
New College of Florida  
Sam Houston State University  
Southern University and A&M College  
Stephen F. Austin State University  
Sul Ross State University  
Troy University  
Tulane University  
University of Alabama  
University of Arkansas at Monticello  
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff  
University of Arkansas, Division of Agriculture  
University of Florida  
University of Georgia Research Foundation, Inc.  
University of Louisiana at Lafayette  
University of Mississippi  
University of New Orleans  
University of South Alabama  
University of South Florida  
University of Southern Mississippi  
University of Texas at Austin  
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
University of Texas at Tyler  
University of West Florida  
Valdosta State University  
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Bat Conservation International  
Dauphin Island Sea Lab  
Gulf Coast Bird Observatory  
The Nature Conservancy–Texas  
Three Rivers Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.  
White Buffalo, Inc.  
Ducks Unlimited, Inc.  
St. Edward's University**

**Adding:  
Quest Foundation**

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

## **ARTICLE I. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES**

O.0. Section O. (Host University) is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

O. Host University. The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) (hereinafter called Host University) participates in the Gulf Coast CESU. The following TAMUS institutions and agencies are participants under this Cooperative and Joint Venture Agreement: Texas A&M AgriLife Research, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station, Texas A&M University–College Station, Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi, Texas A&M University at Galveston, Texas A&M University–Kingsville, Texas A&M University–San Antonio, and Tarleton State University. Texas A&M AgriLife Research, through the Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute (NRI), will serve as the administrative lead on behalf of the Texas A&M University System. Texas A&M University and Texas A&M AgriLife Research are dedicated to the discovery, development, communication, and application of knowledge in a wide range of academic and professional fields. Texas A&M University’s mission of providing the highest quality undergraduate and graduate programs is inseparable from its mission of developing new understandings through research and creativity. It prepares students to assume roles of leadership, responsibility, and service to society. It welcomes and seeks to serve persons of all racial, ethnic, and geographic groups, women and men alike, as it addresses the needs of an increasingly diverse population and a global economy. NRI is an organizational component of the Agricultural Program of the Texas A&M University System. Its purpose is to coordinate, strengthen, and integrate inter- and multi-disciplinary approaches to natural resource issues by providing a forum for quality research, teaching, and extension programs to explore the structure, function, and sustainable use of natural resources in Texas, the nation, and the world. NRI has been administrative lead for the Gulf Coast CESU since its inception.

P.2. The Quest Foundation 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 2017.

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.51. The technical representative for the Quest Foundation is as follows:

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#### **ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES**

Per Article III.C., the following authorizing signatures are attached:

M. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM (HOST)  
Texas A&M AgriLife Research, Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute  
LLL. Quest Foundation

**ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)**

M. Texas A&M AgriLife Research, on behalf of Texas A&M University System (HOST)



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Dr. Patrick Stover  
Vice Chancellor and Dean for Agriculture and Life Sciences

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11/15/18

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Date

**ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)**

LLL. Quest Foundation

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James Valentine  
President

*James Valentine*

11-09-2018  
Date