

**GULF COAST
COOPERATIVE ECOSYSTEM STUDIES UNIT**

**AMENDMENT FOUR 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
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
Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency**

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
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**

**Alcorn State University
Arkansas State University
Auburn University
Columbus State University
Eckerd College
Florida State University
Houston Advanced Research Center
Jackson State University
Lamar University
Louisiana State University
Louisiana State University Agricultural Center
Mississippi State University
New College of Florida
Nicholls State University
Saint Edward's University
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 Louisiana at Monroe
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
The University of West Alabama
University of West Florida
Valdosta State University
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Mississippi Department of Archives and History
Bat Conservation International
Dauphin Island Sea Lab**

Ducks Unlimited, Inc.
Gulf Coast Bird Observatory
The Longleaf Alliance
~~**Quest Foundation**~~ [dissolved]
The Nature Conservancy–Texas
Three Rivers Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.
White Buffalo, Inc.
Wildlands Conservation, Inc.
Pontchartrain Conservancy
The Rattlesnake Conservancy
Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
American Bird Conservancy

Adding:
Alabama A&M University
The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois (on
behalf of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign)

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

Q.4. Alabama A&M University and The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois (on behalf of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign) are hereby included in the Gulf Coast CESU as Partner Institutions.

ARTICLE III. TERM OF AGREEMENT

- A.1. The effective date of the Gulf Coast CESU Cooperative and Joint Venture Agreement is 02 August 2022.
- 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.66. The representatives for Alabama A&M University are as follows:

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- C.67. The representatives for The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois (on behalf of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign) are as follows:

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ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES

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

- N. Texas A&M AgriLife Research, on behalf of TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM (HOST)
- BBBB. Alabama A&M University
- CCCC. The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois
(on behalf of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign)

ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

N. Texas A&M AgriLife Research, on behalf of TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
(HOST)

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July 24, 2024 | 11:49 AM PDT

Debra A. Cummings
Assistant Director, Agency and CFO
Texas A&M AgriLife Research

Date



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ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

BBBB. Alabama A&M University

Tyretira Jackson

Tyretira Jackson
Interim Executive Director and Senior Grants Administrator
Office of Sponsored Programs

8/7/24

Date

ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

CCCC. The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois
(on behalf of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign)

Paul N. Ellinger

Paul N. Ellinger
Comptroller
The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois

07/31/2024

Date

Robin Beach

Robin Beach, Director Pre-Award
Comptroller Delegate