

## **COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**

**Between**

**THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

**And**

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY**

This Cooperative Agreement is entered into by and between the North Carolina State University (hereinafter also known as the Cooperator) and the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service (hereinafter also known as the Service).

### **ARTICLE I – BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES**

The Service and the Cooperator mutually desire to cooperate in executing this Cooperative Agreement (hereinafter also known as the Agreement) as succeeding Cooperative Agreement 4000-7-9003 dated June 6, 1997, in order to continue the conduct of scientific research, monitoring, and interpretive activities related to the protection and management of natural and cultural resources of the National Park System and other similar areas elsewhere.

The Cooperator is organized and maintained to conduct a program of education, research, and extension designed to benefit all people of the state and has several disciplines and degree programs that prepare students for careers in environmental management and governmental services and conduct studies over the broad spectrum of natural, cultural, social and management sciences.

Such studies, whether performed and/or financed by the Service, the Cooperator, or other institutions or persons, will be valuable to the educational and research programs of the Cooperator and will be valuable and necessary for the management of the areas and resources under the jurisdiction of the Service.

Both parties to this Cooperative Agreement desire to cooperate with one another for their mutual benefit and for the general benefit of the people of the United States and future generations.

It is contemplated that there will be substantial involvement, as specified in Article III of this Cooperative Agreement, by the Service in the work of the Cooperator.

In the interest of the mutual advantage in attainment of common objectives, the parties hereto desire to cooperate and mutually agree to develop specific working Task Agreements and workplans for research and training activities relating to the protection of the natural and cultural resources of the Service.

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**ARTICLE VI – AWARD AND PAYMENT**

The commitment of funds in furtherance of this Cooperative Agreement will be authorized by individual Task Agreements issued against this Cooperative Agreement identifying each project or group of projects, amount of requested financial assistance, and any other special terms or conditions applicable to that project.

The Cooperator shall be reimbursed for indirect costs at the negotiated rate of 14.0 percent of Modified Total Direct Costs for each Task Agreement. The Cooperator will contribute the balance of its standard indirect cost rate as services-in-kind support to each individual Task Agreement. The negotiated indirect cost rate of 14 percent does not apply to agreements, purchase orders, or contracts between the Cooperator and the Service which are not conducted as part of this Cooperative Agreement.

The Cooperator will submit requests for reimbursement on Standard Form 270 (SF-270), Request for Advance or Reimbursement, original and two copies, to the Service's key official. Payment will be made no more frequently than quarterly and will be paid by Electronic Funds Transfer.

**ARTICLE VII – PRIOR APPROVAL**

Not applicable.

**ARTICLE VIII – REPORTS AND/OR DELIVERABLES**

- A. Specific projects or activities for which funds are advanced will be tracked and reported by submittal of Standard Form 272, Federal Transaction Report, and quarterly submittal of Standard Form 269, Financial Status Report, as outlined in 43 *CFR* § 12.952.
- B. Reports and other deliverable items shall be defined within each Task Agreement. Deliverables may include, but not be restricted to, performance and technical reports, oral briefings, photographs, slides, maps, and data. The delivery schedule and receiving location of reports and other deliverables shall be set forth in each Task Agreement.