

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
AND
ASCENSION PARISH GOVERNMENT
FOR
DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION
ASSISTANCE
FOR THE
ASCENSION PARISH ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE – HILLARYVILLE
EFFLUENT DISCHARGE PROJECT IN DARROW, LOUISIANA

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into this 8th day of August, 2016, by and between the Department of the Army (hereinafter the “Government”), represented by the U.S. Army Engineer, New Orleans District and Ascension Parish Government (hereinafter the “Non-Federal Sponsor”), represented by the Parish President.

WITNESSETH, THAT:

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Army is authorized to provide design and construction assistance for designated water-related environmental infrastructure and resource protection and development projects pursuant to Section 219 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992, Public Law 102-580, as amended (hereinafter the “Section 219 Program”);

WHEREAS, the provision of design and construction assistance for the Baton Rouge, Louisiana (hereinafter the “Section 219 Assistance Project”) at the parishes of East Baton Rouge, Ascension, and Livingston, Louisiana was authorized by Section 219(f)(21) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992, Public Law 102-580, as amended;

WHEREAS, the Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor desire to enter into an agreement (hereinafter the “Agreement”) for the provision of design and construction assistance for the Ascension Parish Environmental Infrastructure – Hillaryville Effluent Discharge Project in Darrow, Louisiana (an element of the Section 219 Assistance Project and hereinafter the “*Project*”, as defined in Article I.A. of this Agreement);

WHEREAS, Section 219 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992, Public Law 102-580, as amended, specifies the cost-sharing requirements applicable to the *Project*;

WHEREAS, Section 219(f)(21) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992, Public Law 102-580, as amended, provides that \$35,000,000 in Federal funds is authorized for design and construction assistance for the Section 219 Assistance Project;

WHEREAS, the Government and Non-Federal Sponsor have the full authority and capability to perform as hereinafter set forth and intend to cooperate in cost-sharing and financing of the *Project* in accordance with the terms of this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor, in connection with this Agreement, desire to foster a partnering strategy and a working relationship between the Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor through a mutually developed formal strategy of commitment and communication embodied herein, which creates an environment where trust and teamwork prevent disputes, foster a cooperative bond between the Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor, and facilitate the successful implementation of the *Project*.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor agree as follows:

ARTICLE I - DEFINITIONS

A. The term “*Project*” shall mean rehabilitation of an existing wastewater effluent pump station; and a new 8 inch forcemain approximately 4,412 feet in length as necessary to discharge treated wastewater from the pump station to the Mississippi River as generally described in the Environmental Infrastructure, Design and Construction Assistance for Ascension Parish, Louisiana, Sewer Forcemain and Pump Station at the Hillaryville Effluent Discharge Project Letter Report, dated June 01, 2016 and approved by U.S. Army Engineer, New Orleans District on June 20, 2016.

B. The term “*total project costs*” shall mean the sum of all costs incurred by the Non-Federal Sponsor and the Government in accordance with the terms of this Agreement directly related to design and construction of the *Project*. Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, the term shall include, but is not necessarily limited to: the Government’s design costs not incurred pursuant to any other agreement for the *Project*; the Government’s costs of preparation of environmental compliance documentation in accordance with Article II.A.2. of this Agreement; the Non-Federal Sponsor’s and the Government’s costs of investigations to identify the existence and extent of hazardous substances in accordance with Article XIII.A. of this Agreement; the Government’s costs of historic preservation activities in accordance with Article XVI.A. and Article XVI.B.1. of this Agreement; the Government’s actual construction costs; the Government’s supervision and administration costs; the Government’s costs of contract dispute settlements or awards; and the value of lands, easements, rights-of-way, and *relocations* for which the Government affords credit in accordance with Article IV of this Agreement but not to exceed 25 percent of *total project costs*. The term does not include any costs for operation, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of the *Project*; any costs of *betterments* under Article II.H.2. of this Agreement; any costs of dispute resolution under Article VI of this Agreement; any costs for participation in the Project Coordination Team; any costs for audit; the Government’s costs for data recovery activities associated with historic preservation in accordance with Article XVI.B.2. and Article XVI.B.3. of this Agreement; or the Non-Federal Sponsor’s costs of negotiating this Agreement.

C. The term “*period of design and construction*” shall mean the time from the effective date of this Agreement to the date that construction of the *Project* is complete, as determined by the Government, or the date that this Agreement is terminated in accordance with Article II.C. or Article XII or Article XIII.C. of this Agreement, whichever is earlier.

D. The term “*financial obligations for design and construction*” shall mean the financial obligations of the Government that result or would result in costs that are or would be included in *total project costs* except for obligations pertaining to the provision of lands, easements, and rights-of-way, and the performance of *relocations*.

E. The term “*non-Federal proportionate share*” shall mean the ratio of the Non-Federal Sponsor’s total contribution of funds required by Article II.B.2. of this Agreement to *financial obligations for design and construction*, as projected by the Government.

F. The term “*highway*” shall mean any highway, roadway, street, or way, including any bridge thereof, which is owned by a public entity.

G. The term “*relocation*” shall mean providing a functionally equivalent facility to the owner of a utility, cemetery, *highway*, railroad, or public facility when such action is authorized in accordance with applicable legal principles of just compensation. Providing a functionally equivalent facility may take the form of alteration, lowering, raising, or replacement and attendant demolition of the affected facility or part thereof.

H. The term “*betterment*” shall mean a difference in the design or construction of an element of the *Project* that results from the application of standards that the Government determines exceed those that the Government would otherwise apply to the design or construction of that element. The term does not include any design or construction for features not included in the *Project* as defined in paragraph A. of this Article.

I. The term “*Federal program funds*” shall mean funds provided by a Federal agency, other than the Department of the Army, plus any non-Federal contribution required as a matching share therefor.

J. The term “*Section 219 Project Limit*” shall mean the statutory limitation on the Government’s financial participation in the design and construction of the Section 219 Assistance Project as specified in Section 219(f) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992, Public Law 102-580, as amended. As of the effective date of this Agreement, such limitation is \$35,000,000.

K. The term “*fiscal year*” shall mean one year beginning on October 1 and ending on September 30.

ARTICLE II - OBLIGATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR

A. The Government, subject to receiving funds appropriated by the Congress of the United States (hereinafter the “Congress”) and using those funds and funds provided by the Non-Federal Sponsor, expeditiously shall design and construct the *Project*, applying those procedures usually applied to Federal projects, in accordance with Federal laws, regulations, and policies.

1. The Government shall not issue the solicitation for the first contract for design of the *Project* or commence design of the *Project* using the Government’s own forces until the Non-Federal Sponsor has confirmed in writing its willingness to proceed with the *Project*.

2. The Government shall develop and coordinate as required, an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact or an Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision, as necessary, to inform the public regarding the environmental impacts of the *Project* in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (hereinafter “NEPA”) (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370e). However, the Government shall not issue the solicitation for the first construction contract for the *Project* or commence construction of the *Project* using the Government’s own forces until all applicable environmental laws and regulations have been complied with, including, but not limited to NEPA and Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1341).

3. The Government shall afford the Non-Federal Sponsor the opportunity to review and comment on the solicitations for all contracts, including relevant plans and specifications, prior to the Government’s issuance of such solicitations. To the extent possible, the Government shall afford the Non-Federal Sponsor the opportunity to review and comment on all proposed contract modifications, including change orders. In any instance where providing the Non-Federal Sponsor with notification of a contract modification is not possible prior to execution of the contract modification, the Government shall provide such notification in writing at the earliest date possible. To the extent possible, the Government also shall afford the Non-Federal Sponsor the opportunity to review and comment on all contract claims prior to resolution thereof. The Government shall consider in good faith the comments of the Non-Federal Sponsor, but the contents of solicitations, award of contracts or commencement of design or construction using the Government’s own forces, execution of contract modifications, resolution of contract claims, and performance of all work on the *Project* shall be exclusively within the control of the Government.

4. At the time the U.S. Army Engineer, New Orleans District (hereinafter the “District Engineer”) furnishes the contractor with the Government’s Written Notice of Acceptance of Completed Work for each contract awarded by the Government for the *Project*, the District Engineer shall furnish a copy thereof to the Non-Federal Sponsor.

B. The Non-Federal Sponsor shall contribute 25 percent of *total project costs* in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.

1. In accordance with Article III of this Agreement, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall provide all lands, easements, and rights-of-way, including those required for *relocations*, the borrowing of material, and the disposal of dredged or excavated material, and shall perform or ensure performance of all *relocations* that the Government determines to be required or to be necessary for construction, operation, and maintenance of the *Project*.

2. The Non-Federal Sponsor shall provide funds in accordance with Article V.B. of this Agreement in the amount necessary to meet the Non-Federal Sponsor's required share of 25 percent of *total project costs* if the Government projects at any time that the collective value of the following contributions will be less than such required share: (a) the value of the Non-Federal Sponsor's contributions under paragraph B.1. of this Article, as determined in accordance with Article IV of this Agreement that do not exceed 25 percent of *total project costs*; and (b) the value of the Non-Federal Sponsor's contributions under Article XIII.A. of this Agreement.

3. The Government, subject to the availability of funds and as limited by the *Section 219 Project Limit*, shall refund or reimburse to the Non-Federal Sponsor any contributions in excess of 25 percent of *total project costs* if the Government determines at any time that the collective value of the following contributions has exceeded 25 percent of *total project costs*: (a) the value of the Non-Federal Sponsor's contributions under paragraph B.2. of this Article; (b) the value of the Non-Federal Sponsor's contributions under paragraph B.1. of this Article, as determined in accordance with Article IV of this Agreement that do not exceed 25 percent of *total project costs*; and (c) the value of the Non-Federal Sponsor's contributions under Article XIII.A. of this Agreement.

C. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, Federal financial participation in the *Project* is limited by the following provisions of this paragraph.

1. As of the effective date of this Agreement, \$9,527,152 of Federal funds have been provided by Congress for the Section 219 Assistance Project of which \$1,300,000 is currently projected to be available for the *Project*. The Government makes no commitment to request Congress to provide additional Federal funds for the Section 219 Assistance Project or the *Project*. Further, the Government's financial participation in the *Project* is limited to the Federal funds that the Government makes available to the *Project*.

2. In the event the Government projects that the amount of Federal funds the Government will make available to the *Project* through the then-current *fiscal year*, or the amount of Federal funds the Government will make available for the *Project* through the upcoming *fiscal year*, is not sufficient to meet the Federal share of *total project costs* and the Federal share of costs for data recovery activities associated with historic preservation in accordance with Article XVI.B.2. and Article XVI.B.3. of this Agreement

that the Government projects to be incurred through the then-current or upcoming *fiscal year*, as applicable, the Government shall notify the Non-Federal Sponsor in writing of such insufficiency of funds and of the date the Government projects that the Federal funds that will have been made available to the *Project* will be exhausted. Upon the exhaustion of Federal funds made available by the Government to the *Project*, future performance under this Agreement shall be suspended and the parties shall proceed in accordance with Article XII.B. of this Agreement.

3. If the Government determines that the total amount of Federal funds provided by Congress for the Section 219 Assistance Project has reached the *Section 219 Project Limit*, and the Government projects that the Federal funds the Government will make available to the *Project* within the *Section 219 Project Limit* will not be sufficient to meet the Federal share of *total project costs* and the Federal share of costs for data recovery activities associated with historic preservation in accordance with Article XVI.B.2. and Article XVI.B.3. of this Agreement, the Government shall notify the Non-Federal Sponsor in writing of such insufficiency of funds and of the date the Government projects that the Federal funds that will have been made available to the *Project* will be exhausted. Upon the exhaustion of Federal funds made available by the Government to the *Project* within the *Section 219 Project Limit*, the parties shall terminate this Agreement and proceed in accordance with Article XII.E. of this Agreement.

D. When the District Engineer determines that the entire *Project*, or a portion thereof, is complete, the District Engineer shall so notify the Non-Federal Sponsor in writing and furnish the Non-Federal Sponsor with a final Operation, Maintenance, Repair, Rehabilitation, and Replacement Manual (hereinafter the “OMRR&R Manual”) or, if the final OMRR&R Manual is not available, an interim OMRR&R Manual for the entire *Project* or such completed portion. Upon such notification, the Government also shall furnish to the Non-Federal Sponsor a copy of all final as-built drawings for the entire *Project* or such completed portion if such drawings are available. Not later than 6 months after such notification by the Government that the entire *Project* is complete, the Government shall furnish the Non-Federal Sponsor with the final OMRR&R Manual and all final as-built drawings for the entire *Project*. In the event the final OMRR&R Manual or all final as-built drawings for the entire *Project* cannot be completed within the 6 month period, the Government shall provide written notice to the Non-Federal Sponsor, and the Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor shall negotiate an acceptable completion date for furnishing such documents. Further, after completion of all contracts for the *Project*, copies of all of the Government’s Written Notices of Acceptance of Completed Work for all contracts for the *Project* that have not been provided previously shall be provided to the Non-Federal Sponsor.

E. Upon notification from the District Engineer in accordance with paragraph D. of this Article, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall operate, maintain, repair, rehabilitate, and replace the entire *Project*, or the completed portion thereof as the case may be, in accordance with Article VII of this Agreement.

F. Upon conclusion of the *period of design and construction*, the Government shall conduct an accounting, in accordance with Article V.C. of this Agreement, and furnish the results to the Non-Federal Sponsor.

G. The Non-Federal Sponsor shall not use *Federal program funds* to meet any of its obligations for the *Project* under this Agreement unless the Federal agency providing the Federal portion of such funds verifies in writing that expenditure of such funds for such purpose is expressly authorized by Federal law.

H. The Non-Federal Sponsor may request the Government to perform or provide, on behalf of the Non-Federal Sponsor, one or more of the services (hereinafter the “additional work”) described in this paragraph. Such requests shall be in writing and shall describe the additional work requested to be performed or provided. If in its sole discretion the Government elects to perform or provide the requested additional work or any portion thereof, it shall so notify the Non-Federal Sponsor in a writing that sets forth any applicable terms and conditions, which must be consistent with this Agreement. In the event of conflict between such a writing and this Agreement, this Agreement shall control. The Non-Federal Sponsor shall be solely responsible for all costs of the additional work performed or provided by the Government under this paragraph and shall pay all such costs in accordance with Article V.D. of this Agreement.

1. Acquisition of lands, easements, and rights-of-way or performance of *relocations* for the *Project*. Notwithstanding acquisition of lands, easements, and rights-of-way or performance of *relocations* by the Government, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall be responsible, as between the Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor, for any costs of cleanup and response in accordance with Article XIII.C. of this Agreement.

2. Inclusion of *betterments* in the design or construction of the *Project*. In the event the Government elects to include any such *betterments*, the Government shall allocate the costs of the *Project* features that include *betterments* between *total project costs* and the costs of the *betterments*.

I. In addition to the ongoing, regular discussions of the parties in the delivery of the *Project*, the Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor may establish a Project Coordination Team to discuss significant issues or actions. The Government’s costs for participation on the Project Coordination Team shall not be included in the design and construction costs that are cost shared but shall be included in calculating the *Section 219 Project Limit*. The Non-Federal Sponsor’s costs for participation on the Project Coordination Team shall not be included in the design and construction costs that are cost shared and shall be paid solely by the Non-Federal Sponsor without reimbursement or credit by the Government.

ARTICLE III - LANDS, EASEMENTS, RIGHTS-OF-WAY, RELOCATIONS, AND
COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 91-646, AS AMENDED

A. The Government, after consultation with the Non-Federal Sponsor, shall determine the lands, easements, and rights-of-way required for construction, operation, and maintenance of the *Project*, including those required for *relocations*, the borrowing of material, and the disposal of dredged or excavated material. The Government in a timely manner shall provide the Non-Federal Sponsor with general written descriptions, including maps as appropriate, of the lands, easements, and rights-of-way that the Government determines the Non-Federal Sponsor must provide, in detail sufficient to enable the Non-Federal Sponsor to fulfill its obligations under this paragraph, and shall provide the Non-Federal Sponsor with a written notice to proceed with acquisition of such lands, easements, and rights-of-way. Prior to the issuance of the solicitation for each Government contract for construction of the *Project*, or prior to the Government incurring any *financial obligations for design and construction* of a portion of the *Project* using the Government's own forces, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall acquire all lands, easements, and rights-of-way the Government determines the Non-Federal Sponsor must provide for that work and shall provide the Government with authorization for entry thereto. Furthermore, prior to the end of the *period of design and construction*, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall acquire all lands, easements, and rights-of-way required for construction, operation, and maintenance of the *Project*, as set forth in such descriptions, and shall provide the Government with authorization for entry thereto. The Non-Federal Sponsor shall ensure that lands, easements, and rights-of-way that the Government determines to be required for the *Project* and that were provided by the Non-Federal Sponsor are retained in public ownership for uses compatible with the authorized purposes of the *Project*.

B. The Government, after consultation with the Non-Federal Sponsor, shall determine the *relocations* necessary for construction, operation, and maintenance of the *Project*, including those necessary to enable the borrowing of material or the disposal of dredged or excavated material. The Government in a timely manner shall provide the Non-Federal Sponsor with general written descriptions, including maps as appropriate, of such *relocations* in detail sufficient to enable the Non-Federal Sponsor to fulfill its obligations under this paragraph, and shall provide the Non-Federal Sponsor with a written notice to proceed with such *relocations*. Prior to the issuance of the solicitation for each Government contract for construction of the *Project*, or prior to the Government incurring any *financial obligations for design and construction* of a portion of the *Project* using the Government's own forces, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall prepare or ensure the preparation of plans and specifications for, and perform or ensure the performance of, all *relocations* the Government determines to be necessary for that work. Furthermore, prior to the end of the *period of design and construction*, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall perform or ensure performance of all *relocations* as set forth in such descriptions.

C. The Non-Federal Sponsor shall comply with the applicable provisions of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, Public Law 91-646, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655), and the Uniform Regulations contained in 49 C.F.R. Part 24, in acquiring lands, easements, and rights-of-way required for

construction, operation, and maintenance of the *Project*, including those required for *relocations*, the borrowing of material, or the disposal of dredged or excavated material, and shall inform all affected persons of applicable benefits, policies, and procedures in connection with said Act.

ARTICLE IV - CREDIT FOR VALUE OF LANDS, EASEMENTS, RIGHTS-OF-WAY, AND RELOCATIONS

A. The Government shall include in *total project costs* and afford credit toward the Non-Federal Sponsor's share of *total project costs* for the value of the lands, easements, and rights-of-way that the Non-Federal Sponsor must provide pursuant to Article III.A. of this Agreement and for the value of the *relocations* that the Non-Federal Sponsor must perform or for which it must ensure performance pursuant to Article III.B. of this Agreement. However, no amount shall be included in *total project costs* and no credit shall be afforded for the value of any lands, easements, rights-of-way, or *relocations* that have been provided previously as an item of cooperation for another Federal project. In addition, no amount shall be included in *total project costs* and no credit shall be afforded for the value of lands, easements, rights-of-way, or *relocations* that were acquired or performed using *Federal program funds* unless the Federal agency providing the Federal portion of such funds verifies in writing that affording credit for the value of such items is expressly authorized by Federal law. Finally, no amount shall be included in *total project costs*, no credit shall be afforded pursuant to this Article, and no reimbursement shall be provided to the Non-Federal Sponsor, for any value in excess of 25 percent of *total project costs*.

B. The Non-Federal Sponsor in a timely manner shall provide the Government with such documents as are sufficient to enable the Government to determine the value of any contribution provided pursuant to Article III.A. or Article III.B. of this Agreement. Upon receipt of such documents, the Government in a timely manner shall determine the value of such contributions and include in *total project costs* the amount of such value that does not exceed 25 percent of *total project costs*.

C. For the purposes of determining the value to be included in *total project costs* and the amount of credit to be afforded in accordance with this Article and except as otherwise provided in paragraph E. of this Article, the value of lands, easements, and rights-of-way, including those required for *relocations*, the borrowing of material, and the disposal of dredged or excavated material, shall be the fair market value of the real property interests, plus certain incidental costs of acquiring those interests, as determined in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.

1. Date of Valuation. The fair market value of lands, easements, or rights-of-way owned by the Non-Federal Sponsor on the effective date of this Agreement shall be the fair market value of such real property interests as of the date the Non-Federal Sponsor provides the Government with authorization for entry thereto. The fair market value of lands, easements, or rights-of-way acquired by the Non-Federal Sponsor after the effective

date of this Agreement shall be the fair market value of such real property interests at the time the interests are acquired.

2. General Valuation Procedure. Except as provided in paragraph C.3. or paragraph C.5. of this Article, the fair market value of lands, easements, or rights-of-way shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.

a. The Non-Federal Sponsor shall obtain, for each real property interest, an appraisal that is prepared by a qualified appraiser who is acceptable to the Non-Federal Sponsor and the Government. The Non-Federal Sponsor shall provide the Government with the appraisal no later than 6 months after the Non-Federal Sponsor provides the Government with an authorization for entry for such real property interest. The appraisal must be prepared in accordance with the applicable rules of just compensation, as specified by the Government. The fair market value shall be the amount set forth in the Non-Federal Sponsor's appraisal, if such appraisal is approved by the Government. In the event the Government does not approve the Non-Federal Sponsor's appraisal, the Non-Federal Sponsor may obtain a second appraisal, and the fair market value shall be the amount set forth in the Non-Federal Sponsor's second appraisal, if such appraisal is approved by the Government. In the event the Government does not approve the Non-Federal Sponsor's second appraisal, the Non-Federal Sponsor chooses not to obtain a second appraisal, or the Non-Federal Sponsor does not provide the first appraisal as required in this paragraph, the Government shall obtain an appraisal, and the fair market value shall be the amount set forth in the Government's appraisal, if such appraisal is approved by the Non-Federal Sponsor. In the event the Non-Federal Sponsor does not approve the Government's appraisal, the Government, after consultation with the Non-Federal Sponsor, shall consider the Government's and the Non-Federal Sponsor's appraisals and determine an amount based thereon, which shall be deemed to be the fair market value.

b. Where the amount paid or proposed to be paid by the Non-Federal Sponsor for the real property interest exceeds the amount determined pursuant to paragraph C.2.a. of this Article, the Government, at the request of the Non-Federal Sponsor, shall consider all factors relevant to determining fair market value and, in its sole discretion, after consultation with the Non-Federal Sponsor, may approve in writing an amount greater than the amount determined pursuant to paragraph C.2.a. of this Article, but not to exceed the amount actually paid or proposed to be paid. If the Government approves such an amount, the fair market value shall be the lesser of the approved amount or the amount paid by the Non-Federal Sponsor, but no less than the amount determined pursuant to paragraph C.2.a. of this Article.

3. Eminent Domain Valuation Procedure. For lands, easements, or rights-of-way acquired by eminent domain proceedings instituted after the effective date of this Agreement, the Non-Federal Sponsor, prior to instituting such proceedings, shall submit to the Government notification in writing of its intent to institute such proceedings and an appraisal of the specific real property interests to be acquired in such proceedings. The Government shall have 60 calendar days after receipt of such a notice and appraisal within which to review the appraisal, if not previously approved by the Government in writing.

a. If the Government previously has approved the appraisal in writing, or if the Government provides written approval of, or takes no action on, the appraisal within such 60 day period, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall use the amount set forth in such appraisal as the estimate of just compensation for the purpose of instituting the eminent domain proceeding.

b. If the Government provides written disapproval of the appraisal, including the reasons for disapproval, within such 60 day period, the Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor shall consult in good faith to promptly resolve the issues or areas of disagreement that are identified in the Government's written disapproval. If, after such good faith consultation, the Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor agree as to an appropriate amount, then the Non-Federal Sponsor shall use that amount as the estimate of just compensation for the purpose of instituting the eminent domain proceeding. If, after such good faith consultation, the Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor cannot agree as to an appropriate amount, then the Non-Federal Sponsor may use the amount set forth in its appraisal as the estimate of just compensation for the purpose of instituting the eminent domain proceeding.

c. For lands, easements, or rights-of-way acquired by eminent domain proceedings instituted in accordance with paragraph C.3. of this Article, fair market value shall be either the amount of the court award for the real property interests taken, to the extent the Government determined such interests are required for construction, operation, and maintenance of the *Project*, or the amount of any stipulated settlement or portion thereof that the Government approves in writing.

4. Incidental Costs. For lands, easements, or rights-of-way acquired by the Non-Federal Sponsor within a five year period preceding the effective date of this Agreement, or at any time after the effective date of this Agreement, the value of the interest shall include the documented incidental costs of acquiring the interest, as determined by the Government, subject to an audit in accordance with Article IX.C. of this Agreement to determine reasonableness, allocability, and allowability of such costs. In the event the Government modifies its determination made pursuant to Article III.A. of this Agreement, the Government shall afford credit for the documented incidental costs associated with preparing to acquire the lands, easements, or rights-of-way identified in the original determination, subject to an audit in accordance with Article IX.C. of this Agreement to determine reasonableness, allocability, and allowability of such costs. Such incidental costs shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, closing and title costs, appraisal costs, survey costs, attorney's fees, plat maps, mapping costs, actual amounts expended for payment of any relocation assistance benefits provided in accordance with Article III.C. of this Agreement, and other payments by the Non-Federal Sponsor for items that are generally recognized as compensable, and required to be paid, by applicable state law due to the acquisition of a real property interest in accordance with Article III of this Agreement. The value of the interests provided by the Non-Federal Sponsor in accordance with Article III.A. of this Agreement shall also include the documented costs of obtaining appraisals pursuant to paragraph C.2. of this Article, as determined by the

Government, and subject to an audit in accordance with Article IX.C. of this Agreement to determine reasonableness, allocability, and allowability of such costs.

5. Waiver of Appraisal. Except as required by paragraph C.3. of this Article, the Government may waive the requirement for an appraisal pursuant to this paragraph if it determines that an appraisal is unnecessary because the valuation is uncomplicated and that the estimated fair market value of the real property interest is \$10,000 or less based upon a review of available data. In such event, the Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor must agree in writing to the value of such real property interest in an amount not in excess of \$10,000.

D. After consultation with the Non-Federal Sponsor, the Government shall determine the value of *relocations* in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.

1. For a *relocation* other than a *highway*, the value shall be only that portion of *relocation* costs that the Government determines is necessary to provide a functionally equivalent facility, reduced by depreciation, as applicable, and by the salvage value of any removed items.

2. For a *relocation* of a *highway*, the value shall be only that portion of *relocation* costs that would be necessary to accomplish the *relocation* in accordance with the design standard that the State of Louisiana would apply under similar conditions of geography and traffic load, reduced by the salvage value of any removed items.

3. *Relocation* costs shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, actual costs of performing the *relocation*; planning, engineering and design costs; supervision and administration costs; and documented incidental costs associated with performance of the *relocation*, as determined by the Government. *Relocation* costs shall not include any costs due to *betterments*, as determined by the Government, nor any additional cost of using new material when suitable used material is available. *Relocation* costs shall be subject to an audit in accordance with Article IX.C. of this Agreement to determine reasonableness, allocability, and allowability of such costs.

4. Any credit afforded under the terms of this Agreement for the value of *relocations* performed within the *Project* boundaries is subject to satisfactory compliance with applicable Federal labor laws covering non-Federal construction, including, but not limited to, 40 U.S.C. 3141-3148 and 40 U.S.C. 3701-3708 (revising, codifying and enacting without substantive change the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (formerly 40 U.S.C. 276a *et seq.*), the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (formerly 40 U.S.C. 327 *et seq.*) and the Copeland Anti-Kickback Act (formerly 40 U.S.C. 276c)). Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, credit may be withheld, in whole or in part, as a result of the Non-Federal Sponsor's failure to comply with its obligations under these laws.

E. Where the Government, on behalf of the Non-Federal Sponsor pursuant to Article II.H.1. of this Agreement, acquires lands, easements, or rights-of-way, or performs *relocations*, the value to be included in *total project costs* and the amount of credit to be

afforded in accordance with this Agreement shall be the costs of such work performed or provided by the Government that are paid by the Non-Federal Sponsor in accordance with Article V.D. of this Agreement. In addition, the value to be included in *total project costs* and the amount of such credit to be afforded in accordance with this Agreement shall include the documented costs incurred by the Non-Federal Sponsor in accordance with the terms and conditions agreed upon in writing pursuant to Article II.H.1. of this Agreement subject to an audit in accordance with Article IX.C. of this Agreement to determine reasonableness, allocability, and allowability of such costs.

ARTICLE V - METHOD OF PAYMENT

A. In accordance with the provisions of this paragraph, the Government shall maintain current records and provide to the Non-Federal Sponsor current projections of costs, financial obligations, contributions provided by the parties, and the value included in *total project costs* for lands, easements, rights-of-way, and *relocations* determined in accordance with Article IV of this Agreement.

1. As of the effective date of this Agreement, *total project costs* are projected to be \$2,296,000; the Non-Federal Sponsor's contribution of funds required by Article II.B.2. of this Agreement is projected to be \$996,010; the *non-Federal proportionate share* is projected to be 43.3 percent; the Non-Federal Sponsor's contribution of funds required by Article XVI.B.3. of this Agreement is projected to be \$0; the value included in *total project costs* for lands, easements, rights-of-way, and *relocations* determined in accordance with Article IV of this Agreement is projected to be \$200,000; and the Government's total financial obligations for the additional work to be incurred and the Non-Federal Sponsor's contribution of funds for such costs required by Article II.H. of this Agreement are projected to be \$562,676. These amounts and percentage are estimates subject to adjustment by the Government, after consultation with the Non-Federal Sponsor, and are not to be construed as the total financial responsibilities of the Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor.

2. By October 15, 2016 and by each quarterly anniversary thereof until the conclusion of the *period of design and construction* and resolution of all relevant claims and appeals and eminent domain proceedings, the Government shall provide the Non-Federal Sponsor with a report setting forth all contributions provided to date and the current projections of the following: *total project costs*; the Non-Federal Sponsor's total contribution of funds required by Article II.B.2. of this Agreement; the *non-Federal proportionate share*; the Non-Federal Sponsor's total contribution of funds required by Article XVI.B.3. of this Agreement; the value included in *total project costs* for lands, easements, rights-of-way, and *relocations* determined in accordance with Article IV of this Agreement; and the Government's total financial obligations for additional work incurred and the Non-Federal Sponsor's contribution of funds for such costs required by Article II.H. of this Agreement.

B. The Non-Federal Sponsor shall provide the contributions of funds required by Article II.B.2. and Article XVI.B.3. of this Agreement in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.

1. Not less than 60 calendar days prior to the scheduled date for issuance of the solicitation for the first contract for design of the *Project* or commencement of design of the *Project* using the Government's own forces, the Government shall notify the Non-Federal Sponsor in writing of such scheduled date and the funds the Government determines to be required from the Non-Federal Sponsor to meet its projected share under Article II.B.2. and Article XVI.B.3. of this Agreement. Not later than such scheduled date, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall provide the Government with the full amount of such required funds by delivering a check payable to "FAO, USAED, New Orleans (B2)" to the District Engineer, or verifying to the satisfaction of the Government that the Non-Federal Sponsor has deposited such required funds in an escrow or other account acceptable to the Government, with interest accruing to the Non-Federal Sponsor, or by presenting the Government with an irrevocable letter of credit acceptable to the Government for such required funds, or by providing an Electronic Funds Transfer of such required funds in accordance with procedures established by the Government.

2. The Government shall draw from the funds provided by the Non-Federal Sponsor such sums as the Government deems necessary to cover: (a) the *non-Federal proportionate share of financial obligations for design and construction* incurred prior to the commencement of the *period of design and construction*; (b) the *non-Federal proportionate share of financial obligations for design and construction as financial obligations for design and construction* are incurred; and (c) the Non-Federal Sponsor's share of financial obligations for data recovery activities associated with historic preservation pursuant to Article XVI.B.3. of this Agreement as those financial obligations are incurred. If at any time the Government determines that additional funds will be needed from the Non-Federal Sponsor to cover the Non-Federal Sponsor's share of such financial obligations, the Government shall notify the Non-Federal Sponsor in writing of the additional funds required and provide an explanation of why additional funds are required. Within 60 calendar days from receipt of such notice, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall provide the Government with the full amount of such additional required funds through any of the payment mechanisms specified in paragraph B.1. of this Article.

C. Upon conclusion of the *period of design and construction* and resolution of all relevant claims and appeals and eminent domain proceedings, the Government shall conduct a final accounting and furnish the Non-Federal Sponsor with written notice of the results of such final accounting. If outstanding relevant claims and appeals or eminent domain proceedings prevent a final accounting from being conducted in a timely manner, the Government shall conduct an interim accounting and furnish the Non-Federal Sponsor with written notice of the results of such interim accounting. Once all outstanding relevant claims and appeals and eminent domain proceedings are resolved, the Government shall amend the interim accounting to complete the final accounting and furnish the Non-Federal Sponsor with written notice of the results of such final accounting. The interim or final accounting, as applicable, shall determine *total project*

costs and the costs of any data recovery activities associated with historic preservation. In addition, for each set of costs, the interim or final accounting, as applicable, shall determine each party's required share thereof, and each party's total contributions thereto as of the date of such accounting.

1. Should the interim or final accounting, as applicable, show that the Non-Federal Sponsor's total required shares of *total project costs* and the costs of any data recovery activities associated with historic preservation exceed the Non-Federal Sponsor's total contributions provided thereto, the Non-Federal Sponsor, no later than 90 calendar days after receipt of written notice from the Government, shall make a payment to the Government in an amount equal to the difference by delivering a check payable to "FAO, USAED, New Orleans (B2)" to the District Engineer or by providing an Electronic Funds Transfer in accordance with procedures established by the Government.

2. Should the interim or final accounting, as applicable, show that the total contributions provided by the Non-Federal Sponsor for *total project costs* and the costs of any data recovery activities associated with historic preservation exceed the Non-Federal Sponsor's total required shares thereof, the Government, subject to the availability of funds and as limited by the *Section 219 Project Limit*, shall refund or reimburse the excess amount to the Non-Federal Sponsor within 90 calendar days of the date of completion of such accounting. In the event the Non-Federal Sponsor is due a refund or reimbursement and funds are not available to refund or reimburse the excess amount to the Non-Federal Sponsor, the Government shall seek such appropriations as are necessary to make the refund or reimbursement.

D. The Non-Federal Sponsor shall provide the contribution of funds required by Article II.H. of this Agreement for additional work in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.

1. Not less than 60 calendar days prior to the scheduled date for the first financial obligation for additional work, the Government shall notify the Non-Federal Sponsor in writing of such scheduled date and of the full amount of funds the Government determines to be required from the Non-Federal Sponsor to cover the costs of the additional work. No later than 30 calendar days prior to the Government incurring any financial obligation for additional work, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall provide the Government with the full amount of the funds required to cover the costs of such additional work through any of the payment mechanisms specified in paragraph B.1. of this Article.

2. The Government shall draw from the funds provided by the Non-Federal Sponsor such sums as the Government deems necessary to cover the Government's financial obligations for such additional work as they are incurred. If at any time the Government determines that the Non-Federal Sponsor must provide additional funds to pay for such additional work, the Government shall notify the Non-Federal Sponsor in writing of the additional funds required and provide an explanation of why additional funds are required. Within 30 calendar days from receipt of such notice,

the Non-Federal Sponsor shall provide the Government with the full amount of such additional required funds through any of the payment mechanisms specified in paragraph B.1. of this Article.

3. At the time the Government conducts the interim or final accounting, as applicable, the Government shall conduct an accounting of the Government's financial obligations for additional work incurred and furnish the Non-Federal Sponsor with written notice of the results of such accounting. If outstanding relevant claims and appeals or eminent domain proceedings prevent a final accounting of additional work from being conducted in a timely manner, the Government shall conduct an interim accounting of additional work and furnish the Non-Federal Sponsor with written notice of the results of such interim accounting. Once all outstanding relevant claims and appeals and eminent domain proceedings are resolved, the Government shall amend the interim accounting of additional work to complete the final accounting of additional work and furnish the Non-Federal Sponsor with written notice of the results of such final accounting. Such interim or final accounting, as applicable, shall determine the Government's total financial obligations for additional work and the Non-Federal Sponsor's contribution of funds provided thereto as of the date of such accounting.

a. Should the interim or final accounting, as applicable, show that the total obligations for additional work exceed the total contribution of funds provided by the Non-Federal Sponsor for such additional work, the Non-Federal Sponsor, no later than 90 calendar days after receipt of written notice from the Government, shall make a payment to the Government in an amount equal to the difference by delivering a check payable to "FAO, USAED, New Orleans (B2)" to the District Engineer or by providing an Electronic Funds Transfer in accordance with procedures established by the Government.

b. Should the interim or final accounting, as applicable, show that the total contribution of funds provided by the Non-Federal Sponsor for additional work exceeds the total obligations for such additional work, the Government, subject to the availability of funds, shall refund the excess amount to the Non-Federal Sponsor within 90 calendar days of the date of completion of such accounting. In the event the Non-Federal Sponsor is due a refund and funds are not available to refund the excess amount to the Non-Federal Sponsor, the Government shall seek such appropriations as are necessary to make the refund.

ARTICLE VI - DISPUTE RESOLUTION

As a condition precedent to a party bringing any suit for breach of this Agreement, that party must first notify the other party in writing of the nature of the purported breach and seek in good faith to resolve the dispute through negotiation. If the parties cannot resolve the dispute through negotiation, they may agree to a mutually acceptable method of non-binding alternative dispute resolution with a qualified third party acceptable to both parties. Each party shall pay an equal share of any costs for the

services provided by such a third party as such costs are incurred. The existence of a dispute shall not excuse the parties from performance pursuant to this Agreement.

ARTICLE VII - OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, REHABILITATION, AND REPLACEMENT (OMRR&R)

A. Upon receipt of the notification from the District Engineer in accordance with Article II.D. of this Agreement and for so long as the *Project* remains authorized, the Non-Federal Sponsor, pursuant to Article II.E. of this Agreement, shall operate, maintain, repair, rehabilitate, and replace the entire *Project* or a completed portion thereof as the case may be, at no cost to the Government. The Non-Federal Sponsor shall conduct its operation, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, and replacement responsibilities in a manner compatible with the *Project's* authorized purposes and in accordance with specific directions prescribed by the Government in the interim or final OMRR&R Manual and any subsequent amendments thereto.

B. The Non-Federal Sponsor hereby gives the Government a right to enter, at reasonable times and in a reasonable manner, upon property that the Non-Federal Sponsor now or hereafter owns or controls for access to the *Project* for the purpose of inspection, if the Government determines an inspection to be necessary. If an inspection shows that the Non-Federal Sponsor for any reason is failing to perform its obligations under this Agreement, the Government shall send a written notice describing the non-performance to the Non-Federal Sponsor.

ARTICLE VIII – HOLD AND SAVE

The Non-Federal Sponsor shall hold and save the Government free from all damages arising from design, construction, operation, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of the *Project* and any *betterments*, except for damages due to the fault or negligence of the Government or its contractors.

ARTICLE IX - MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS AND AUDIT

A. The parties shall develop procedures for the maintenance by the Non-Federal Sponsor of books, records, documents, or other evidence pertaining to costs and expenses for a minimum of three years after the final accounting. The Non-Federal Sponsor shall assure that such materials are reasonably available for examination, audit, or reproduction by the Government.

B. The Government may conduct, or arrange for the conduct of, audits of the *Project*. Government audits shall be conducted in accordance with applicable Government cost principles and regulations. The Government's costs of audits shall not

be included in *total project costs*, but shall be included in calculating the *Section 219 Project Limit*.

C. To the extent permitted under applicable Federal laws and regulations, the Government shall allow the Non-Federal Sponsor to inspect books, records, documents, or other evidence pertaining to costs and expenses maintained by the Government, or at the request of the Non-Federal Sponsor, provide to the Non-Federal Sponsor or independent auditors any such information necessary to enable an audit of the Non-Federal Sponsor's activities under this Agreement. The costs of non-Federal audits shall be paid solely by the Non-Federal Sponsor without reimbursement or credit by the Government.

ARTICLE X - FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS

In the exercise of their respective rights and obligations under this Agreement, the Non-Federal Sponsor and the Government shall comply with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, including, but not limited to: Section 601 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Public Law 88-352 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and Department of Defense Directive 5500.11 issued pursuant thereto; Army Regulation 600-7, entitled "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Assisted or Conducted by the Department of the Army"; and all applicable Federal labor standards requirements including, but not limited to, 40 U.S.C. 3141-3148 and 40 U.S.C. 3701-3708 (revising, codifying and enacting without substantive change the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (formerly 40 U.S.C. 276a *et seq.*), the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (formerly 40 U.S.C. 327 *et seq.*) and the Copeland Anti-Kickback Act (formerly 40 U.S.C. 276c)).

ARTICLE XI - RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES

A. In the exercise of their respective rights and obligations under this Agreement, the Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor each act in an independent capacity, and neither is to be considered the officer, agent, or employee of the other.

B. In the exercise of its rights and obligations under this Agreement, neither party shall provide, without the consent of the other party, any contractor with a release that waives or purports to waive any rights the other party may have to seek relief or redress against that contractor either pursuant to any cause of action that the other party may have or for violation of any law.

ARTICLE XII - TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION

A. If at any time the Non-Federal Sponsor fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) shall terminate this

Agreement or suspend future performance under this Agreement unless he determines that continuation of work on the *Project* is in the interest of the United States.

B. In the event future performance under this Agreement is suspended pursuant to Article II.C.2. of this Agreement, such suspension shall remain in effect until such time that the Government notifies the Non-Federal Sponsor in writing that sufficient Federal funds are available to meet the Federal share of *total project costs* and the Federal share of costs for data recovery activities associated with historic preservation in accordance with Article XVI.B.2. and Article XVI.B.3. of this Agreement the Government projects to be incurred through the then-current or upcoming *fiscal year*, or the Government or the Non-Federal Sponsor elects to terminate this Agreement.

C. In the event that the Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor determine to suspend future performance under this Agreement in accordance with Article XIII.C. of this Agreement, such suspension shall remain in effect until the Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor agree to proceed or to terminate this Agreement. In the event that the Government suspends future performance under this Agreement in accordance with Article XIII.C. of this Agreement due to failure to reach agreement with the Non-Federal Sponsor on whether to proceed or to terminate this Agreement, or the failure of the Non-Federal Sponsor to provide funds to pay for cleanup and response costs or to otherwise discharge the Non-Federal Sponsor's responsibilities under Article XIII.C. of this Agreement, such suspension shall remain in effect until: 1) the Government and Non-Federal Sponsor reach agreement on how to proceed or to terminate this Agreement; 2) the Non-Federal Sponsor provides funds necessary to pay for cleanup and response costs and otherwise discharges its responsibilities under Article XIII.C. of this Agreement; 3) the Government continues work on the *Project*; or 4) the Government terminates this Agreement in accordance with the provisions of Article XIII.C. of this Agreement.

D. If after completion of the design portion of the *Project* the parties mutually agree in writing not to proceed with construction of the *Project*, the parties shall conclude their activities relating to the *Project* and conduct an accounting in accordance with Article V.C. of this Agreement.

E. In the event that this Agreement is terminated pursuant to this Article or Article II.C. or Article XIII.C. of this Agreement, both parties shall conclude their activities relating to the *Project* and conduct an accounting in accordance with Article V.C. of this Agreement. To provide for this eventuality, the Government may reserve a percentage of total Federal funds made available for the *Project* and an equal percentage of the total funds contributed by the Non-Federal Sponsor in accordance with Article II.B.2. and Article XVI.B.3. of this Agreement as a contingency to pay costs of termination, including any costs of resolution of contract claims and contract modifications.

F. Any termination of this Agreement or suspension of future performance under this Agreement in accordance with this Article or Article II.C. or Article XIII.C. of this Agreement shall not relieve the parties of liability for any obligation previously incurred. Any delinquent payment owed by the Non-Federal Sponsor shall be charged interest at a

rate, to be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, equal to 150 per centum of the average bond equivalent rate of the 13 week Treasury bills auctioned immediately prior to the date on which such payment became delinquent, or auctioned immediately prior to the beginning of each additional 3 month period if the period of delinquency exceeds 3 months.

ARTICLE XIII - HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

A. After execution of this Agreement and upon direction by the District Engineer, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall perform, or ensure performance of, any investigations for hazardous substances that the Government or the Non-Federal Sponsor determines to be necessary to identify the existence and extent of any hazardous substances regulated under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (hereinafter “CERCLA”) (42 U.S.C. 9601-9675), that may exist in, on, or under lands, easements, and rights-of-way that the Government determines, pursuant to Article III of this Agreement, to be required for construction, operation, and maintenance of the *Project*. However, for lands, easements, and rights-of-way that the Government determines to be subject to the navigation servitude, only the Government shall perform such investigations unless the District Engineer provides the Non-Federal Sponsor with prior specific written direction, in which case the Non-Federal Sponsor shall perform such investigations in accordance with such written direction.

1. All actual costs incurred by the Non-Federal Sponsor for such investigations for hazardous substances shall be included in *total project costs* and shared in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, subject to an audit in accordance with Article IX.C. of this Agreement to determine reasonableness, allocability, and allowability of such costs.

2. All actual costs incurred by the Government for such investigations for hazardous substances shall be included in *total project costs* and shared in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

B. In the event it is discovered through any investigation for hazardous substances or other means that hazardous substances regulated under CERCLA exist in, on, or under any lands, easements, or rights-of-way that the Government determines, pursuant to Article III of this Agreement, to be required for construction, operation, and maintenance of the *Project*, the Non-Federal Sponsor and the Government, in addition to providing any other notice required by applicable law, shall provide prompt written notice to each other, and the Non-Federal Sponsor shall not proceed with the acquisition of the real property interests until the parties agree that the Non-Federal Sponsor should proceed.

C. The Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor shall determine whether to initiate construction of the *Project*, or, if already in construction, whether to continue with construction of the *Project*, suspend future performance under this Agreement, or terminate this Agreement for the convenience of the Government, in any case where hazardous substances regulated under CERCLA are found to exist in, on, or under any lands,

easements, or rights-of-way that the Government determines, pursuant to Article III of this Agreement, to be required for construction, operation, and maintenance of the *Project*. Should the Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor determine to initiate or continue with construction of the *Project* after considering any liability that may arise under CERCLA, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall be responsible, as between the Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor, for the costs of cleanup and response, including the costs of any studies and investigations necessary to determine an appropriate response to the contamination. Such costs shall not be considered a part of *total project costs*. In the event the Non-Federal Sponsor does not reach agreement with the Government on whether to proceed or to terminate this Agreement under this paragraph, or fails to provide any funds necessary to pay for cleanup and response costs or to otherwise discharge the Non-Federal Sponsor's responsibilities under this paragraph upon direction by the Government, the Government, in its sole discretion, may either terminate this Agreement for the convenience of the Government, suspend future performance under this Agreement, or continue work on the *Project*.

D. The Non-Federal Sponsor and the Government shall consult with each other in accordance with Article II.I. of this Agreement in an effort to ensure that responsible parties bear any necessary cleanup and response costs as defined in CERCLA. Any decision made pursuant to paragraph C. of this Article shall not relieve any third party from any liability that may arise under CERCLA.

E. As between the Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall be considered the operator of the *Project* for purposes of CERCLA liability. To the maximum extent practicable, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall operate, maintain, repair, rehabilitate, and replace the *Project* in a manner that will not cause liability to arise under CERCLA.

ARTICLE XIV - NOTICES

A. Any notice, request, demand, or other communication required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be deemed to have been duly given if in writing and delivered personally or sent by telegram or mailed by first-class, registered, or certified mail, as follows:

If to the Non-Federal Sponsor:
Parish President
Ascension Parish Government
615 E. Worthey Road
Gonzales, LA 70737

If to the Government:

District Engineer
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
ATTN: CEMVN-PM-BC
7400 Leake Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70118

B. A party may change the address to which such communications are to be directed by giving written notice to the other party in the manner provided in this Article.

C. Any notice, request, demand, or other communication made pursuant to this Article shall be deemed to have been received by the addressee at the earlier of such time as it is actually received or seven calendar days after it is mailed.

ARTICLE XV - CONFIDENTIALITY

To the extent permitted by the laws governing each party, the parties agree to maintain the confidentiality of exchanged information when requested to do so by the providing party.

ARTICLE XVI - HISTORIC PRESERVATION

A. The Government, as it determines necessary for the *Project*, shall perform any identification, survey, or evaluation of historic properties. Any costs incurred by the Government for such work shall be included in *total project costs* and shared in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

B. The Government, as it determines necessary for the *Project*, shall perform or ensure the performance of any mitigation activities or actions for historic properties or that are otherwise associated with historic preservation including data recovery activities.

1. Any costs incurred by the Government for such mitigation activities, except for data recovery activities associated with historic preservation, shall be included in *total project costs* and shared in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

2. As specified in Section 7(a) of Public Law 86-523, as amended by Public Law 93-291 (16 U.S.C. 469c(a)), the costs of data recovery activities associated with historic preservation for this *Project* and all other elements of the Section 219 Assistance Project shall be borne entirely by the Government up to the statutory limit of one percent of the total amount authorized to be appropriated to the Government for the Section 219 Assistance Project. None of the costs of data recovery activities associated with historic preservation up to such one percent limit shall be included in *total project costs*.

3. The Government shall not incur costs for data recovery activities associated with historic preservation that exceed the statutory one percent limit specified in paragraph B.2. of this Article unless and until the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) has waived that limit and the Secretary of the Interior has concurred in the waiver in accordance with Section 208(3) of Public Law 96-515, as amended (16 U.S.C. 469c-2(3)). Any costs of data recovery activities associated with historic preservation that exceed the one percent limit shall not be included in *total project costs* but shall be shared between the Non-Federal Sponsor and the Government consistent with the cost sharing requirements for the Section 219 Program, as follows: 25 percent will be borne by the Non-Federal Sponsor and 75 percent will be borne by the Government.

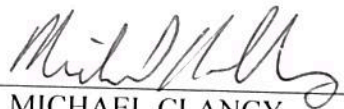
C. If, during its performance of *relocations* in accordance with Article III of this Agreement, the Non-Federal Sponsor discovers historic properties or other cultural resources that have not been evaluated by the Government pursuant to this Article, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall provide prompt written notice to the Government of such discovery. The Non-Federal Sponsor shall not proceed with performance of the *relocation* that is related to such discovery until the Government provides written notice to the Non-Federal Sponsor that it should proceed with such work.

ARTICLE XVII - THIRD PARTY RIGHTS, BENEFITS, OR LIABILITIES

Nothing in this Agreement is intended, nor may be construed, to create any rights, confer any benefits, or relieve any liability, of any kind whatsoever in any third person not party to this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement, which shall become effective upon the date it is signed by the District Engineer.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

BY: 
MICHAEL CLANCY
Colonel, Corps of
Engineers District Engineer

DATE: 8 Aug 16

ASCENSION PARISH GOVERNMENT

BY: 
KENNY MATASSA
Parish President

DATE: 1 AUG 16

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

I, O'Neil Parenton, do hereby certify that I am the principal legal officer of the Ascension Parish Government, that the Ascension Parish Government is a legally constituted public body with full authority and legal capability to perform the terms of the Agreement between the Department of the Army and the Ascension Parish Government in connection with the Ascension Parish Environmental Infrastructure – Hillaryville Effluent Discharge Project, and to pay damages, if necessary, in the event of the failure to perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and that the persons who have executed this Agreement on behalf of the Ascension Parish Government have acted within their statutory authority.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have made and executed this certification this
4th day of August 2014.



O'NEIL PARENTON
Parish Attorney

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.


KENNY MATASSA
Parish President

DATE: 4 Aug 16