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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS INSTITUTE FOR WATER RESOURCES (IWR)
AND THE
AMERICAN WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION (AWRA)

The American Water Resources Association (AWRA) and the Institute for Water Resources (IWR), of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), hereinafter jointly referred to as "the Parties":

Having a common interest in integrated water resources management (IWRM), environmentally sustainable development, and water resources education, technology transfer and capacity building;

Having independent missions, but sharing an interest in promoting scholarship, professionalism, innovation, and capacity building, towards the goal of enhancing the use of effective water resources development and management policies by working in partnership with national and international organizations;

Recognizing AWRA's mission to provide for the technical, educational and professional needs of its members; promote the sustainable use, conservation, and protection of natural resources; and promote human well-being by: advancing the knowledge and improving the understanding of relevant sciences; partnering with national and international organizations; and, providing public policy input to governmental decision makers;

Acknowledging IWR's mission as a national expertise center for IWRM, Collaborative Planning, Environmental Conflict Resolution, and Hydrologic Engineering; including a focus on policy development, education and training, international water resources and capacity building, and improving the practice of water resources planning and management in cooperation with other organizations, and including an interest in collaborating with AWRA in such partnerships;

Recognizing the benefit to each party's commitment to integrated water resources development and management through mutual cooperation and joint activities when consistent with the policies, goals and laws governing each party;

Do hereby simultaneously declare the following framework of partnership:

Article I

AWRA and IWR will use their best efforts to establish a long-term cooperation and partnership in the field of integrated water resources development and management, engineering, ecologic and scientific excellence, and capacity building. The Parties are especially interested in pursuing cooperative opportunities in the following areas of common interest:

1. Integrated water resources management (IWRM) and environmentally sustainable development
2. Infrastructure development
3. Peer review and peer support of technical products and services
4. Hydrologic, hydraulic and water resources systems analysis modeling
5. Natural disaster preparedness, prevention, mitigation, recovery and reconstruction
6. Water security, risk analysis and protection of critical water
7. Environmental protection, sanitation, water quality, hazards remediation, health and safety resources infrastructure
8. Ecosystem analysis and design, environmental restoration, eco-hydrology
9. Collaborative planning, public involvement, communications, consensus building and conflict resolution
10. Water policy dialogue and development, governance and institutional analysis
11. Capacity building, including training, technology transfer, organizational development and mentoring
12. Professional and academic standards, educational methods and systems, water resources educational program development

Article II

Each party shall designate Principal Representatives to serve as the primary point of contact between the parties on all matters arising under this Partnership Document.

1. For AWRA, the Principal Representatives shall be the AWRA President and Executive Vice President.
2. For IWR, the Principal Representatives shall be the IWR Director and a senior program manager.

Article III

Any cooperative activity undertaken between the parties shall only be done under the authority of the laws, regulations, and policies governing each party individually. It is recognized that the members of AWRA may require financial assistance for travel and expenses to be arranged with IWR assistance to effectively participate in cooperative endeavors under this agreement.

Article IV

Notwithstanding any other provision herein, nothing in this Partnership Document shall be construed as binding under U.S. or International Law. Further, nothing in this document shall be construed as either authorizing or obligating either party to commit funds or resources to any project or work except as otherwise authorized by the laws, regulations, and policies governing each party individually.

Article V

This Partnership Document shall become effective when signed by both USACE-IWR and AWRA.


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DATE: 20 Dec 2007


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