

PLANNING ASSISTANCE TO STATES AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

AND

CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

FOR THE JONESBORO, ARKANSAS MASTER PLAN STUDY

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into this 20 day, of SEP, 2010, by and between the Department of the Army (hereinafter the "Government"), represented by the District Engineer executing this Agreement, and the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas (hereinafter the "Sponsor"), represented by the Mayor executing the Agreement.

WITNESSETH, that

WHEREAS, Section 22 of the Water Resources Development Act ("WRDA") of 1974 (Public Law 93-251), as amended, authorizes the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to assist the States, as therein defined, in the preparation of comprehensive plans for the development, utilization and conservation of water and related resources of drainage basins, watersheds or ecosystems located within the boundaries of such State;

WHEREAS, section 319 of the WRDA of 1990 (Public Law 101-640) authorizes the Secretary of the Army to collect fees from States and other non-Federal governmental entities for the purpose of recovering 50 percent of the cost of the program established by WRDA of 1974, Section 22;

WHEREAS, the Sponsor has reviewed the State's comprehensive water plans and identified the need for planning assistance as described in the Scope of Work incorporated into this agreement;

WHEREAS, the Sponsor has the authority and capability to furnish the cooperation hereinafter set forth and is willing to participate in the study cost-sharing and financing in accordance with the terms of this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Sponsor may provide up to 100 percent of its required contribution of Study Costs by the provision of services, materials, supplies or other in-kind services."

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I - DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Agreement:

A. The term "Study Costs" shall mean all disbursements by the Government pursuant to this Agreement, from Federal appropriations or from funds made available to the Government by the Sponsor and all negotiated costs of work performed by the Sponsor pursuant to this Agreement. Study Costs shall include, but not be limited to: labor charges; direct costs; overhead expenses; supervision and administration costs; the costs of participation in Study Management and Coordination in accordance with Article IV of this Agreement; the costs of contracts with third parties, including termination or suspension charges; and any termination or suspension costs (ordinarily defined as those costs necessary to terminate ongoing contracts or obligations and to properly safeguard the work already accomplished) associated with this Agreement.

B. The term "estimated Study Costs" shall mean the estimated cost of performing the Study as of the effective date of this Agreement, as specified in Article III.A. of this Agreement.

C. The term "study period" shall mean the time period for conducting the Study, commencing with the release to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Memphis District of initial Federal funds following the execution of this Agreement and ending when the Memphis District provides the planning report to the Sponsor.

D. The term "Scope of Work"(SOW) means a description of the work to be performed. The SOW will be attached to this Agreement and not be considered binding on either party and is subject to change by the Government, in consultation with the Sponsor.

E. The term "fiscal year" shall mean one fiscal year of the Government. The Government fiscal year begins on October 1 and ends on September 30.

F. The term "negotiated costs" shall mean the costs of in-kind services to be provided by the Sponsor in accordance with the SOW.

ARTICLE II - OBLIGATIONS OF PARTIES

A. The Government, subject to receiving funds appropriated by the Congress of the United States (Congress), using funds and in-kind services provided by the Sponsor and funds appropriated by the Congress, shall expeditiously prosecute and complete the Study, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and Federal laws, regulations, and policies.

B. In accordance with this Article and Article III.A., III.B. and III.C. of this Agreement, the Sponsor shall contribute cash and in-kind services equal to fifty (50) percent of Study Costs. If agreeable to all parties, in-kind services may comprise up to 100 percent of the Sponsor's contributions. The in-kind services to be provided by the Sponsor, the estimated negotiated costs for those services, and the estimated schedule under which those services are to be provided are specified in the Scope of Work. Negotiated costs shall be subject to an audit by the Government to determine reasonableness, allocability, and allowability.

C. The Sponsor understands that the schedule of work may require the Sponsor to provide cash or in-kind services at a rate that may result in the Sponsor temporarily diverging

from the obligations concerning cash and in-kind services specified in paragraph B. of the Article. Such temporary divergences shall be identified in the quarterly reports provided for in Article III.A. of this Agreement and shall not alter the obligations concerning costs and services specified in paragraph B. of the Article or the obligations concerning payment specified in Article III of this Agreement.

D. If, upon the award of any contract or the performance of any in-house work for the Study by the Government, cumulative financial obligations of the Government and the Sponsor would exceed \$4,164,300, the Government and the Sponsor agree to defer award of that and all subsequent contracts, and performance of that and all subsequent in-house work, for the Study until the Government and the Sponsor agree to proceed. Should the Government and the Sponsor require time to arrive at a decision, the Agreement will be suspended in accordance with Article X., for a period of not to exceed six months. In the event the Government and the Sponsor have not reached an agreement to proceed by the end of their 6-month period, the Agreement may be subject to termination in accordance with Article X.

E. No Federal funds may be used to meet the Sponsor's share of Study Costs unless the Federal granting agency verifies in writing that the expenditure of such funds is expressly authorized by statute.

F. The award and management of any contract with a third party in furtherance of this Agreement which obligates Federal appropriations shall be exclusively within the control of the Government. The award and management of any contract by the Sponsor with a third party in furtherance of the Agreement which obligates funds of the Sponsor and does not obligate Federal appropriations shall be exclusively within the control of the Sponsor, but shall be subject to applicable Federal laws and regulations.

G. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement, this Agreement and the Government's obligations hereunder shall not be effective and will not commence until Federal funds have been appropriated and allocated to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Memphis District for the implementation of this study. In the event that Federal funds are allocated to the District Engineer for this study after the date that the parties hereto execute this Agreement, the effective date of this Agreement shall be the date that funding approval is provided to the District Engineer.

ARTICLE III - METHOD OF PAYMENT

A. The Government shall maintain current records of contributions provided by the parties, current projections of Study Costs, current projections of each party's share of Study Costs. At least quarterly, the Government shall provide the Sponsor a report setting forth this information. As of the effective date of this Agreement, estimated Study Costs are \$4,164,300 and the Sponsor's share of estimated Study Costs is \$2,082,150. In order to meet the Sponsor's cash payment requirements for its share of estimated Study Costs, the Sponsor must provide a cash contribution currently estimated to be \$0. The dollar amounts set forth in this Article are based upon the Government's best estimates, which reflect the scope of the study described in the SOW, projected costs, price-level changes, and anticipated inflation. Such cost estimates are subject to adjustment by the Government and are not to be construed as the total financial responsibilities of the Government and the Sponsor.

B. The Sponsor shall provide its cash contribution required under Article II.B. of this Agreement in accordance with the following provisions:

1. For purposes of budget planning, the Government shall notify the Sponsor by August 1 of each year of the estimated funds that will be required from the Sponsor to meet the Sponsor's share of Study Costs for the upcoming fiscal year.

2. No later than 60 calendar days prior to the scheduled date of the Government's issuance of the solicitation for the first contract for the Study or for the Government's anticipated first significant in-house expenditure for the Study, the Government shall notify the Sponsor in writing of the funds the Government determines to be required from the Sponsor to meet its required share of Study Costs for the first fiscal year of the Study. No later than 30 calendar days thereafter, the Sponsor shall provide the Government with the full amount of the required funds by delivering a check payable to "FAO, USAED, Memphis District – B1" to the District Engineer or verifying to the satisfaction of the Government that the Sponsor has deposited the required funds in an escrow account or other account acceptable to the Government, with interest accruing to the Sponsor, or presenting the Government with an irrevocable letter of credit acceptable to the Government for the required funds, or providing an Electronic Funds Transfer in accordance with the procedures established by the Government.

3. For the second and subsequent fiscal years of the Study, the government shall, no later than 60 calendar days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year, notify the Sponsor in writing of the funds the Government determines to be required from the Sponsor to meet its required share of Study Costs for that fiscal year, taking into account any temporary divergences identified under Article II.D. of this Agreement. No later than 30 calendar days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year, the Sponsor shall make the full amount of the required funds available to the Government through any of the funding mechanisms specified in paragraph B.2. of this Article.

4. The Government shall draw from the funds provided by the Sponsor such sums as the Government deems necessary to cover the Sponsor's share of contractual and in-house fiscal obligations attributable to the Study as they are incurred.

5. In the event the Government determines that the Sponsor must provide additional funds to meet its share of Study Costs, the Government shall so notify the Sponsor in writing. No later than 60 calendar days after receipt of such notice, the Sponsor shall make the full amount of the additional required funds available through any of the funding mechanisms specified in paragraph B.2. of this Article.

C. Within 90 days after the conclusion of the Study Period or termination of this Agreement, the Government shall conduct a final accounting of Study Costs, including disbursements by the Government of Federal funds, cash contributions by the Sponsor, and credits for the negotiated costs of the Sponsor, and shall furnish the Sponsor with the results of this accounting. Within 30 days thereafter, the Government, subject to the availability of funds, shall reimburse the Sponsor for the excess, if any, of cash contributions and credits given over its required share of Study Costs, or the Sponsor shall provide the Government any cash contributions required for the Sponsor to meet its required share of Study Costs.

ARTICLE IV - STUDY MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION

To provide for consistent and effective communication, the Government's Project Manager for the Study and the Sponsor's designated representative shall communicate regularly until the end of the Study Period.

ARTICLE V - DISPUTES

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. The parties shall each pay 50 percent of any costs for the services provided by such a third party as such costs are incurred. Such costs shall not be included in Study Costs. The existence of a dispute shall not excuse the parties from performance pursuant to this Agreement.

ARTICLE VI - MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS AND AUDIT

A. Within 60 days of the effective date of this Agreement, the Government and the Sponsor shall develop procedures for keeping books, records, documents, and other evidence pertaining to costs and expenses incurred pursuant to this Agreement. These procedures shall incorporate, and apply as appropriate, the standards for financial management systems set forth in the Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments at 32 C.F.R. Section 33.20. The Government and the Sponsor shall maintain such books, records, documents, and other evidence in accordance with these procedures and for a minimum of three years after the period of design and resolution of all relevant claims arising therefrom. To the extent permitted under applicable Federal laws and regulations, the Government and the Sponsor shall each allow the other to inspect such books, documents, records, and other evidence.

B. In accordance with 31 U.S.C. Section 7503, the Government may conduct audits in addition to any audit that the Sponsor is required to conduct under the Single Audit Act. Any such Government audits shall be conducted in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and the cost principles in OMB Circular No. A-87 and other applicable cost principles and regulations. The costs of Government audits shall be included in total Study Costs and cost shared in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE VII - RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES

The Government and the Sponsor act in independent capacities in the performance of their respective rights and obligations under this Agreement, and neither is to be considered the officer, agent, or employee of the other.

ARTICLE VIII - OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT

No member of or delegate to the Congress, nor any resident commissioner, shall be admitted to any share or part of this Agreement, or to any benefit that may arise therefrom.

ARTICLE IX - FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS

In the exercise of the Sponsor's rights and obligations under this Agreement, the Sponsor agrees to comply with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, including Section 601 of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law 88-352) and Department of Defense Directive 5500.11 issued pursuant thereto and published in 32 C.F.R. Part 195, as well as Army Regulations 600-7, entitled "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Assisted or Conducted by the Department of the Army."

ARTICLE X - TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION

A. This Agreement shall terminate at the conclusion of the Study Period, and neither the Government nor the Sponsor shall have any further obligations hereunder, except as provided in Article III.C.; provided, that prior to such time and upon 30 days written notice, either party may terminate or suspend this Agreement. In addition, the Government shall terminate this Agreement immediately upon the failure of the parties to extend the study under Article II.D. of the Agreement, or upon failure of the Sponsor to fulfill its obligation under Article III. of this Agreement. In the event that either party elects to terminate this Agreement, both parties shall conclude their activities relating to the Study and proceed to a final accounting in accordance with Article III.C. of this Agreement. Upon termination of this Agreement, all data and information generated as part of the Study shall be made available to both parties.

B. Any termination of this Agreement shall not relieve the parties of liability for any obligations previously incurred, including the costs of closing out or transferring any existing contracts.

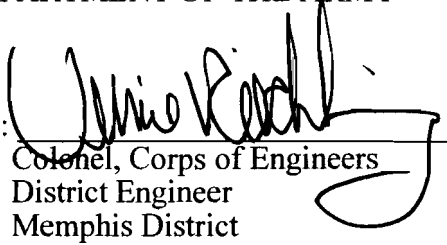
ARTICLE XI – LIMITATION ON GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE

In accordance with Section 22 of WRDA of 1974, as amended, Government financial participation in the cooperative preparation of comprehensive plans for development, utilization, and conservation of water and related resources pursuant to said authority shall be limited to the expenditure of not more than \$2,000,000 in any one year in any one State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement, which, subject to the provisions of Article II.G. of this Agreement, shall become effective upon the date it is signed by the District Engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Memphis District.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

BY:



Colonel, Corps of Engineers
District Engineer
Memphis District

Attachment - Scope of Work

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

I, _____, do hereby certify that I am the principal legal officer of the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas and that the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas 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 City of Jonesboro, Arkansas in connection with the Jonesboro, Arkansas Master Plan Study, and that the person who has executed this Agreement on behalf of the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas has acted within his/her statutory authority.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have made and executed this certification this 18 day of August, 2010