



United States Department of the Interior

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September 20, 2004

Roger Patterson
Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 94676
Lincoln, NE 68509-4676

Roger
Dear Mr. Patterson:

Enclosed are two copies of a Joint Funding Agreement for the operation of stream gages for fiscal year 2005. Also enclosed is an outline of the proposed program indicating the gages and work. The total amount of the agreement is \$15,520. Please sign both copies of the agreement and return one to this office by October 1, 2004. The second copy is for your records. Work cannot be continued until we receive the signed agreement.

You will notice that this year's proposed Joint Funding Agreement does not include full matching funds from the USGS. Instead, we are asking you to cover 51 percent of the total cost of the work. Because the number of requests for jointly funded work has increased significantly in the last few years, we no longer have enough matching funds to provide a 50/50 match to each Cooperator. Please feel free to contact me if this change causes problems for your agency. I will be happy to answer any questions and discuss any concerns you have about the USGS Cooperative Water Program.

Work performed with funds from this agreement will be conducted on a fixed price basis. Billings will be rendered annually after the end date of the agreement. The results of all work under this agreement will be available for publication by the U.S. Geological Survey.

Please contact Phil Soenksen at 437-5156 if you have any questions concerning this agreement.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Swanson
Robert B. Swanson
District Chief

3 Enclosures

U.S. Department of the Interior
U.S. Geological Survey
Joint Funding Agreement

Customer #: NE061
Agreement #: 05C4NE06100200
Project #: 8626
TIN #: 47-0491233
Fixed Cost Agreement Yes

FOR
WATER RESOURCES INVESTIGATIONS

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into as of the 1st day of October 2004, by the U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, party of the first part, and the NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, party of the second part.

1. The parties hereto agree that subject to availability of appropriations and in accordance with their respective authorities there shall be maintained in cooperation the operation of streamgages, herein called the program.
2. The following amounts shall be contributed to cover all of the cost of the necessary field and analytical work directly related to this program

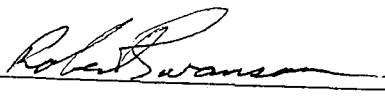
(a) \$7,600.00 by the party of the first part during the period
October 1, 2004 to September 30, 2005

(b) \$7,920.00 by the party of the second part during the period
October 1, 2004 to September 30, 2005
(\$320 unmatched, \$7,600 repay)

(c) Additional or reduced amounts by each party during the above period or succeeding periods as may be determined by mutual agreement and set forth in an exchange of letters between the parties.

3. The costs of this program may be paid by either party in conformity with the laws and regulations respectively governing each party.
4. The field and analytical work pertaining to this program shall be under the direction of or subject to periodic review by an authorized representative of the party of the first part.
5. The areas to be included in the program shall be determined by mutual agreement between the parties hereto or their authorized representatives. The methods employed in the field and office shall be those adopted by the party of the first part to insure the required standards of accuracy subject to modification by mutual agreement.
6. During the course of this program, all field and analytical work of either party pertaining to this program shall be open to the inspection of the other party, and if the work is not being carried on in a mutually satisfactory manner, either party may terminate this agreement upon 60 days written notice to the other party.
7. The original records resulting from this program will be deposited in the office of origin of those records. Upon request, copies of the original records will be provided to the office of the other party.
8. The maps, records, or reports resulting from this program shall be made available to the public as promptly as possible. The maps, records, or reports normally will be published by the party of the first part. However, the party of the second part reserves the right to publish the results of this program and, if already published by the party of the first part shall, upon request, be furnished by the party of the first part, at costs, impressions suitable for purposes of reproduction similar to that for which the original copy was prepared. The maps, records, or reports published by either party shall contain a statement of the cooperative relations between the parties.
9. Billing for this agreement will be rendered annually. Payments of bills are due within 60 days after the billing date. If not paid by the due date, interest will be charged at the current Treasury rate for each 30 day period, or portion thereof, that the payment is delayed beyond the due date. (31 USC 3717; Comptroller General File B-212222, August 23, 1983).

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

By: 

Robert B. Swanson, District Chief

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(USE REVERSE SIDE IF ADDITIONAL SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED)

Proposed DNR/USGS Cooperative Program for FY 2005

The Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will fund 51% of the station costs and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) will fund 49%. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will fund the remainder of the station costs. USGS will perform all field and office work for the stations.

| | DNR | USGS |
|--------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Big Nemaha River at Falls City | \$ 1,500 | \$1,440 |
| Republican River at Stratton | <u>1,500</u> | <u>\$1,440</u> |
| | \$ 3,000 | \$2,880 |

The USACE will fund DCP maintenance. DNR will perform field work and record computation. USGS will operate and maintain the DCP, enter data into ADAPS and display it on the USGS web site, and review and publish the record.

| | DNR | USGS |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Frenchman Creek at Palisade | \$ 1,230 | \$ 1,180 |
| Republican River at Cambridge | 1,230 | 1,180 |
| Republican River at Guide Rock | 1,230 | 1,180 |
| Logan Creek at Uehling | <u>1,230</u> | <u>1,180</u> |
| | \$ 4,920 | \$ 4,720 |
| Total DNR and USGS station funding | \$ 7,920 | \$7,600 |
| Total USGS/DNR program | \$15,520 | |