

PROJECT COOPERATION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
AND  
TOWN OF OCEAN ISLE BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA  
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE  
BEACH EROSION CONTROL  
AND  
HURRICANE WAVE PROTECTION,  
BRUNSWICK COUNTY BEACHES, NORTH CAROLINA, PROJECT  
OCEAN ISLE BEACH PORTION

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into this 9<sup>th</sup> day of JAN 2001, 2001, by and between the Department of the Army (hereinafter the "Government"), represented by the U.S. Army Engineer, Wilmington District, and the Town of Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina (hereinafter the "Non-Federal Sponsor"), represented by the Mayor, Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina.

WITNESSETH, THAT:

WHEREAS, the project for hurricane-flood control from Cape Fear to the North Carolina-South Carolina State Line, North Carolina, (hereinafter the "Authorized Project") was authorized substantially in accordance with the recommendations of the Chief of Engineers in House Document Number 511, Eighty-ninth Congress, by Section 203 of the Flood Control Act of 1966, Public Law 89-789, dated November 7, 1966 to provide hurricane protection, shore protection, and Federal participation in the cost of periodic nourishment for the first 10 years of project life at Holden Beach, Long Beach, Ocean Isle Beach, Sunset Beach, and Yaupon Beach in Brunswick County, North Carolina (hereinafter the "Brunswick County Beaches Project");

WHEREAS, periodic beach nourishment was authorized by Section 934 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, Public Law 99-662, for a period that does not exceed 50 years after initiation of construction, for water resources development projects for which such nourishment has been authorized for a limited period;

WHEREAS, funding to initiate construction of the Ocean Isle Beach portion of the Brunswick County Beaches Project was provided by the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2000, Public Law 106-60, and House Report 253, Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill, One-Hundred-Sixth Congress, First Session;

WHEREAS, the Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor desire to enter into a Project Cooperation Agreement (hereinafter the "Agreement") for initial construction and periodic nourishment of the Ocean Isle Beach portion of the Brunswick County Beaches Project (hereinafter the "Project", as defined in Article I.A. of this Agreement);

WHEREAS, Section 103 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, Public Law 99-662, as amended, specifies the cost-sharing requirements applicable to the Project;

WHEREAS, Section 221 of the Flood Control Act of 1970, Public Law 91-611, as amended, and Section 103 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, Public Law 99-662, as amended, provide that the Secretary of the Army shall not commence construction of any water resources project, or separable element thereof, until each non-Federal sponsor has entered into a written agreement to furnish its required cooperation for the project or separable element;

WHEREAS, the Non-Federal Sponsor does not qualify for a reduction of the maximum non-Federal cost share pursuant to the guidelines that implement Section 103(m) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, Public Law 99-662, as amended; and

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 construction of the Project in accordance with the terms of this Agreement;

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

#### ARTICLE I -DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

For purposes of this Agreement:

A. The term "Project" shall mean initial construction and periodic nourishment of the Selected Plan of Improvement at Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina, as generally described in the General Reevaluation Report, Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Wave Protection, Brunswick County Beaches, North Carolina, Ocean Isle Beach Portion, dated October, 1997, and approved by Chief of Engineers on May 15, 1998 (hereinafter the "GRR").

B. The term "initial construction" shall mean the placement of suitable beach and dune fill to form a dune and berm as generally described as the Selected Plan of Improvement at Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina, in the GRR. The dune shall be vegetated with a crown width of 25 feet at an elevation of 9.5 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) extending for 5,150 feet. The dune shall be fronted by a berm with a width of 50 feet at elevation 7 feet NGVD for a distance of 5,150 feet, then, to its west, shall have a berm with a crown width of 50 feet at elevation 7 feet NGVD for a distance of 2,600 feet, and then a berm with a crown width of 25 feet at elevation 7 feet NGVD for a distance of 2,400 feet. The dune and berm shall have transitions of 4,200 feet on the eastern end and 2,800 feet on the western end. There shall be advance maintenance fill for the total 17,150 feet of the project.

C. The term "periodic nourishment" shall mean the placement, after the end of the period of initial construction, of suitable beach and dune fill material within the area of initial construction, or any functional portion of the area of initial construction, as generally described in the GRR.

D. The term "total project costs" shall mean all costs incurred by the Non-Federal Sponsor and the Government in accordance with the terms of this Agreement directly related to initial construction and periodic nourishment of the Project. Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, the term shall include, but is not necessarily limited to: continuing planning and engineering costs incurred after October 1, 1985; advanced engineering and design costs; preconstruction engineering and design costs; engineering and design costs during construction; the costs of investigations to identify the existence and extent of hazardous substances in accordance with Article XV.A. of this Agreement; costs of historic preservation activities in accordance with Articles XVIII.A. and XVIII.C. of this Agreement; actual construction costs; supervision and administration costs; costs of participation in the Project Coordination Team in accordance with Article V of this Agreement; costs of contract dispute settlements or awards; the value of lands, easements, rights-of-way, relocations, and suitable borrow and dredged or excavated material disposal areas for which the Government affords credit in accordance with Article IV of this Agreement; and costs of audit in accordance with Article X of this Agreement. The term does not include any costs for operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, or rehabilitation; any costs due to betterments; or any costs of dispute resolution under Article VII of this Agreement.

E. The term "total costs of initial construction" shall mean that portion of total project costs allocated by the Government to initial construction.

F. The term "total costs of periodic nourishment" shall mean that portion of total project costs allocated by the Government to periodic nourishment.

G. The term "financial obligation for initial construction" shall mean a financial obligation of the Government, other than an obligation pertaining to the provision of lands, easements, rights-of-way, relocations, and borrow and dredged or excavated material disposal areas, that results or would result in a cost that is or would be included in total costs of initial construction.

H. The term "financial obligation for periodic nourishment" shall mean a financial obligation of the Government, other than an obligation pertaining to the provision of lands, easements, rights-of-way, relocations, and borrow and dredged or excavated material disposal areas, that results or would result in a cost that is or would be included in total costs of periodic nourishment.

I. The term "non-Federal proportionate share", with respect to initial construction, shall mean the ratio of the Non-Federal Sponsor's total cash contribution required in accordance with Article II.E.2. of this Agreement to total financial obligations for initial construction, as projected by the Government. The term shall mean, with respect to periodic nourishment, the ratio of the

Non-Federal Sponsor's total cash contribution required in accordance with Article II.H.2. of this Agreement to total financial obligations for periodic nourishment, as projected by the Government.

J. The term "period of initial construction" shall mean the time from the date the Government first notifies the Non-Federal Sponsor in writing, in accordance with Article VI.B. of this Agreement, of the scheduled date for issuance of the solicitation for the first construction contract to the date that the District Engineer notifies the Non-Federal Sponsor in writing of the Government's determination that initial construction of the Project is complete.

K. The term "authorized periodic nourishment period" shall mean a period of 50 years from the initiation of the period of initial construction for the Project.

L. The term "highway" shall mean any public highway, roadway, street, or way, including any bridge thereof.

M. The term "relocation" shall mean providing a functionally equivalent facility to the owner of an existing utility, cemetery, highway or other public facility, or railroad (excluding existing railroad bridges and approaches thereto) when such action is authorized in accordance with applicable legal principles of just compensation or as otherwise provided in the authorizing legislation for the Project or any report referenced therein. Providing a functionally equivalent facility may take the form of alteration, lowering, raising, or replacement and attendant removal of the affected facility or part thereof.

N. 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.

O. The term "functional portion of the Project" shall mean a portion of the Project that is suitable for tender to the Non-Federal Sponsor to operate and maintain in advance of completion of the entire Project. For a portion of the Project to be suitable for tender, the District Engineer must notify the Non-Federal Sponsor in writing of the Government's determination that the portion of the Project is complete and can function independently and for a useful purpose, although the balance of the Project is not complete.

P. The term "betterment" shall mean a change in the design and construction of an element of the Project resulting from the application of standards that the Government determines exceed those that the Government would otherwise apply for accomplishing the design and construction of that element.

## 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, shall expeditiously construct the Project (including periodic nourishment at such times during the authorized periodic nourishment period as the Government, after consultation with the Non-Federal Sponsor, determines such placement to be necessary and economically justified), applying those procedures usually applied to Federal projects, pursuant to Federal laws, regulations, and policies.

1. 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. The Government shall not issue the solicitation for the first construction contract until the Non-Federal Sponsor has confirmed in writing its willingness to proceed with the Project. To the extent possible, the Government shall afford the Non-Federal Sponsor the opportunity to review and comment on all contract modifications, including change orders, prior to the issuance to the contractor of a Notice to Proceed. In any instance where providing the Non-Federal Sponsor with notification of a contract modification or change order is not possible prior to issuance of the Notice to Proceed, 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, execution of contract modifications, issuance of change orders, resolution of contract claims, and performance of all work on the Project (whether the work is performed under contract or by Government personnel), shall be exclusively within the control of the Government.

2. Throughout the period of construction, the District Engineer shall furnish the Non-Federal Sponsor with a copy of the Government's Written Notice of Acceptance of Completed Work for each contract for the Project.

3. As of the effective date of this Agreement, \$9,859,000 of Federal funds have been appropriated for the Authorized Project. This amount is less than the Federal share of the projected total project costs and the Government makes no commitment to seek additional Federal funds for the Authorized Project. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Government's financial participation in the Project together with the Government's share of costs incurred for other elements of the Authorized Project shall not exceed the total amount of Federal funds that heretofore have been appropriated and hereafter may be appropriated or otherwise made available for the Project. In the event that funds sufficient to meet the Government's share of funds required to continue construction of the Project and other elements of the Authorized Project in the then-current or upcoming fiscal year are not made available for the Project, the Government shall notify the Non-Federal Sponsor of the insufficiency of funds and the parties, within the Federal and Non-Federal funds available for the Project, shall suspend construction or terminate this Agreement in accordance with Article XIV.B. of this Agreement. To provide for this eventuality, the Government may reserve a percentage of the total Federal funds available for the Project and an equal percentage of the total funds contributed by the Non-Federal Sponsor pursuant to paragraph E. or paragraph H. of this Article as a contingency to pay the costs of termination, including any costs of contract claims and contract modifications.

B. The Non-Federal Sponsor may request the Government to accomplish betterments during the period of initial construction. Such requests shall be in writing and shall describe the betterments requested to be accomplished. If the Government in its sole discretion elects to accomplish the requested betterments 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 due to the requested betterments and shall pay all such costs in accordance with Article VI.C. of this Agreement.

C. When the District Engineer determines that the entire Project is complete or that a portion of the Project has become a functional portion of the Project, the District Engineer shall so notify the Non-Federal Sponsor in writing and furnish the Non-Federal Sponsor with an Operation, Maintenance, Repair, and Rehabilitation Manual (hereinafter the "OMR&R Manual") and with copies of all of the Government's Written Notices of Acceptance of Completed Work for all contracts for the Project or the functional portion of the Project that have not been provided previously. Upon such notification, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall operate, maintain, repair, and rehabilitate the entire Project or the functional portion of the Project in accordance with Article VIII of this Agreement.

D. The Government shall assign all costs to be included in total project costs and all contributions provided by the Non-Federal Sponsor to hurricane and storm damage reduction, to recreation, or to privately owned shores (where use of such shores is limited to private interests).

E. During the period of initial construction, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall contribute 35 percent of the total costs of initial construction assigned by the Government to hurricane and storm damage reduction, plus 50 percent of the total costs of initial construction assigned by the Government to recreation, plus 100 percent of the total costs of initial construction assigned by the Government to privately owned shores (where use of such shores is limited to private interests) (hereinafter the "non-Federal share of initial construction") 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, rights-of-way, and suitable borrow and dredged or excavated material disposal areas that the Government determines the Non-Federal Sponsor must provide for the initial construction, operation, and maintenance of the Project, and shall perform or ensure performance of all relocations that the Government determines to be necessary for the initial construction, operation, and maintenance of the Project.

2. If the Government projects that the value of the Non-Federal Sponsor's contributions under paragraph E.1. of this Article and of the Non-Federal Sponsor's contributions attributable to initial construction under Articles V, X, and XV.A. of this Agreement will be less than the non-Federal share of initial construction, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall provide an

additional contribution, in accordance with Article VI.B. of this Agreement, in the amount necessary to make the Non-Federal Sponsor's total contribution equal to the non-Federal share of initial construction.

3. If the Government determines that the value of the Non-Federal Sponsor's contributions provided under paragraphs E.1. and E.2. of this Article and of the Non-Federal Sponsor's contributions attributable to initial construction under Articles V, X, and XV.A. of this Agreement has exceeded the non-Federal share of initial construction, the Government, subject to the availability of funds, shall reimburse the Non-Federal Sponsor for any such value in excess of the non-Federal share of initial construction. After such a determination, the Government, in its sole discretion, may provide any remaining initial construction lands, easements, rights-of-way, and suitable borrow and dredged or excavated material disposal areas and perform any remaining initial construction relocations on behalf of the Non-Federal Sponsor.

F. The Non-Federal Sponsor may request the Government to provide lands, easements, rights-of-way, and suitable borrow and dredged or excavated material disposal areas or perform relocations on behalf of the Non-Federal Sponsor during the period of initial construction. Such requests shall be in writing and shall describe the services requested to be performed. If in its sole discretion the Government elects to perform the requested services 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 requested services and shall pay all such costs in accordance with Article VI.C. of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the provision of lands, easements, rights-of-way, and suitable borrow and dredged or excavated material disposal areas or performance of relocations by the Government, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall be responsible, as between the Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor, for the costs of cleanup and response in accordance with Article XV.C. of this Agreement.

G. Upon completion of the period of initial construction, the Government shall perform a final accounting in accordance with Article VI.D. of this Agreement to determine the contributions provided by the Non-Federal Sponsor in accordance with paragraphs B., E., and F. of this Article and Articles V, X, and XV.A. of this Agreement and to determine whether the Non-Federal Sponsor has met its obligations under paragraphs B., E., and F. of this Article.

H. For each iteration of periodic nourishment, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall contribute 35 percent of the total costs of periodic nourishment assigned by the Government to hurricane and storm damage reduction, plus 50 percent of the total costs of periodic nourishment assigned by the Government to recreation, plus 100 percent of the total costs of periodic nourishment assigned by the Government to privately owned shores (where use of such shores is limited to private interests) (hereinafter the "non-Federal share of periodic nourishment") 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, rights-of-way, and suitable borrow and dredged or excavated material disposal areas that the Government determines the Non-Federal Sponsor must provide for such iteration of periodic nourishment, and shall perform or ensure performance of all relocations that the Government determines to be necessary for such iteration of periodic nourishment of the Project.

2. If the Government projects that the value of the Non-Federal Sponsor's contributions under paragraph H.1. of this Article and of the Non-Federal Sponsor's contributions attributable to periodic nourishment under Articles V, X, and XV.A. of this Agreement will be less than the non-Federal share of periodic nourishment, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall provide an additional contribution, in accordance with Article VI.B. of this Agreement, in the amount necessary to make the Non-Federal Sponsor's total contribution equal to the non-Federal share of periodic nourishment.

3. If the Government determines that the value of the Non-Federal Sponsor's contributions provided under paragraphs H.1. and H.2. of this Article and of the Non-Federal Sponsor's contributions attributable to periodic nourishment under Articles V, X, and XV.A. of this Agreement has exceeded the non-Federal share of periodic nourishment, the Government, subject to the availability of funds, shall reimburse the Non-Federal Sponsor for any such value in excess of the non-Federal share of periodic nourishment. After such a determination, the Government, in its sole discretion, may provide any remaining periodic nourishment lands, easements, rights-of-way, and suitable borrow and dredged or excavated material disposal areas and perform any remaining periodic nourishment relocations on behalf of the Non-Federal Sponsor.

I. The Non-Federal Sponsor may request the Government to accomplish betterments during the authorized periodic nourishment period. Such requests shall be in writing and shall describe the betterments requested to be accomplished. If the Government in its sole discretion elects to accomplish the requested betterments 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 due to the requested betterments and shall pay all such costs in accordance with Article VI.C. of this Agreement.

J. The Non-Federal Sponsor may request the Government to provide lands, easements, rights-of-way, and suitable borrow and dredged or excavated material disposal areas or perform relocations on behalf of the Non-Federal Sponsor during the authorized periodic nourishment period. Such requests shall be in writing and shall describe the services requested to be performed. If in its sole discretion the Government elects to perform the requested services 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 requested services and shall pay all such costs in accordance with Article VI.C. of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the provision of lands, easements, rights-of-way, and suitable borrow and dredged or excavated material disposal areas or performance of relocations by the Government, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall be responsible, as between the Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor, for the costs of cleanup and response in accordance with Article XV.C. of this Agreement.

K. For each iteration of periodic nourishment, the Government shall perform a final accounting in accordance with Article VI.F. of this Agreement to determine the contributions provided by the Non-Federal Sponsor towards the total costs of periodic nourishment and costs due to betterments performed during such iteration of periodic nourishment in accordance with paragraphs H., I., and J. of this Article and Articles V, X, and XV.A. of this Agreement and to determine whether the Non-Federal Sponsor has met its obligations under paragraphs H., I., and J. of this Article.

L. In the event the completed initial construction, or any functional portion of the initial construction, is damaged or destroyed by a storm or other natural forces, the Government, subject to the availability of funds and Article II.A. of this Agreement, shall place suitable beach and dune fill material within the area of the completed initial construction, or the functional portion of the initial construction, as periodic nourishment. The costs of such placement shall be included in the total costs of periodic nourishment and shared in accordance with Article II.H. of this Agreement. In the event an uncompleted portion of the initial construction is damaged or destroyed by a storm or other natural forces, the Government, subject to the availability of funds and Article II.A. of this Agreement, shall place suitable beach and dune fill material within the area of the uncompleted initial construction as initial construction. The costs of such placement shall be included in the total costs of initial construction and shared in accordance with Article II.E. of this Agreement. Nothing in this paragraph shall relieve the Non-Federal Sponsor of its obligations under Article VIII of this Agreement. Nothing in this paragraph shall preclude the Government from using Public Law 84-99 to accomplish any emergency repair and restoration work of the completed initial construction, or a functional portion of the initial construction.

M. The Non-Federal Sponsor shall not use Federal funds to meet the non-Federal share of initial construction or the non-Federal share of periodic nourishment under this Agreement unless the Federal granting agency verifies in writing that the expenditure of such funds is expressly authorized by statute.

N. The Non-Federal Sponsor agrees to participate in and comply with applicable Federal floodplain management and flood insurance programs.

O. Not less than once each year, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall inform affected interests of the extent of protection afforded by the Project against ocean-storm surges, wave action, and storm tides in the sounds and other adjacent waters, and that, during hurricanes and severe northeast storms, all normal precautions, including evacuation, must be taken as advised by appropriate authority.

P. The Non-Federal Sponsor shall continue to enforce the flood plain regulations that comply with Federal Emergency Management Agency guidelines.

Q. The Non-Federal Sponsor shall provide and maintain public ownership, during the economic life of the Project, of an adequate width of beach for public use; with acceptable beach access, parking areas and other facilities necessary for realization of the benefits upon which Government participation is based.

R. The Non-Federal Sponsor shall adopt and enforce ordinances to provide for preservation of the Project and its protective vegetation.

S. The Non-Federal Sponsor shall control water pollution to the extent necessary to safeguard the health of bathers.

### ARTICLE III -LANDS, RELOCATIONS, DISPOSAL AREAS, AND PUBLIC LAW 91-646 COMPLIANCE

A. The Government, after consultation with the Non-Federal Sponsor, shall determine the lands, easements, and rights-of-way required for the initial construction, periodic nourishment, operation, and maintenance of the Project, including those required for relocations, borrow materials, and dredged or excavated material disposal. 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 end of the period of initial construction, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall acquire all lands, easements, and rights-of-way required for the initial construction, operation, and maintenance of the Project set forth in such descriptions. Prior to the end of the authorized periodic nourishment period, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall acquire all lands, easements, and rights-of-way required for the periodic nourishment, as set forth in such descriptions. Furthermore, prior to issuance of the solicitation for each Government contract for initial construction or periodic nourishment, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall provide the Government with authorization for entry to all lands, easements, and rights-of-way the Government determines the Non-Federal Sponsor must provide for that contract. For so long as the Project remains authorized, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall ensure that lands, easements, and rights-of-way that the Government determines to be required for the operation and maintenance of 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 improvements required on lands, easements, and rights-of-way to enable the proper disposal of dredged or excavated material associated with the initial construction, periodic nourishment, operation, and maintenance of the Project. Such improvements may include, but are not necessarily

limited to, retaining dikes, wasteweirs, bulkheads, embankments, monitoring features, stilling basins, and de-watering pumps and pipes. The Government in a timely manner shall provide the Non-Federal Sponsor with general written descriptions of such improvements 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 construction of such improvements. Prior to the end of the period of initial construction, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall provide all improvements required for initial construction, operation, and maintenance of the Project, set forth in such descriptions. Prior to the end of the authorized periodic nourishment period, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall provide all improvements required for the periodic nourishment, as set forth in such descriptions. Furthermore, prior to issuance of the solicitation for each Government contract for initial construction or periodic nourishment, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall prepare plans and specifications for all improvements the Government determines to be required for the proper disposal of dredged or excavated material under that contract, submit such plans and specifications to the Government for approval, and provide such improvements in accordance with the approved plans and specifications.

C. The Government, after consultation with the Non-Federal Sponsor, shall determine the relocations necessary for the initial construction, periodic nourishment, operation, and maintenance of the Project, including those necessary to enable the removal of borrow materials and the proper 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 end of the period of initial construction, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall perform or ensure the performance of all relocations required for the initial construction, operation, and maintenance of the Project as set forth in such descriptions. Prior to the end of the authorized periodic nourishment period, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall perform or ensure the performance of all relocations required for the periodic nourishment, as set forth in such descriptions. Furthermore, prior to issuance of the solicitation for each Government contract for initial construction or periodic nourishment, 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 contract.

D. 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 paragraphs A., B., or C. of this Article. Upon receipt of such documents the Government, in accordance with Article IV of this Agreement and in a timely manner, shall determine the value of such contribution, include such value in total project costs, and afford credit for such value toward the non-Federal share of total costs of initial construction or the non-Federal share of periodic nourishment.

E. 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 by Title IV of the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987

(Public Law 100-17), and the Uniform Regulations contained in 49 C.F.R. Part 24, in acquiring lands, easements, and rights-of-way required for the initial construction, periodic nourishment, operation, and maintenance of the Project, including those necessary for relocations, borrow materials, and dredged or excavated material disposal, and shall inform all affected persons of applicable benefits, policies, and procedures in connection with said Act.

#### ARTICLE IV -CREDIT FOR VALUE OF LANDS, RELOCATIONS, AND DISPOSAL AREAS

A. The Non-Federal Sponsor shall receive credit toward the non-Federal share of total costs of initial construction for the value of the lands, easements, rights-of-way, and suitable borrow and dredged or excavated material disposal areas that the Non-Federal Sponsor must provide for initial construction, operation, and maintenance of the Project pursuant to Article III of this Agreement, and for the value of the relocations that the Non-Federal Sponsor must perform or for which it must ensure performance for initial construction, operation, and maintenance of the Project pursuant to Article III of this Agreement. The Non-Federal Sponsor shall receive credit toward the non-Federal share of total costs of periodic nourishment for the value of the lands, easements, rights-of-way, and suitable borrow and dredged or excavated material disposal areas that the Non-Federal Sponsor must provide for periodic nourishment of the Project pursuant to Article III of this Agreement, and for the value of the relocations that the Non-Federal Sponsor must perform or for which it must ensure performance for periodic nourishment of the Project pursuant to Article III of this Agreement. However, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall not receive credit for the value of any lands, easements, rights-of-way, relocations, or borrow and dredged or excavated material disposal areas that have been provided previously as an item of cooperation for another Federal project. The Non-Federal Sponsor also shall not receive credit for the value of lands, easements, rights-of-way, relocations, or borrow and dredged or excavated material disposal areas to the extent that such items are provided using Federal funds unless the Federal granting agency verifies in writing that such credit is expressly authorized by statute.

B. For the sole purpose of affording credit in accordance with this Agreement, the value of lands, easements, and rights-of-way, including those necessary for relocations, borrow materials, and dredged or excavated material disposal, 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 B.3. of this Article, the fair market value of lands, easements, or rights-of-way shall be determined in accordance with paragraph B.2.a. of this Article, unless thereafter a different amount is determined to represent fair market value in accordance with paragraph B.2.b. of this Article.

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 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, or the Non-Federal Sponsor chooses not to obtain a second appraisal, 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 B.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 B.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 B.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 shall, prior to instituting such proceedings, 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 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 sub-paragraph B.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 the initial construction, periodic nourishment, 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 X.C. of this Agreement to determine reasonableness, allocability, and allowability of 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, and mapping costs, as well as the actual amounts expended for payment of any Public Law 91-646 relocation assistance benefits provided in accordance with Article III.E. of this Agreement.

C. 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 North Carolina 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, but 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 X.C. of this Agreement to determine reasonableness, allocability, and allowability of costs.

D. The value of the improvements made to lands, easements, and rights-of-way for the proper disposal of dredged or excavated material shall be the costs of the improvements, as determined by the Government, subject to an audit in accordance with Article X.C. of this Agreement to determine reasonableness, allocability, and allowability of costs. Such costs shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, actual costs of providing the improvements; planning, engineering and design costs; supervision and administration costs; and documented incidental costs associated with providing the improvements, but shall not include any costs due to betterments, as determined by the Government.

#### ARTICLE V -PROJECT COORDINATION TEAM

A. To provide for consistent and effective communication, the Non-Federal Sponsor and the Government, not later than 30 days after the effective date of this Agreement, shall appoint named senior representatives to a Project Coordination Team. Thereafter, the Project Coordination Team shall meet regularly until the end of the period of initial construction or during the authorized periodic nourishment period, as appropriate. The Government's Project Manager and a counterpart named by the Non-Federal Sponsor shall co-chair the Project Coordination Team.

B. The Government's Project Manager and the Non-Federal Sponsor's counterpart shall keep the Project Coordination Team informed of the progress of construction and of significant pending issues and actions, and shall seek the views of the Project Coordination Team on matters that the Project Coordination Team generally oversees.

C. Until the end of the period of initial construction or the authorized periodic nourishment period, as appropriate, the Project Coordination Team shall generally oversee the Project, including issues related to design; plans and specifications; scheduling; real property and relocation requirements; real property acquisition; contract awards and modifications; contract costs; the Government's cost projections; final inspection of the initial construction or functional portions of the initial construction; final inspection of each iteration of periodic nourishment or functional portion of each periodic nourishment; preparation of the proposed OMR&R Manual; anticipated requirements and needed capabilities for performance of operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and rehabilitation of the Project; and other related matters. This oversight shall be consistent with a project management plan developed by the Government after consultation with the Non-Federal Sponsor.

D. The Project Coordination Team may make recommendations that it deems warranted to the District Engineer on matters that the Project Coordination Team generally oversees, including suggestions to avoid potential sources of dispute. The Government in good faith shall consider the

recommendations of the Project Coordination Team. The Government, having the legal authority and responsibility for construction of the Project, has the discretion to accept, reject, or modify the Project Coordination Team's recommendations.

E. The costs of participation in the Project Coordination Team shall be included in total project costs and shared in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

## ARTICLE VI -METHOD OF PAYMENT

A. The Government shall maintain current records of contributions provided by the parties and current projections of total project costs, total costs of initial construction, total costs of periodic nourishment, and costs due to betterments. By October 1 of each year and at least quarterly thereafter, the Government shall provide the Non-Federal Sponsor with a report setting forth all contributions provided to date and the current projections of total project costs, of total costs of initial construction, of total costs of periodic nourishment, of total costs due to betterments during the period of initial construction or during the authorized periodic nourishment period, as appropriate, of the components of total project costs, of the non-Federal share of initial construction, of the non-Federal share of periodic nourishment, of the Non-Federal Sponsor's total cash contributions required in accordance with Articles II.B., II.E., II.F., II.H., II.I., and II.J. of this Agreement, of the non-Federal proportionate share, and of the funds the Government projects to be required from the Non-Federal Sponsor for the upcoming fiscal year. On the effective date of this Agreement, total project costs are projected to be \$143,685,000, total costs of initial construction are estimated to be \$9,485,000, and total costs of periodic nourishment are estimated to be \$134,200,000. The Non-Federal Sponsor's contribution required under Article II.E.2. of this Agreement is projected to be \$3,339,000 and the Non-Federal Sponsor's contribution required under Article II.H.2. of this Agreement is projected to be \$46,970,000. Such amounts are estimates subject to adjustment by the Government and are not to be construed as the total financial responsibilities of the Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor.

B. The Non-Federal Sponsor shall provide the cash contribution required under Article II.E.2. of this Agreement in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph:

1. Not less than 45 calendar days prior to the scheduled date for issuance of the solicitation for the first construction contract for initial construction, 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 the non-Federal proportionate share of projected financial obligations for initial construction through the first fiscal year of the period of construction, including the non-Federal proportionate share of financial obligations for initial construction incurred prior to the commencement of the period of initial construction. Not later than such scheduled date, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall provide the Government with the full amount of the required funds by delivering a check payable to "FAO, USAED, Wilmington" to the District Engineer or verifying to the satisfaction of the Government that the Non-Federal Sponsor has deposited the required funds in an escrow or other account acceptable to the Government, with

interest accruing to the Non-Federal 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 procedures established by the Government.

2. For the second and subsequent fiscal years of the period of initial construction, the Government shall notify the Non-Federal Sponsor in writing, no later than 60 calendar days prior to the beginning of that fiscal year, of the funds the Government determines to be required from the Non-Federal Sponsor to meet the non-Federal proportionate share of projected financial obligations for initial construction for that fiscal year. No later than 30 calendar days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall make the full amount of the required funds for that fiscal year available to the Government through any of the payment mechanisms specified in Article VI.B.1. of this Agreement.

3. 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 initial construction incurred prior to the commencement of the period of initial construction; and (b) the non-Federal proportionate share of financial obligations for initial construction as they are incurred during the period of initial construction.

4. If at any time during the period of initial construction, the Government determines that additional funds will be needed from the Non-Federal Sponsor to cover the non-Federal proportionate share of projected financial obligations for initial construction for the current fiscal year, 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, and the Non-Federal Sponsor, no later than 60 calendar days from receipt of such notice, shall make the additional required funds available through any of the payment mechanisms specified in Article VI.B.1. of this Agreement.

C. In advance of the Government incurring any financial obligation associated with additional work under Article II.B., II.F., II.I., or II.J. of this Agreement, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall provide the Government with the full amount of the funds required to pay for such additional work through any of the payment mechanisms specified in Article VI.B.1. of this Agreement. 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. In the event the Government determines that the Non-Federal Sponsor must provide additional funds to meet its cash contribution, 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 thereafter, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall provide the Government with the full amount of the additional required funds through any of the payment mechanisms specified in Article VI.B.1. of this Agreement.

D. Upon completion of the initial construction or termination of this Agreement during the period of initial construction, and upon resolution of all relevant claims and appeals relevant to initial construction, the Government shall conduct a final accounting and furnish the Non-Federal

Sponsor with the results of the final accounting. The final accounting shall determine total costs of initial construction, each party's contribution provided thereto, and each party's required share thereof. The final accounting also shall determine costs due to betterments during the period of initial construction and the Non-Federal Sponsor's cash contribution provided pursuant to Article II.B. of this Agreement during the period of initial construction.

1. In the event a final accounting shows that the total contribution provided by the Non-Federal Sponsor is less than the non-Federal share of initial construction plus costs due to any betterments provided in accordance with Article II.B. of this Agreement during the period of initial construction, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall, no later than 90 calendar days after receipt of written notice, make a payment to the Government of whatever sum is required to meet the non-Federal share of initial construction plus costs due to any betterments provided in accordance with Article II.B. of this Agreement during the period of initial construction by delivering a check payable to "FAO, USAED, Wilmington District" to the District Engineer or providing an Electronic Funds Transfer in accordance with procedures established by the Government.

2. In the event a final accounting shows that the total contribution provided by the Non-Federal Sponsor exceeds the non-Federal share of initial construction plus costs due to any betterments provided in accordance with Article II.B. of this Agreement during the period of initial construction, the Government shall, subject to the availability of funds, refund the excess to the Non-Federal Sponsor no later than 90 calendar days after the final accounting is complete. In the event existing funds are not available to refund the excess to the Non-Federal Sponsor, the Government shall seek such appropriations as are necessary to make the refund.

E. The Non-Federal Sponsor shall provide the cash contribution required under Article II.H.2. of this Agreement in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph:

1. Not less than 45 calendar days prior to the scheduled date for issuance of the solicitation for the first contract for each iteration of periodic nourishment, 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 the non-Federal proportionate share of projected financial obligations for periodic nourishment through the first fiscal year of each iteration of periodic nourishment, including the non-Federal proportionate share of financial obligations for periodic nourishment incurred prior to the commencement of the authorized periodic nourishment period. Not later than such scheduled date, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall provide the Government with the full amount of the required funds by delivering a check payable to "FAO, USAED, Wilmington" to the District Engineer or verifying to the satisfaction of the Government that the Non-Federal Sponsor has deposited the required funds in an escrow or other account acceptable to the Government, with interest accruing to the Non-Federal 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 procedures established by the Government.

2. For the second and subsequent fiscal years of each iteration of periodic nourishment, the Government shall notify the Non-Federal Sponsor in writing, no later than 60 calendar days prior to the beginning of that fiscal year, of the funds the Government determines to be required from the Non-Federal Sponsor to meet the non-Federal proportionate share of projected financial obligations for periodic nourishment for that fiscal year. No later than 30 calendar days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall make the full amount of the required funds for that fiscal year available to the Government through any of the payment mechanisms specified in Article VI.B.1. of this Agreement.

3. 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 periodic nourishment incurred prior to the commencement the authorized periodic nourishment period; and (b) the non-Federal proportionate share of financial obligations for periodic nourishment as they are incurred during the authorized periodic nourishment period.

4. If at any time during the authorized periodic nourishment period, the Government determines that additional funds will be needed from the Non-Federal Sponsor to cover the non-Federal proportionate share of projected financial obligations for periodic nourishment for the current fiscal year, 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, and the Non-Federal Sponsor, no later than 60 calendar days from receipt of such notice, shall make the additional required funds available through any of the payment mechanisms specified in Article VI.B.1. of this Agreement.

F. Upon completion of each iteration of periodic nourishment or termination of this Agreement during the authorized periodic nourishment period, and upon resolution of all relevant claims and appeals relevant to the periodic nourishment, the Government shall conduct a final accounting and furnish the Non-Federal Sponsor with the results of the final accounting. The final accounting shall determine total costs of periodic nourishment, each party's contribution provided thereto, and each party's required share thereof. The final accounting also shall determine costs due to betterments performed during the authorized periodic nourishment period and the Non-Federal Sponsor's cash contribution provided pursuant to Article II.I. of this Agreement during the authorized periodic nourishment period.

1. In the event a final accounting shows that the total contribution provided by the Non-Federal Sponsor is less than the non-Federal share of periodic nourishment plus costs due to any betterments provided in accordance with Article II.I. of this Agreement during the authorized periodic nourishment period, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall, no later than 90 calendar days after receipt of written notice, make a payment to the Government of whatever sum is required to meet the non-Federal share of periodic nourishment plus costs due to any betterments provided in accordance with Article II.I. of this Agreement during the authorized periodic nourishment period by delivering a check payable to "FAO, USAED, Wilmington District" to the District Engineer or providing an Electronic Funds Transfer in accordance with procedures established by the Government.

2. In the event a final accounting shows that the total contribution provided by the Non-Federal Sponsor exceeds the non-Federal share of periodic nourishment plus costs due to any betterments provided in accordance with Article II.I. of this Agreement during the authorized periodic nourishment period, the Government shall, subject to the availability of funds, refund the excess to the Non-Federal Sponsor no later than 90 calendar days after the final accounting is complete. In the event existing funds are not available to refund the excess to the Non-Federal Sponsor, the Government shall seek such appropriations as are necessary to make the refund.

#### ARTICLE VII -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. The parties shall each pay 50 percent 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 VIII - OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND REHABILITATION (OMR&R)

A. Upon notification in accordance with Article II.C. of this Agreement and for so long as the Project remains authorized, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall operate, maintain, repair, and rehabilitate the entire Project or the functional portion of the Project, at no cost to the Government, in a manner compatible with the Project's authorized purposes and in accordance with applicable Federal and State laws as provided in Article XI of this Agreement and specific directions prescribed by the Government in the OMR&R Manual and any subsequent amendments thereto.

1. At least annually, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall monitor the beach and dune profile to determine losses of nourishment material from the Project design section and provide the results of such monitoring to the Government.

2. The Non-Federal Sponsor shall grade and reshape the beach and dune profile using material within the Project area and maintain vegetation, fencing, dune cross-overs, and other Project features associated with the beach and dune as required in the OMR&R Manual.

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 owns or controls for access to the Project for the purpose of inspection and, if necessary, for the purpose of completing, operating, maintaining, repairing, replacing, or rehabilitating the Project. 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. If, after 30 calendar days from receipt of notice, the Non-Federal Sponsor continues to fail to perform, then the Government shall have the right to enter, at reasonable times and in a reasonable manner, upon property that the Non-Federal Sponsor owns or controls for access to the Project for the purpose of completing, operating, maintaining, repairing, replacing, or rehabilitating the Project. No completion, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, or rehabilitation by the Government shall operate to relieve the Non-Federal Sponsor of responsibility to meet the Non-Federal Sponsor's obligations as set forth in this Agreement, or to preclude the Government from pursuing any other remedy at law or equity to ensure faithful performance pursuant to this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE IX -INDEMNIFICATION

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

#### ARTICLE X -MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS AND AUDIT

A. Not later than 60 calendar days after the effective date of this Agreement, the Government and the Non-Federal 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 Non-Federal Sponsor shall maintain such books, records, documents, and other evidence in accordance with these procedures and for a minimum of three years after the completion of the accounting for which such books, records, documents, and other evidence were required. To the extent permitted under applicable Federal laws and regulations, the Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor shall each allow the other to inspect such books, documents, records, and other evidence.

B. Pursuant to 32 C.F.R. Section 33.26, the Non-Federal Sponsor is responsible for complying with the Single Audit Act of 1984, 31 U.S.C. Sections 7501-7507, as implemented by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular No. A-133 and Department of Defense Directive 7600.10. Upon request of the Non-Federal Sponsor and to the extent permitted under applicable Federal laws and regulations, the Government shall provide to the Non-Federal Sponsor and independent auditors any information necessary to enable an audit of the Non-Federal Sponsor's activities under this Agreement. The costs of any non-Federal audits performed in

accordance with this paragraph shall be allocated in accordance with the provisions of OMB Circulars A-87 and A-133, and such costs as are allocated to the Project shall be included in total project costs and shared in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

C. In accordance with 31 U.S.C. Section 7503, the Government may conduct audits in addition to any audit that the Non-Federal 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 performed in accordance with this paragraph shall be included in total project costs and shared in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE XI -FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS

In the exercise of their respective rights and obligations under this Agreement, the Non-Federal Sponsor and the Government agree to 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, as well as 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 Section 402 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, as amended (33 U.S.C. 701b-12), requiring non-Federal preparation and implementation of flood plain management plans.

#### ARTICLE XII -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 such other party may have to seek relief or redress against such contractor either pursuant to any cause of action that such other party may have or for violation of any law.

#### ARTICLE XIII -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 XIV -TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION

A. If at any time the Non-Federal Sponsor fails to fulfill its obligations under Article II.B., II.E., II.F., II.H., II.I., II.J., VI, or XVIII.C. of 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 or is necessary in order to satisfy agreements with any other non-Federal interests in connection with the Project.

B. If the Government fails to receive annual appropriations in amounts sufficient to meet Project expenditures for the then-current or upcoming fiscal year, the Government shall so notify the Non-Federal Sponsor in writing, and 60 calendar days thereafter either party may elect without penalty to terminate this Agreement or to suspend future performance under this Agreement. In the event that either party elects to suspend future performance under this Agreement pursuant to this paragraph, such suspension shall remain in effect until such time as the Government receives sufficient appropriations or until either the Government or the Non-Federal Sponsor elects to terminate this Agreement.

C. In the event that either party elects to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Article or Article XV of this Agreement, both parties shall conclude their activities relating to the Project and proceed to a final accounting in accordance with Article VI.D. or VI.F. of this Agreement.

D. Any termination of this Agreement or suspension of future performance under this Agreement in accordance with this Article or Article XV 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 XV - HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

A. After execution of this Agreement and upon direction by the District Engineer, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall perform, or cause to be performed, 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. Sections 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 the initial construction, periodic nourishment, operation, and maintenance of the Project. However, for lands 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 or the Government during the period of initial construction for such investigations for hazardous substances shall be included in total costs of initial construction and shared in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, subject to an audit in accordance with Article X.C. of this Agreement to determine reasonableness, allocability, and allowability of costs.

2. All actual costs incurred by the Non-Federal Sponsor or the Government during the authorized periodic nourishment period for such investigations for hazardous substances shall be included in total costs of periodic nourishment and shared in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, subject to an audit in accordance with Article X.C. of this Agreement to determine reasonableness, allocability, and allowability of costs.

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 the initial construction, periodic nourishment, operation, and maintenance of the Project, the Non-Federal Sponsor and the Government 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 both parties agree that the Non-Federal Sponsor should proceed.

C. The Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor shall determine whether to initiate initial construction or any iteration of periodic nourishment of the Project, or, if already in initial construction or an iteration of periodic nourishment, whether to continue with work on 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 the initial construction, periodic nourishment, operation, and maintenance of the Project. Should the Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor determine to initiate or continue with construction 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 clean-up and response, to include 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 fails to provide any funds necessary to pay for clean up and response costs or to otherwise discharge the Non-Federal Sponsor's responsibilities under this paragraph upon direction by the Government, the Government may, in its sole discretion, 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 V of this Agreement in an effort to ensure that responsible parties bear any necessary clean up 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, and rehabilitate the Project in a manner that will not cause liability to arise under CERCLA.

#### ARTICLE XVI -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 either delivered personally or by telegram or mailed by first-class, registered, or certified mail, as follows:

If to the Non-Federal Sponsor:

Town of Ocean Isle Beach  
ATTN: Town Administrator  
3 West Third Street  
Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469

If to the Government:

District Engineer, USAED, Wilmington  
ATTN: CESA-W-PM-C  
P.O. 1890  
Wilmington, NC 28402-1890

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 XVII -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 XVIII - HISTORIC PRESERVATION

A. The costs of identification, survey and evaluation of historic properties shall be included in total project costs and shared in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

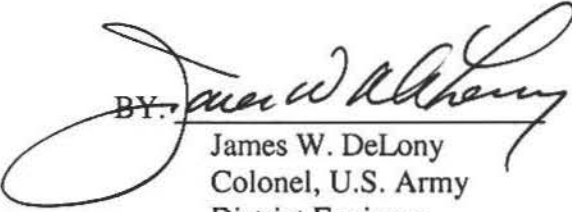
B. As specified in Section 7(a) of Public Law 93-291 (16 U.S.C. Section 469c(a)), the costs of mitigation and data recovery activities associated with historic preservation shall be borne entirely by the Government and shall not be included in total project costs, up to the statutory limit of one percent of the total amount authorized to be appropriated for the Project.

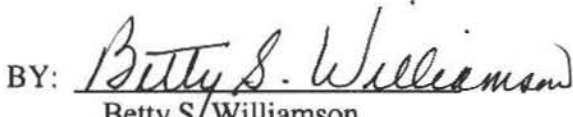
C. The Government shall not incur costs for mitigation and data recovery that exceed the statutory one percent limit specified in paragraph B. of this Article unless and until the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) has waived that limit in accordance with Section 208(3) of Public Law 96-515 (16 U.S.C. Section 469c-2(3)). Any costs of mitigation and data recovery that exceed the one percent limit shall be included in total project costs and shared in accordance with the provisions of 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

TOWN OF OCEAN ISLE BEACH,  
NORTH CAROLINA

BY:   
James W. DeLony  
Colonel, U.S. Army  
District Engineer

BY:   
Betty S/Williamson  
Mayor

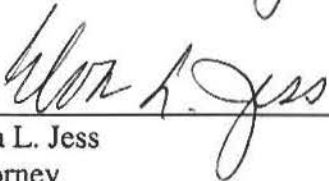
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CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

I, Elva L. Jess, do hereby certify that I am the principal legal officer of the Town of Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina, that the Town of Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina, 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 Town of Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina, in connection with the Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Wave Protection Project, Brunswick County Beaches, North Carolina, Project, Ocean Isle Beach Portion, and to pay damages in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, if necessary, in the event of the failure to perform, as required by Section 221 of Public Law 91-611 (42 U.S.C. Section 1962d-5b), and that the persons who have executed this Agreement on behalf of the Town of Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina, have acted within their statutory authority.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have made and executed this certification this  
9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2001.

  
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Elva L. Jess  
Attorney  
Town of Ocean Isle Beach

## 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 Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. 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.

  
Betty S. Williamson

Mayor

Town of Ocean Isle Beach

DATE: 1-9-2001