

COOPERATING TECHNICAL PARTNERS PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT is made on August 12th, 2012 by these parties: Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security (IBHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

BECAUSE the Risk MAP (Mapping, Assessment, and Planning) Program established by FEMA has several goals, the most significant being

- Address gaps in flood hazard data to form a solid foundation for risk assessment and floodplain management
- Ensure that a measurable increase of the public's awareness and understanding of risk results in a measurable reduction of current and future vulnerability
- Lead and support local communities to effectively engage in risk-based mitigation planning
- Provide an enhanced digital platform that improves management of RiskMAP, stewards information produced by RiskMAP, and improves communication and sharing of risk data and related products to all levels of government and the public
- Align Risk Analysis programs and develop synergies to enhance decision-making capabilities through risk communication and management

BECAUSE a critical component of RiskMAP is to deliver quality data that increases public awareness and leads to action that reduces risk to life and property;

BECAUSE in the identification of hazard prone areas, FEMA is authorized to consult with, receive information from, and enter into agreements or other arrangements with the head of any State, regional, or local agency;

BECAUSE FEMA encourages strong Federal, State, regional, and local partnerships for the purposes of reducing hazard losses and disaster assistance. FEMA and its State, regional and local partners have determined that it is advantageous to encourage and formalize greater cooperation in the multi-hazard identification and flood mapping processes; and many communities and the agencies that serve them, have developed considerable technical capabilities and resources that provide the opportunity to improve and expand the collection, development, and evaluation of multi-hazard data; and

BECAUSE IBHS has expressed a desire to perform certain functions in the multi-hazard identification process and has provided evidences that it has sufficient technical capability and will dedicate the recourses necessary to perform those functions.

NOW THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed that the parties enter into this agreement to work together to create and maintain accurate, up-to-date multi-hazard data subject to the terms and conditions recited below.

1. CONSULTATIONS

The parties shall collaborate on multi hazard identification activities and shall consult with each other to fully integrate each other's contributions into multi-hazard identification efforts. Questions regarding the execution of this Agreement will be resolved by an implementation committee consisting of a FEMA representative and an Idaho BHS representative. If the implementation committee is unable to resolve technical issues, the issues may be resolved through alternative dispute resolution procedures.

2. EVALUATION AND REPORTING

The parties shall, on an annual basis, review the partnership created by this Agreement to determine and document the activities undertaken to maintain accurate multi-hazard data and to revise the Agreement as necessary.

3. RESOURCE COMMITMENT

The parties agree to commit the appropriate and available human, technical, and financial resources sufficient to coordinate effectively with all entities impacted by flood hazard identification efforts to implement this Agreement.

4. STANDARDS

Unless otherwise agreed to by all parties, all multi-hazard identification activities will be accomplished in accordance with the standards document in the Guidelines and Specification for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners, dated April 2003, and all subsequent revisions.

5. SPECIFIC INITIATIVES OR PROJECTS

Specific initiatives or projects to be performed under this Agreement are to be documented in Mapping Activity Statement(s), which will be attached to this Agreement when they are signed. The parties will be obligated to perform as described in the signed Mapping Activity Statement(s).

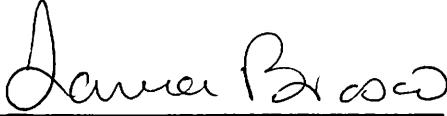
6. TERM

The respective duties, responsibilities, and commitments of the parties in this Agreement shall begin on the date this Agreement is signed by the parties in this Agreement and may be periodically renewed, revised, or terminated at the option of any of the parties. The parties agree that a 60-day notice shall be given prior to the termination of this Agreement.

THEREFORE, each party has caused this Agreement to be executed by its duly authorized representatives on the date mentioned above.


Pat Lucas
Chief, Preparedness and Protection Branch
Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security

12 Aug 2013
Date


Tamra Biasco
Risk Analysis Branch Chief

8/12/2013
Date