

Letter of Cooperation

between

NIMA/Commercial Imagery Program (CIP) and  
NASA/Stennis Geospace Applications and Development  
Directorate (GADD)

## I. Purpose:

The purpose of this Letter of Cooperation (LOC) is to establish a working relationship between the National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA) Commercial Imagery Program (CIP), and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Geospace Applications and Development Directorate (GADD) through their program offices in Bethesda, MD and Stennis Space Center, MS, respectively. The goal of this working relationship is to enhance the missions of both agencies by leveraging the government's investment in remote sensing activities. That can best be accomplished by providing this LOC mechanism for cooperative efforts in areas of commercial remote sensing activities of interest to both agencies. Thus, when specific cooperative opportunities are identified and specified, they can, on a case-by-case basis be assessed and undertaken with minimum barriers and maximum rewards. Individual project schedules and milestones will be determined on a case-by-case basis as each activity is planned and undertaken. Binding agreements will be executed, as necessary, to implement projects that involve a specific commitment of NASA and NIMA resources.

## II. Areas of Mutual Interest

### (A) Applications

NIMA/CIP and NASA/GADD will individually determine such current and planned remote sensing activities that are extant within their respective offices that may be candidates for cooperative ventures. Having made those determinations, each office will strive to incorporate the strengths of the other in constructing appropriate ongoing cooperative activities.

### (B) Data Exchange

In areas where each office has undertaken activities to obtain data and information regarding image products and services originating in the commercial (private sector) and civil arena, each office will determine which data and information can legally and beneficially be provided to the other office, and will then undertake procedures to transfer that data and information.

### (C) Other Areas

Each office will propose to the other whatever additional areas of interest and cooperation may, from time-to-time, become visible and viable candidates for mutual undertakings.

III. Financial Obligations

It is recognized that under this LOC there will be no transfer of funds, nor transfer of financial resources or obligations, nor transfer of personnel equipment between NIMA/CIP and NASA/GADD. Each office will fund in full any participation in any and all activity undertaken, under this LOC.

IV. Terms of Agreement and Right to Termination

This LOC becomes effective on the date of the signature of both parties. Either party, upon 30-day written notice to the other party, may terminate this LOC without liability, at any time and for any reason. Individual cooperative projects being undertaken under this LOC may, of themselves, be immediately terminated by either party without liability, upon written notice to the other party, at any time and for any reason, without affecting the LOC. This LOC shall expire 24 months from the date of signatures of both parties unless specifically renewed or extended by the two office directors or their successors.

V. Key Personnel

Key personnel are designated to serve as the key representatives for each office under this LOC. Points of Contact (POCs) will be designated by each office for each of the cooperative activities to be undertaken under this LOC. Key personnel are:

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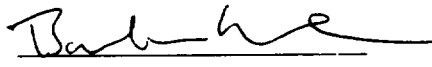
VI. Execution

Concurrence and Agreement of this Letter of Cooperation:

National Aeronautics and Space  
Administration/Stennis Space  
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National Imagery and  
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