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**INTRODUCTION**

This Agreement establishes the basis for mutual understanding and cooperation between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the University of Nebraska's Peter Kiewit Institute in the implementation of the "Partnership for Technology Transfer & Knowledge Exchange" program.

This supportive relationship is established in recognition of the importance of engineering, science, and education to the future political and economic well-being of the nation as well as the importance of the Peter Kiewit Institute to the business, academic, and governmental institutions in this region.

**PROGRAM PURPOSE**

This document creates a formal partnership between USACE and the Peter Kiewit Institute for the purpose of technology transfer, knowledge exchange, personnel development, and student mentoring. The intent of this partnership is to foster the successful transfer of new and innovative ideas, concepts, and technologies among USACE, the Peter Kiewit Institute, academia, and industry, and to help implement technologies and knowledge through real-world applications. This partnership also establishes a prototype for other USACE entities to model and develop within their geographical areas.

**GENERAL SCOPE OF THE PARTNERING AGREEMENT**

**PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION**

The administration of this partnership program and the selection of the specific activities that comprise the program will be the joint responsibility of the designated program managers from USACE and the Peter Kiewit Institute.

It is understood that this Agreement provides a framework to pursue cooperative engineering, scientific, and educational collaborations. Any exchange of funds or other tangible resources in furthering the purposes of this Agreement will require execution of a separate written instrument, such as a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement or a Support Agreement, in accordance with applicable law.

## **COMMITMENTS BY USACE**

1. To provide a USACE employee to serve as the Technology Transfer and Knowledge Exchange Program Manager with an office located at the Peter Kiewit Institute.
2. To provide consistent transfer of knowledge and technologies, primarily to USACE field offices and secondarily to other agencies and the private sector.
3. To coordinate and facilitate Support Agreements or Cooperative Research and Development Agreements between USACE, the Peter Kiewit Institute, and industry.
4. To assess projects for lessons learned and success stories.
5. To facilitate challenging developmental opportunities for USACE engineers and scientists within the partnership.
6. To facilitate student mentoring, internships, and summer hires within USACE.
7. To provide access to the expertise of USACE engineers, scientists, and researchers.
8. To provide access to technologically advanced government laboratories and test facilities.

## **COMMITMENTS BY PETER KIEWIT INSITUTE**

1. To provide office space for the USACE Program Manager on the University of Nebraska at Omaha-Peter Kiewit Institute Campus Complex, along with other industry leaders, in order to heighten the potential for information exchange.
2. To provide University students and faculty to work with USACE on teams to research and develop new technologies that will benefit USACE, the Peter Kiewit Institute, and industry partners.
3. To provide access to its unique interactive state-of-the-art conference, training, and educational facilities.
4. To provide access to the expertise of academia and industry engineers, scientists, and researchers.
5. To provide access to technologically advanced laboratories and test facilities.

## PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION

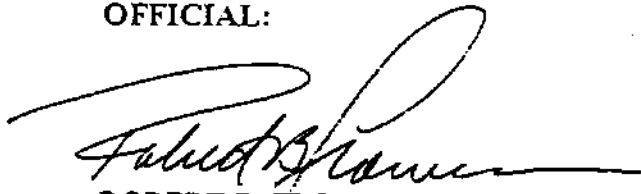
All commitments of this Agreement will be interpreted in accordance with applicable authorities, to include the following:

1. 10 U.S.C. § 2194, "Education partnerships."
2. 5 U.S.C. §§ 3371 et. seq., "Assignments to and from States," (Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970).
3. Army Regulation 70-57, Research, Development and Acquisition: Military-Civilian Technology Transfer.

## PERIOD OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement will become effective when signed by both the Chief of Engineers and the Executive Director of the Peter Kiewit Institute, and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by either participating organization. Modification can be made at any time by mutual agreement of the signatories or their successors. Either party may withdraw from this agreement at any time by providing the partner with a 30-day written notification to that effect.


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(Date) 30 MAY 2001

OFFICIAL:



WINNIE CALLAHAN  
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