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FOR GULF OF MEXICO STUDIES

**Memorandum of Agreement
Between
The Florida Institute of Oceanography (FIO)
And
The Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies (HRI)**

November 5, 2015

This document describes an agreement between Florida Institute of Oceanography (FIO) hosted by the University of South Florida and the Harte Research Institute (HRI) of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi to support joint research activities in the Gulf of Mexico working closely with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Restore Act Centers of Excellence, the Gulf of Mexico University Research Collaborative, and other governmental agencies and for-profit organizations with an interest in research and educational programs for the Gulf of Mexico region.

Purpose:

This Memorandum of Agreement is to establish and facilitate an effective working relationship between FIO and HRI in order to address the needs of the Gulf of Mexico research and monitoring efforts with academic, state and federal agencies. Specifically, projects will be developed within the following general themes: water quality; habitat conservation and restoration; ecosystem integration and assessment; fisheries and stock assessments; nutrients and nutrient impacts; coastal community resilience; and environmental education.

Florida Institute of Oceanography agrees to:

- Lead joint proposals with HRI scientists and education and outreach professionals working as co-investigators.
- Establish an ongoing sub-contractual arrangement with HRI so as to limit facilities and administrative fees retained by FIO, thus maximizing research investment.
- Facilitate access to collaborative research opportunities with FIO's 30 member institutions.


Harte Research Institute of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi agrees to:

- Lead joint proposals with FIO scientists and education and outreach professionals working as co-investigators.
- Establish an ongoing sub-contractual arrangement with FIO so as to limit facilities and administrative fees retained by HRI, thus maximizing research investment.
- Facilitate access to collaborative research opportunities with HRI partner institutions.

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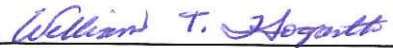
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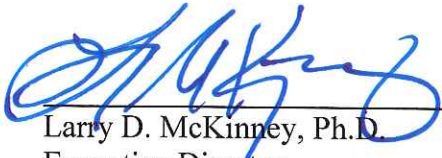
~~Notwithstanding the dates of the approving signatures executing this document, the parties agree that the effective date of this agreement shall be November 5, 2015.~~ 

This agreement shall remain in effect unless either party wishes to terminate this agreement by providing a written notice to the other party at least thirty days (30) days prior to the date of the desired termination.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the undersigned parties have executed this Memorandum of Agreement:



William T. Hogarth, Ph.D.
Director
Florida Institute of Oceanography



Larry D. McKinney, Ph.D.
Executive Director
Harte Research Institute
Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi


4 November 2015

Date

5/11/15

Date

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