

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
**THROUGH THE**  
**COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION AUTHORITY**  
**AND THE**  
**ST. CHARLES PARISH GOVERNMENT**  
**REGARDING**  
**ENGINEERING AND DESIGN OF THE**  
**LAKE SALVADOR SHORELINE PROTECTION PROJECT**  
**PROJECT NO. BA-0292**

**THIS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT** (hereinafter referred to as the “**AGREEMENT**”), is entered into and effective by and between the State of Louisiana through the **COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION AUTHORITY** (hereinafter referred to as the “**CPRA**”) acting by and through its Executive Director **MICHAEL HARE**, and the **ST. CHARLES PARISH GOVERNMENT** (hereinafter referred to as the “**LOCAL**”) represented by its duly authorized Parish President, **MATTHEW JEWELL** (**CPRA** and **LOCAL** are referred to herein collectively as the “**PARTIES**” or individually as “**PARTY**”).

**WHEREAS**, Article VII, Section 14 of the Louisiana Constitution provides, in part, that “(f)or a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions or political corporations may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual”; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to La. R.S. 49:214.5.2(A)(1), the **COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION AUTHORITY BOARD** (hereinafter referred to as the “**BOARD**”) represents the State of Louisiana’s position in policy relative to the protection, conservation, enhancement, and restoration of the coastal area of the state through oversight of integrated coastal protection projects and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to La. R.S. 49:214.6.1, **CPRA** is the implementation and enforcement arm of the **BOARD** and is directed by the policy set by the **BOARD**, and **CPRA** administers the programs, projects, and activities approved for funding by the **BOARD**, and, therefore, **CPRA** shall administer and implement the obligations undertaken pursuant to this **AGREEMENT**; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to La. R.S. 49:214.6.2, **CPRA** shall implement projects relative to the protection, conservation, enhancement, and restoration of the coastal area of the State of Louisiana through oversight of integrated coastal projects and programs, and may enter into contracts with the federal government, local governing

authorities, and political subdivisions for the implementation of coastal protection projects, programs, or activities; and

**WHEREAS, LOCAL** is the governing body of St. Charles Parish, with the authority of a local political subdivision to enter into agreements with governmental bodies, such as **CPRA**, for the public welfare, health, safety, and good order of St. Charles Parish by virtue of the specific authority granted in its Home Rule Charter and Article VII, Section 14 of the Louisiana Constitution; and

**WHEREAS, LOCAL** is authorized under Article VI, Part III of the Louisiana Constitution to provide for the construction and maintenance of levees, levee drainage, flood protection, and hurricane flood protection within the territorial jurisdiction of **LOCAL**, and all purposes incidental thereto, including on its own behalf or for the areas or the levee districts under its authority; and

**WHEREAS, the PARTIES** desire to enter into this **AGREEMENT** for the purpose of lessening the threat of harm to citizens and damage to property in St. Charles Parish through the reduction of shoreline degradation, by engineering and designing the **LAKE SALVADOR SHORELINE PROTECTION PROJECT** (hereinafter referred to as the "**PROJECT**"); and

**WHEREAS, the PROJECT** is an integrated coastal protection project eligible for funding under Section 105 of the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 ("**GOMESA**") (Title I of Division C of Pub. L. 109-432; 43 U.S.C. § 1331, *et seq.*; 120 Stat. 3000), 30 C.F.R. Part 1219, as amended, Louisiana Constitution Article VII, Sections 9(B), 10.1, and 10.2, and La. R.S. 49:214.5.4(E); and

**WHEREAS, this AGREEMENT** contemplates that in the future that **GOMESA** may be referred to as the Gulf of America Energy Security Act ("**GOAESA**"), *see* Exec. Order No. 14172, 90 Fed. Reg. 8629 (Jan. 20, 2025) ("**Restoring Names That Honor American Greatness**") and JML 25-027 (Mar. 13, 2025) ("**The Gulf of America**"), and it is inferred that **GOMESA** and **GOAESA** are synonymous for the purposes of this **AGREEMENT**; and

**WHEREAS, the PROJECT** is consistent with Louisiana's Comprehensive Master Plan for a Sustainable Coast, is included in an Annual Plan approved by the Louisiana Legislature, and is identified as eligible for allocation of proposed funding, contingent upon funding being made available to **CPRA** for the **PROJECT**; and

**WHEREAS, LOCAL** shall engineer and design the **PROJECT** pursuant to this **AGREEMENT**, and should **LOCAL** subsequently construct the **PROJECT**, **LOCAL** shall be solely responsible for the operation, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, and replacement ("**O&M**") of the **PROJECT**, including any required mitigation associated therewith; and

**WHEREAS, this AGREEMENT** will be mutually beneficial to the **PARTIES** in the furtherance of their respective statutory purposes, duties, and authorities, and each **PARTY** expects to receive a public benefit at least equal to the costs of the responsibilities undertaken pursuant hereto; and

**WHEREAS, CPRA and LOCAL, in connection with this AGREEMENT, desire to foster a partnering strategy and a working relationship between the PARTIES through a mutually developed formal strategy of commitment and communication embodied herein, which creates an environment where trust and teamwork prevent disputes, foster a cooperative bond between the PARTIES, and facilitate the successful implementation of the PROJECT as described herein; and**

**NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the PARTIES' mutual undertakings herein and the purposes, duties, and authorities granted under La. R.S. 49:214.1, et seq., the constitution and general laws of the State of Louisiana, the PARTIES hereto do hereby agree as follows:**

## **ARTICLE I**

### **PURPOSE AND IDENTIFICATION**

#### **A. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this **AGREEMENT** is to set forth the terms, conditions, and responsibilities to be performed by **LOCAL** and **CPRA** in the engineering and design of the **PROJECT**, which will culminate in the construction of a 15-mile shoreline protection project along three reaches of the Lake Salvador Shoreline.

#### **B. IDENTIFICATION**

For the purpose of administration, identification, and record keeping, State Project Number **BA-0292** is assigned to this **PROJECT**. This number will be used to identify all **PROJECT** costs.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **SCOPE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The objective of the Engineering and Design (E&D) phase of the **PROJECT** is to deliver a shovel-ready, 15-mile shoreline protection project along three reaches of Lake Salvador shoreline bordering the Salvador Wildlife Management Area (WMA) and Timken WMA, which have been degraded by daily vessel traffic, strong south winds, and storm events, and which were identified as priorities for restoration in the St. Charles Parish Strategic Habitat, Infrastructure, & Ecosystems for Louisiana's Defense ("SHIELD") Plan.

The scope of work for the **PROJECT** shall be consistent with **ARTICLE III** ("PROJECT RESPONSIBILITY"), and as identified in **ATTACHMENT A** ("SCOPE OF WORK"), which shall be attached hereto, incorporated herein, and made part of this **AGREEMENT**.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **PROJECT RESPONSIBILITY**

#### **A. CPRA PROJECT RESPONSIBILITY**

1. Provide funding to **LOCAL** in accordance with the terms and conditions of this **AGREEMENT** for the engineering and design of the **PROJECT**.

2. Provide appropriate **CPRA** personnel for consultation, as necessary.
3. Provide access to relevant engineering and design resources, as necessary.
4. Review and approve design criteria developed by **LOCAL**.
5. If requested by **CPRA**, perform secondary review of any design documents, plans and specifications. **LOCAL** shall be responsible for primary review and shall provide comments on any design documents, plans and specifications.
6. If requested by **CPRA**, review and approve any Notice to Proceed (“NTP”) for work pertaining to the **PROJECT**. However, in the event that a NTP has been issued prior to **CPRA**’s approval, **LOCAL** shall provide all associated documentation related to the Scope of Work or associated costs to **CPRA**’s Project Manager, identified in **ARTICLE VI** (“RECORD KEEPING AND MONITORING”) of this **AGREEMENT**, as soon as possible.
7. Review and approve any Scope of Work changes for the **PROJECT**.
8. If Value Engineering is requested by either **PARTY**, review and approve all cost savings resulting from Value Engineering.

**B. LOCAL PROJECT RESPONSIBILITY**

1. Perform and/or contract to perform the engineering and design of the **PROJECT** in accordance with **ATTACHMENT A** (“SCOPE OF WORK”) and the terms and conditions of this **AGREEMENT**.
  - a. Work under this **AGREEMENT** for the **PROJECT** shall be in accordance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations, and **LOCAL** shall ensure that the work is the best obtainable within established trade practice. The submittal of documentation to **CPRA** as required by this **AGREEMENT** shall be for the purpose of verifying that the funds are spent in accordance with this **AGREEMENT** and the applicable legislation, providing evidence of the progress of the **PROJECT**, and verifying that such documentation is being produced, and any approval by **CPRA** shall be construed solely as acknowledgment thereof. **LOCAL** shall be responsible for submitting complete and accurate documentation.
  - b. Engineering and design of the **PROJECT** shall be in accordance with **CPRA** minimum design standards and accepted sound engineering principles, as delineated in the design criteria to be developed by **LOCAL**. **LOCAL** shall provide design criteria to **CPRA**’s Project Manager for review and written approval prior to initiation of any engineering and design work for the **PROJECT** under this **AGREEMENT**. **LOCAL**’s failure to develop design criteria that are approvable by **CPRA** may result in termination of this **AGREEMENT**, at **CPRA**’s sole discretion.

- c. All engineering design documents, plans, and specifications shall be prepared by or under the direct supervision of a professional engineer licensed in the discipline of civil engineering and registered in the State of Louisiana in accordance with La. R.S. Title 37 and 46, regarding Professional and Occupational Standards, as governed by the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board.
2. Perform and/or contract to perform the management and oversight of work for the **PROJECT**, in accordance with the following:
  - a. **LOCAL** shall review and provide comments on all design documents, plans and specifications. **LOCAL** shall provide all design documents, plans and specifications to **CPRA**. At **CPRA**'s request, **LOCAL** shall obtain written approval of design documents, plans and specifications from **CPRA**'s Project Manager.
  - b. **LOCAL** shall obtain written approval from **CPRA**'s Project Manager prior to the issuance of a NTP by **LOCAL**, and before any associated costs are incurred by **LOCAL** to any consultant(s), contractor(s), and/or subcontractor(s), or to any other third party(ies), for work pertaining to the **PROJECT** under this **AGREEMENT**. A minimum period of ten (10) business days is required by **CPRA** for review. However, in the event that a NTP has been issued prior to **CPRA**'s approval, **LOCAL** shall provide all associated documentation related to the Scope of Work or associated costs to **CPRA**'s Project Manager as soon as possible.
  - c. **LOCAL** shall properly document, organize, and submit all Scope of Work changes to **CPRA**'s Project Manager for review and written approval prior to issuance of a NTP. A minimum period of ten (10) business days is required by **CPRA** for review.
  - d. If Value Engineering is requested by either **PARTY**, **LOCAL** shall document, detail, and submit all cost savings resulting from Value Engineering for the **PROJECT** to **CPRA**'s Project Manager for review and written approval prior to the issuance of a NTP for a change in Scope of Work by **LOCAL** resulting from Value Engineering. A minimum period of fifteen (15) business days is required by **CPRA** for review.
  - e. Upon request of **LOCAL** in writing, **CPRA**, in its sole discretion, may complete its review in less than the required minimum period.
  - f. **LOCAL** shall submit Certified Monthly Monitoring Reports, as provided in **ATTACHMENT C** to this **AGREEMENT**, to **CPRA**'s Project Manager.
3. Provide any **PROJECT**-related documents requested or required by **CPRA**, and as detailed in **ARTICLE IV** ("DELIVERABLES") of this **AGREEMENT**.

4. Receive, review, approve, and pay invoices from any consultant(s), contractor(s), subcontractor(s), and/or vendor(s) on a timely basis and in accordance with this **ARTICLE**, **ARTICLE V** (“PROJECT FUNDING AND PAYMENT”) of this **AGREEMENT**, and all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations.
  5. Submit certified invoices to **CPRA** for payment. **LOCAL** shall certify that the work performed by **LOCAL** and its consultant(s), contractor(s), subcontractor(s), and/or vendor(s) covered by the invoice has been performed or completed in accordance with **ATTACHMENT A** (“SCOPE OF WORK”) to this **AGREEMENT**, and in accordance with the contract(s) and any amendment(s) entered into between **LOCAL** and its consultant(s), contractor(s), subcontractor(s), and/or vendor(s) (hereinafter referred to as the “**SERVICES CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**”).
  6. Adhere to all applicable federal and state funding requirements and guidelines, as well as to all terms and conditions of this **AGREEMENT**. At **CPRA**’s sole discretion, **LOCAL**’s failure to adhere to these requirements may result in withholding payment to **LOCAL**.
  7. Determine the land rights, easements, rights-of-way, relocations, disposal areas, and servitudes (“**LERRDS**”) that may be necessary for construction of the **PROJECT**. However, **LOCAL** understands and agrees that the scope of this **AGREEMENT** shall not include the acquisition of **LERRDS**, including, but not limited to, appraisals, review appraisals, or acquisition of property, in either partial or full ownership.
  8. Acquire any and all federal, state, and local permits and/or any other authorizations that are required for construction and O&M of the **PROJECT**, including, but not limited to, letters of no objection, Coastal Use Permits, and authorization under Section 408. **LOCAL** shall submit copies of applicable permits and/or other authorizations to **CPRA** prior to initiating any regulated and/or permitted design and/or construction-related activity.
- C. Notwithstanding any other provision of this **AGREEMENT**, **CPRA**’s consultation, provision of resources or personnel, review, attendance at meetings or inspections, consideration of, comments on, revisions to or revised versions of, approval, authorization, inspection, verification, or any other action in relation to any design documents, plans, specifications, **LERRDS** requirements or property rights, letters of no objection, **SERVICES CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**, **NTP**, status reports, expenditures, invoices, payments, services, or any other work or documentation shall not be construed as any acceptance or assumption of any liability whatsoever arising therefrom or from any deficiencies or defects therein, whether hidden or apparent.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **DELIVERABLES**

- A. **LOCAL** shall provide to **CPRA**, through **CPRA**’s Project Manager identified in **ARTICLE VI** (“**RECORD KEEPING AND MONITORING**”) of this **AGREEMENT**,

any deliverables identified in and according to **ATTACHMENT A** (“SCOPE OF WORK”) to this **AGREEMENT**.

- B. **LOCAL** shall provide to **CPRA**, through **CPRA**’s Project Manager, monthly invoices detailing work performed, which shall include all documentation necessary to support the invoice, including a summary of the type of work, total value of the work performed, and the costs incurred, as provided in **ATTACHMENT C** (“CERTIFIED MONTHLY MONITORING REPORT”) to this **AGREEMENT**. Supporting documentation shall include, but is not limited to, the following information:
1. Copies of all recorded time sheets and/or records for any consultant(s), contractor(s), subcontractor(s), and/or vendor(s);
  2. Written certification by a properly designated official representing **LOCAL** that the detailed monthly invoices are true and correct, completed in accordance with **ATTACHMENT A** (“SCOPE OF WORK”) to this **AGREEMENT**, and in accordance with the **SERVICES CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**; and
  3. Written certification that the detailed monthly invoices meet all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations.
- C. **LOCAL** shall provide to **CPRA**, through **CPRA**’s Project Manager, all documents and records listed in **ARTICLE III** (“PROJECT RESPONSIBILITY”) of this **AGREEMENT**, and any other **PROJECT**-related documents requested or required by **CPRA**, which may include, but are not limited to, any:
1. **SERVICES CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**, including related Scopes of Work and cost estimates;
  2. Survey reports;
  3. Geotechnical data collection and geotechnical engineering reports;
  4. Engineering design reports, including design criteria as applicable;
  5. Estimates of probable cost or construction cost estimates;
  6. Plans and specifications;
  7. Permitting and environmental compliance documents; and
  8. Initial and/or revised **PROJECT** schedules.
- D. **LOCAL** shall provide to **CPRA**, through **CPRA**’s Project Manager, a copy of a resolution authorizing its execution of this **AGREEMENT**, passed by the governing body authorized to approve execution of this **AGREEMENT**.
- E. **LOCAL** shall provide to **CPRA**, through **CPRA**’s Project Manager, a copy of any final documents produced in connection with the performance of the work outlined herein, including, but not limited to, surveys, test results, land rights documents, plans and specifications, data collection, and technical reports.

## ARTICLE V

### PROJECT FUNDING AND PAYMENT

This **AGREEMENT** shall be administered as follows:

- A. **CPRA** shall provide to **LOCAL**, a maximum of **\$3,377,781.75** for the engineering and design of the **PROJECT** from qualified revenues generated from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas activity provided to **CPRA** under GOMESA (hereinafter referred to as the “**PROJECT FUNDS**”). The **PROJECT FUNDS** available to **LOCAL** for the engineering and design of the **PROJECT** are as follows: **\$377,781.75** from the Fiscal Year 2026 GOMESA fund allocation, and **\$3,000,000.00** from the Fiscal Year 2023 GOMESA fund allocation.
- B. **CPRA**'s participation in this **PROJECT** is contingent upon receipt of the **PROJECT FUNDS** and allocation of those funds in an Annual Plan approved by the Louisiana Legislature. All funding shall be subject to **ARTICLE XX** (“**FISCAL FUNDING CLAUSE**”) of this **AGREEMENT**.
- C. Any additional funds required for completion of the **PROJECT** in excess of the maximum **PROJECT** cost of **\$3,377,781.75** shall be the sole responsibility of **LOCAL**. **LOCAL** will be paid up to an amount not to exceed a maximum of **\$3,377,781.75**, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, for eligible work as identified in this **AGREEMENT**. In no case shall the sum total of payments made by **CPRA** to **LOCAL** exceed the maximum **PROJECT** cost for the term of this **AGREEMENT**.
- D. The funding will be provided to **LOCAL** based upon submittal and approval of monthly invoices, and all other deliverables as described and referenced in **ARTICLE IV** (“**DELIVERABLES**”) herein, to **CPRA**'s Project Manager, identified in **ARTICLE VI** (“**RECORD KEEPING AND MONITORING**”) of this **AGREEMENT**. If the monthly invoice is approved, **CPRA** will process payment to **LOCAL**.
- E. All invoices shall be subject to verification, adjustment, and/or settlement as a result of any audit referenced in **ARTICLE VII** (“**RECORD RETENTION, REPORTING, AND AUDITS**”) of this **AGREEMENT**. **PROJECT** costs exceeding the maximum **PROJECT** cost of **\$3,377,781.75** shall be the sole responsibility of **LOCAL**.
- F. All invoices submitted for payment by **LOCAL** shall be billed as actual costs incurred and shall not include any requests for payment of a negotiated contractual lump sum amount. With the exception of construction contracts awarded through the public bid process, payments for lump sum amounts, regardless of their source or purpose, shall not be allowed under this **AGREEMENT**.
- G. Costs incurred by **LOCAL**, which are directly related to the work described herein, are eligible for payment in accordance with established guidelines and in accordance with this **ARTICLE**, **ARTICLE III** (“**PROJECT RESPONSIBILITY**”), and **ARTICLE IV** (“**DELIVERABLES**”). However, any costs associated with **LOCAL** staff time for any work for the **PROJECT** are ineligible for payment by

CPRA under this AGREEMENT. Costs for contracted work are identified as eligible or ineligible for payment by **CPRA** under this **AGREEMENT** as follows:

1. Costs for the engineering and design of the **PROJECT** in accordance with **ATTACHMENT A** (“SCOPE OF WORK”), and the terms and conditions of this **AGREEMENT**, are eligible for payment by **CPRA** under this **AGREEMENT**, unless they have been otherwise identified as ineligible for payment in this **ARTICLE**.
  2. Any costs associated with the management and oversight of work for the **PROJECT** are eligible for payment by **CPRA** under this **AGREEMENT**.
  3. Any costs associated with determining the land rights, easements, rights-of-way, relocations, disposal areas, and servitudes (“LERRDS”) that may be necessary for construction are ineligible for payment by **CPRA** under this **AGREEMENT**.
  4. Any costs associated with the acquisition of LERRDS, which include, but are not limited to, the cost of appraisals, review appraisals, or acquiring property in either partial or full ownership, whether permanent or temporary in nature, are ineligible for payment by **CPRA** under this **AGREEMENT**. **LOCAL** understands and agrees that **LOCAL** shall be solely responsible for any costs associated with the acquisition of LERRDS.
  5. Any costs associated with the acquisition of any and all federal, state and local permits and/or any other authorizations that are required for construction and O&M of the **PROJECT** are ineligible for payment by **CPRA** under this Agreement.
- H. The Project Budget Estimate is provided in **ATTACHMENT B** to this **AGREEMENT**, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein. This is intended to be a reasonable cost estimate; actual quantities, hours, and hourly rates shall be billed as incurred and shall not exceed the maximum **PROJECT** cost.
- I. All funding for this **PROJECT** shall be used for the purposes stated herein, and in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations. Engineering and design of the **PROJECT** shall at all times be consistent with sound engineering principles and practices as may be directed and defined by **CPRA**’s Engineering Division. **CPRA** will not make payment to **LOCAL** for costs of engineering and design not completed in accordance with the engineering and design standards set forth in **ARTICLE III** (“PROJECT RESPONSIBILITY”) of this **AGREEMENT**.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **RECORD KEEPING AND MONITORING**

The Contract Monitor and Project Manager for this **AGREEMENT** is Vida Carver, P.E., or her designee. **CPRA** shall provide **LOCAL** notice of any changes to the designated Project Manager.

The Project Manager shall maintain a file relative to the necessary acquisition of services, labor and materials needed to complete the **PROJECT**. Likewise, **LOCAL** shall maintain a procurement file relative to the necessary acquisition of services, labor, and materials needed to complete the **PROJECT** that will be subject to review by **CPRA** at any time and upon request.

**LOCAL** agrees to abide by the requirements of all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations, including, but not limited to, assurance that all documentation shall be sufficient to meet any requirements set by the federal government, and the U.S. Department of the Interior's ("DOI") regulations relative to the **PROJECT FUNDS** at 30 C.F.R. Part 1219, as amended. **LOCAL** and its consultant(s), contractor(s), and/or subcontractor(s) shall act in good faith to supply **CPRA** and/or the DOI with any supporting material or documentation needed for release of the **PROJECT FUNDS** or for legal compliance.

**LOCAL** shall be responsible for monitoring any consultant(s), contractor(s), and/or subcontractor(s) to ensure that work performed in connection with this **AGREEMENT** comports with the **AGREEMENT**'s terms and all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, and guidelines.

**LOCAL** shall register and maintain registration with the System for Award Management (also known as "SAM.gov"), and shall provide the Unique Entity Identification ("UEI") number to **CPRA** for the purpose of determining whether or not **LOCAL** is suspended, debarred or declared ineligible from entering into contracts with the federal government, as provided in **ARTICLE XXI** ("CERTIFICATION OF DEBARMENT / SUSPENSION STATUS").

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **RECORD RETENTION, REPORTING, AND AUDITS**

**LOCAL** shall maintain and shall require its consultant(s), contractor(s), and/or subcontractor(s) to maintain all documents, papers, books, field books, accounting records, appropriate financial records and other evidence, including electronic records that are pertinent to the **PROJECT FUNDS**, pertaining to costs incurred for the **PROJECT** and shall make such materials available for inspection at all reasonable times during the **AGREEMENT** period and for a five (5) year period from the final date of payment under this **AGREEMENT** for inspection by **CPRA**, the DOI's Office of the Inspector General ("DOI OIG"), the U.S. Government Accountability Office ("GAO"), the Louisiana State Inspector General, and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor; however, prior to disposal of any **PROJECT** data, **LOCAL** shall obtain prior written approval from **CPRA**.

Each **PARTY** acknowledges and agrees that the DOI OIG, the GAO, the Louisiana State Inspector General, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, the auditors of the Office of the Governor, and the Louisiana Division of Administration, shall have the authority to audit all records and accounts of **CPRA** and **LOCAL** which relate to this **AGREEMENT**, and those of any consultant(s), contractor(s), and/or subcontractor(s) which relate to this **AGREEMENT**. Any audit shall be performed in accordance with La. R.S. 24:513, *et seq.*, as applicable. **LOCAL** further agrees to make available to the DOI OIG, the GAO, the Louisiana State Inspector General, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, the Office of the Governor, and the Louisiana

Division of Administration any documents, papers or other records, including electronic records of **LOCAL** that are pertinent to the **PROJECT FUNDS**, in order to make audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcripts, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to **LOCAL**'s personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. This right of access shall continue as long as records are required to be retained.

The purpose of submission of documentation by **CPRA** to **LOCAL**, or by **LOCAL** to **CPRA**, as required by this **AGREEMENT**, is to verify that such documentation is being produced, to provide evidence of the progress of the **PROJECT**, and to verify that the expenditure of **PROJECT FUNDS** occurs in accordance with the terms of this **AGREEMENT**. As between **CPRA** and **LOCAL**, **CPRA** assumes no responsibility to provide extensive document review for any documents received from **LOCAL** or its consultant(s), contractor(s), and/or subcontractor(s) or to determine the completeness or accuracy of any such documentation. **LOCAL** and its consultant(s), contractor(s), and/or subcontractor(s) shall also be responsible for, and assure, compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in carrying out any of its obligations under this **AGREEMENT**.

**LOCAL** shall assist **CPRA** with any required audit reporting, as applicable.

The obligations under this **ARTICLE** shall survive termination or expiration of this **AGREEMENT** for any reason.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **TERMINATION FOR CAUSE**

**CPRA** may terminate this **AGREEMENT** for cause based upon the failure of **LOCAL** to comply with the terms and/or conditions of the **AGREEMENT**, provided that **CPRA** shall give **LOCAL** written notice specifying **LOCAL**'s failure. If, within thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice, **LOCAL** has not corrected said failure, or, in the case where said failure cannot be corrected in thirty (30) days, begun in good faith to correct said failure and thereafter proceeds to diligently complete such correction, then **CPRA** may, at its option, place **LOCAL** in default and the **AGREEMENT** may terminate on the date specified in such notice.

**LOCAL** may exercise any rights available to it under Louisiana law to terminate for cause upon the failure of **CPRA** to comply with the terms and conditions of this **AGREEMENT**, provided that **LOCAL** shall give **CPRA** written notice specifying **CPRA**'s failure and providing a reasonable opportunity for **CPRA** to cure the defect.

In the event that either **PARTY** elects to terminate this **AGREEMENT** pursuant to this **ARTICLE**, the **PARTIES** agree to participate in a final cost accounting as of the date of termination and in accordance with the terms and conditions herein.

The obligations under this **ARTICLE** shall survive termination or expiration of this **AGREEMENT** for any reason.

## ARTICLE IX

### TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

**CPRA** may terminate this **AGREEMENT** at any time by giving thirty (30) days written notice to **LOCAL**. **LOCAL** shall be entitled to payment for the costs of deliverables in progress, to the extent work has been performed satisfactorily as of the date of termination, and any costs or expenses **LOCAL** incurs which are directly associated with the termination, modification, or change of any underlying engineering, design, and/or consultant contracts for the **PROJECT**.

In the event that **CPRA** elects to terminate this **AGREEMENT** pursuant to this **ARTICLE**, the **PARTIES** agree to participate in a final cost accounting as of the date of termination and in accordance with the terms and conditions herein.

The obligations under this **ARTICLE** shall survive termination or expiration of this **AGREEMENT** for any reason.

## ARTICLE X

### ALLOWABLE COSTS

Costs that result from obligations incurred by **LOCAL** during a suspension or after termination are not allowable unless **CPRA** expressly authorizes them in writing in the notice of suspension or termination or subsequently. However, costs during suspension or after termination are allowable if: (1) the costs result from obligations which were properly incurred by **LOCAL** before the effective date of suspension or termination, and are not in anticipation of it; and (2) the costs would be allowable if the funding was not suspended or expired normally at the end of the period of performance in which the termination takes effect.

## ARTICLE XI

### NON-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE

The **PARTIES** agree to abide by the requirements of the following provisions as applicable: Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.* and § 2000e *et seq.*), as amended by the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92-261); Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 793); the Vietnam Era Veteran's Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974 ("VEVRAA") (38 U.S.C. § 793); Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681-1688); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 ("ADEA"), as amended (42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*), and the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA") as amended (42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et seq.*), including the revised ADA Standards for Accessible Design for Construction Awards and revised regulations implementing Title II of the ADA and Title III of the ADA, as amended; and 41 C.F.R. Chapter 60, as applicable.

The **PARTIES** agree to not discriminate in employment practices, and will render services under this **AGREEMENT** in accordance with 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.4, as applicable, and without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, veteran status, political affiliation, age, or disabilities.

Any act of discrimination committed by either **PARTY**, or failure to comply with these statutory obligations, when applicable, shall be grounds for termination of this **AGREEMENT**.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW**

The **PARTIES**, and their consultant(s), contractor(s), and/or subcontractor(s) employed in the completion of any construction-related activity, project, or program conducted with the **PROJECT FUNDS**, shall comply with any applicable federal labor laws covering non-federal construction, which may include, but are not limited to, the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 3701-3708) as supplemented by U.S. Department of Labor regulations at 29 C.F.R. Part 5, the Copeland Anti-Kickback Act (18 U.S.C. § 874 and 40 U.S.C. § 3145) as supplemented by U.S. Department of Labor regulations at 29 C.F.R. Part 3, the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§ 1501-1508 and 7324-7328), the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (Pub. L. 109-282), and the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 3141-3148 and 40 U.S.C. §§ 3701-3708), if and as applicable.

The **PARTIES** agree, in the case of any equipment and/or product authorized to be purchased under this **AGREEMENT**, to comply with the Buy American Act (41 U.S.C. §§ 8301-8305, formerly 41 U.S.C. §§ 10a-10c), if and as applicable. The **PARTIES** further agree to comply with any mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. § 6201), if and as applicable.

The **PARTIES**, and their consultant(s), contractor(s), and/or subcontractor(s), shall comply with any applicable federal environmental laws and executive orders, which may include but are not limited to, the National Environmental Policy Act (“NEPA”) (42 U.S.C. § 4321, *et seq.*), the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. § 1531, *et seq.*), the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. § 1801, *et seq.*), the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. §§ 703-712), the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. § 668, *et seq.*) and Executive Order No. 13186 (“Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds”), the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 300101, *et seq.*), the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7401, *et seq.*), the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (“Clean Water Act”) (33 U.S.C. § 1251, *et seq.*) and Clean Water Act Section 404 (33 U.S.C. § 1344, *et seq.*), Executive Order 11738 (“Providing for administration of the Clean Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to Federal contracts, grants or loans”), the Flood Disaster Protection Act (42 U.S.C. § 4002, *et seq.*), Executive Order 11988 (“Floodplain Management”), Executive Order 11990 (“Protection of Wetlands”), Executive Order 13112 (“Invasive Species”), Executive Order 14063 (“Use of Project Labor Agreements for Federal Construction Projects”), the Coastal Zone Management Act (16 U.S.C. § 1451, *et seq.*), the Coastal Barriers Resources Act (16 U.S.C. § 3501, *et seq.*), the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. § 1271, *et seq.*), the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. § 300f, *et seq.*), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (“RCRA”) (42 U.S.C. § 6901, *et seq.*), the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (“Superfund”) (42 U.S.C. § 9601, *et seq.*), the Rivers and Harbors Act

(33 U.S.C. § 407), the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act (Pub. L. 92-532, as amended), the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (16 U.S.C. § 1431, *et seq.*), Executive Order 13089 (“Coral Reef Protection”), the Farmland Protection Policy Act (7 U.S.C. § 4201, *et seq.*), and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. § 661, *et seq.*). **LOCAL** must immediately notify **CPRA** in writing, pursuant to **ARTICLE XXXVI** (“DESIGNATIONS OF POINTS OF CONTACT”) herein, if **LOCAL** becomes aware of any impact on the environment that may impact the use of **PROJECT FUNDS** for the **PROJECT**.

### **ARTICLE XIII**

#### **GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS**

**LOCAL** shall comply with, and shall require any consultant(s), contractor(s), and/or subcontractor(s) employed in the completion of any activity, project, or program conducted with the **PROJECT FUNDS** to comply with, all conditions of the **PROJECT FUNDS** as applicable, including, but not limited to: (i) GOMESA, (ii) 30 C.F.R. Part 1219, as amended, (iii) La. R.S. 49:214.5.4(E), and (iv) any **CPRA** Internal Agency Policies applicable to **LOCAL** and/or to any consultant(s), contractor(s), and/or subcontractor(s), and the provisions provided therein. All provisions contained in any of the above-cited laws, rules, regulations, guidelines, policies, or other documents, will be deemed incorporated by reference, as applicable, to this **AGREEMENT**.

**LOCAL** shall also be responsible for payment of all applicable taxes related to the **PROJECT FUNDS**.

### **ARTICLE XIV**

#### **LIABILITY, INDEMNIFICATION, HOLD HARMLESS, AND DUTY TO DEFEND**

##### **A. LIABILITY**

**LOCAL**, its successors, and its assigns, shall be fully liable without limitation to the State of Louisiana and **CPRA** for any and all injury, death, damage, loss, destruction, damages, costs, fines, penalties, judgments, forfeitures, assessments, expenses (including attorney fees), obligations, and other liabilities of every name and description, to the extent arising out of any negligent act or omission by, any intentional and wrongful act or omission by, any other legal fault including, but not limited to, strict liability of, or any breach of any law, regulation, ordinance, or term of this **AGREEMENT** by **LOCAL**, or its successors, assigns, officials, officers, directors, agents, representatives, employees, partners, consultants, contractors, subcontractors, vendors, or other persons under its control.

##### **B. INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS**

**LOCAL**, its successors, and its assigns, shall fully defend, indemnify, save, protect and hold forever harmless, without limitation, the State of Louisiana and **CPRA**, their successors, assigns, officials, officers, directors, agents, representatives, employees, partners, consultants, contractors, subcontractors, vendors, and other persons under their control against any and all claims, demands, suits, actions (*ex contractu*, *ex delictu*, quasi-contractual, statutory, or otherwise), judgments of sums of money, attorney’s fees and court costs to any party or third

person, including, but not limited to, amounts for loss of life or injury, or damage to persons or property, or damages to agents, representatives, employees, partners, consultants, contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, laborers, vendors, or other agents or contractors of **LOCAL**, or any of the above, arising from, out of, or in any way connected with the work under this **AGREEMENT**, to the extent permitted by law.

However, **LOCAL** shall not indemnify for that portion of any claim, loss, or damage arising hereunder due to the negligent act or failure to act or legal fault of **CPRA** or its officers, directors, assigns, agents, representatives, employees, partners, consultants, contractors, subcontractors, vendors, or other persons under its control.

**C. DUTY TO DEFEND**

Upon notice of any claim, demand, suit, or cause of action against **CPRA** and the State of Louisiana, alleged to arise out of or be related to this **AGREEMENT**, **LOCAL** shall investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for, and defend at its sole expense, even if the claim demand, suit, or cause of action is groundless, false, or fraudulent. **CPRA** may, but is not required to, consult with or assist **LOCAL**, but this assistance shall not affect **LOCAL**'s obligations, duties, and responsibilities under this **ARTICLE**. **LOCAL** shall obtain **CPRA**'s written consent before entering into any settlement or dismissal if such settlement or dismissal involves **CPRA** or State of Louisiana contributed funds.

**D. FORCE MAJEURE**

It is understood and agreed that neither **PARTY** can foresee the exigencies beyond the control of each **PARTY** which arise by reason of an Act of God or force majeure; therefore, neither **PARTY** shall be liable for any delay or failure in performance beyond its control resulting from an Act of God or force majeure. **CPRA** shall determine whether a delay or failure results from an Act of God or force majeure based on its review of all facts and circumstances. The **PARTIES** shall use reasonable efforts, including, but not limited to, use of continuation of operations plans ("COOP"), business continuity plans, and disaster recovery plans, to eliminate or minimize the effect of such events upon the performance of their respective duties under this **AGREEMENT**.

**E. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INDEMNIFICATION**

**LOCAL** shall fully indemnify and hold harmless the State of Louisiana and **CPRA**, without limitation, from and against damages, costs, fines, penalties, judgments, forfeitures, assessments, expenses (including attorney fees), obligations, and other liabilities in any action for infringement of any intellectual property right, including, but not limited to, trademark, trade-secret, copyright, and patent rights, by or arising out of any intellectual property provided by **LOCAL** or its successors, assigns, officials, officers, directors, agents, representatives, employees, partners, consultants, contractors, subcontractors, vendors, or other persons under its control.

When a dispute or claim arises relative to a real or anticipated infringement, **LOCAL**, at its sole expense, shall submit information and documentation, including formal patent attorney opinions, as required by **CPRA**.

If the use of the product, material, service, or any component thereof is enjoined for any reason or if **LOCAL** believes that it may be enjoined, **LOCAL**, while ensuring appropriate migration and implementation, data integrity, and minimal delays of performance, shall at its sole expense and in the following order of precedence: (i) obtain for **CPRA** the right to continue using such product, material, service, or component thereof; (ii) modify the product, material, service, or component thereof so that it becomes a non-infringing product, material, or service of at least equal quality and performance; (iii) replace the product, material, service, or component thereof so that it becomes a non-infringing product, material, or service of at least equal quality and performance; or, (iv) provide **CPRA** monetary compensation for all payments made under the **AGREEMENT** related to the infringing product, material, service, or component, plus for all costs incurred to procure and implement a non-infringing product, material, or service of at least equal quality and performance. Until this obligation has been satisfied, **LOCAL** remains in default.

**LOCAL** shall not be obligated to indemnify that portion of a claim or dispute based upon **CPRA**'s unauthorized: (i) modification or alteration of the product, material or service; (ii) use of the product, material, or service in combination with other products not furnished by **LOCAL**; or, (iii) use of the product, material, or service in other than the specified operating conditions and environment.

#### F. **SURVIVAL OBLIGATIONS**

The obligations under this **ARTICLE** shall survive termination or expiration of this **AGREEMENT** for any reason.

### **ARTICLE XV**

#### **CONSULTANTS, CONTRACTORS, AND SUBCONTRACTORS**

**LOCAL** may enter into contracts with consultant(s), contractor(s), and/or subcontractor(s) for the performance of any part of **LOCAL**'s duties and obligations. In no event shall the existence of a contract operate to release or reduce the liability of **LOCAL** to **CPRA** for any breach in the performance of **LOCAL**'s duties or the duties of any consultant, contractor and/or subcontractor.

### **ARTICLE XVI**

#### **AMENDMENTS**

Notwithstanding any other provision herein, the terms and conditions contained in this **AGREEMENT** may not be amended, modified, superseded, subsumed, terminated, or otherwise altered except by mutual written consent of all **PARTIES** hereto.

### **ARTICLE XVII**

#### **OWNERSHIP**

All records, reports, documents, and other material delivered or transmitted to **LOCAL** by **CPRA** shall remain the property of **CPRA** and shall be returned by **LOCAL** to **CPRA** upon request at termination or expiration of this **AGREEMENT**. All records, reports, documents, or other material related to this **AGREEMENT** and/or obtained or prepared by **LOCAL** in connection with performance of the services

contracted for herein shall be the property of **LOCAL**, and shall be retained in accordance with the terms of this **AGREEMENT**.

## **ARTICLE XVIII**

### **NO ASSIGNMENT**

**LOCAL** shall not assign any interest in this **AGREEMENT** and shall not transfer any interest in same (whether by assignment, subrogation, or novation), without prior written consent of **CPRA**, provided however, that claims for money due or to become due to **LOCAL** from **CPRA** may be assigned to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution without such prior written consent. Written notice of any such assignment or transfer shall be furnished promptly to **CPRA**.

## **ARTICLE XIX**

### **FINANCIAL CAPABILITY**

**LOCAL** hereby acknowledges and certifies that it is aware of the financial obligations of **LOCAL** under this **AGREEMENT** and that **LOCAL** will have the financial capability to satisfy the obligations of **LOCAL** under this **AGREEMENT**, including, but not limited to, all obligations for O&M of the **PROJECT**.

**LOCAL** agrees to take any and all appropriate steps to obtain funding for the responsibilities undertaken by **LOCAL** pursuant to this **AGREEMENT** and/or any future agreement(s) and for which **CPRA** has not agreed to provide funding therefor. Should current or future revenues dedicated to the **PROJECT** be insufficient to fulfill the obligations of **LOCAL** for the **PROJECT**, **LOCAL** is obligated to make reasonable good faith efforts to obtain or seek funding from other sources, including, but not limited to, additional taxes, fees, tolls, grants, donations, legislative appropriations, reallocation of funds, or decreasing the cost or extent of other operations. Nothing herein shall prevent the State of Louisiana from seeking additional funding to assist **CPRA** or **LOCAL** with the responsibilities undertaken by any **PARTY** pursuant to this **AGREEMENT**.

## **ARTICLE XX**

### **FISCAL FUNDING CLAUSE**

The continuation of this **AGREEMENT** is contingent upon the appropriation of funds to fulfill the requirements of the **AGREEMENT** by the Louisiana Legislature and the release of funds to the state from the federal government. If the Louisiana Legislature fails to appropriate sufficient monies to provide for the continuation of the **AGREEMENT**, or if the allocation is rescinded or reduced by the state in case of an emergency, or by the federal government, or the appropriation is reduced by veto of the Governor or by any other means provided in the appropriations act to prevent the total appropriation for the year from exceeding revenues for that year, or for any other lawful purpose, and the effect of such reduction is to provide insufficient monies for the continuation of the **AGREEMENT**, the **AGREEMENT** shall terminate on the date of the beginning of the first fiscal year for which funds are rescinded, reduced, or not appropriated.

## ARTICLE XXI

### CERTIFICATION OF DEBARMENT / SUSPENSION STATUS

All **PARTIES** certify with their execution of this **AGREEMENT** that it is not suspended, debarred, or ineligible from entering into contracts or agreements with any department or agency of the federal government, or in receipt of notice of proposed debarment or suspension. **LOCAL** further certifies with its execution of this **AGREEMENT** that it is not suspended, debarred, or ineligible from entering into contracts or agreements with any department or agency of the State of Louisiana, or in receipt of notice of proposed debarment or suspension.

All **PARTIES** agree to secure from any consultant(s), contractor(s), and/or subcontractor(s) for the **PROJECT** certification that such consultant(s), contractor(s), and/or subcontractor(s) are not suspended, debarred, or declared ineligible from entering into contracts with any department or agency of the federal government, or in receipt of a notice of proposed debarment or suspension. The **PARTIES** further agree to secure from any consultant(s), contractor(s), and/or subcontractor(s) for the **PROJECT** certification that such consultant(s), contractor(s), and/or subcontractor(s) are not suspended, debarred, or declared ineligible from entering into contracts with any department or agency of the State of Louisiana, or in receipt of a notice of proposed debarment or suspension.

All **PARTIES** agree to provide immediate notice to the other **PARTY** in the event of it or its consultant(s), contractor(s), and/or any subcontractor(s) associated with the **PROJECT** being suspended, debarred, or declared ineligible by any department or agency of the federal government, or upon receipt of a notice of a proposed debarment or suspension, either prior to or after execution of this **AGREEMENT**. **LOCAL** further agrees to provide immediate notice to **CPRA** in the event of it or its consultant(s), contractor(s), and/or any subcontractor(s) being suspended, debarred, or declared ineligible by any department or agency of the State of Louisiana, or upon receipt of a notice of a proposed debarment or suspension, either prior to or after execution of this **AGREEMENT**.

Upon notice of suspension, debarment, or declaration that either **PARTY** and/or its consultant(s), contractor(s), and/or any subcontractor(s) is/are ineligible to enter into contracts with any department or agency of the federal government, either prior to or after execution of this **AGREEMENT**, each **PARTY** reserves the right to review cause for said debarment, suspension, or declaration of ineligibility, and to terminate this **AGREEMENT** pursuant to the terms of **ARTICLE VIII** ("TERMINATION FOR CAUSE") of this **AGREEMENT**, or take such other action it deems appropriate under this **AGREEMENT**. Upon notice of suspension, debarment, or declaration that **LOCAL** and/or its consultant(s), contractor(s), and/or any subcontractor(s) is/are ineligible to enter into contracts with any department or agency of the State of Louisiana, either prior to or after execution of this **AGREEMENT**, **CPRA** further reserves the right to review cause for said debarment, suspension, or declaration of ineligibility, and to terminate this **AGREEMENT** pursuant to the terms of **ARTICLE VIII** ("TERMINATION FOR CAUSE") of this **AGREEMENT**, or to take such other action it deems appropriate under this **AGREEMENT**.

**ARTICLE XXII**

**NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY**

Nothing herein is intended and nothing herein shall be deemed to create or confer any right, action, or benefit in, to, or on the part of any person not a **PARTY** to this **AGREEMENT** as indicated herein or by operation of law.

**ARTICLE XXIII**

**RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES**

- A. In the exercise of their respective rights and obligations under this **AGREEMENT**, **LOCAL** and **CPRA** each act in an independent capacity and no **PARTY** is to be considered the officer, agent, or employee of the other, unless otherwise provided by law.
- B. In the exercise of its rights and obligations under this **AGREEMENT**, no **PARTY** shall provide, without the consent of the other **PARTY**, any consultant, contractor, and/or subcontractor with a release that waives or purports to waive any rights the other **PARTY** may have to seek relief or redress against that consultant, contractor, and/or subcontractor either pursuant to any cause of action that the other **PARTY** may have or for violation of any law.
- C. The participation by **CPRA** in the **PROJECT** shall in no way be construed to make **CPRA** a party to any contract between **LOCAL** and its consultant(s), contractor(s), and/or subcontractor(s), or between **LOCAL** and any third party. The participation by **LOCAL** in the **PROJECT** shall in no way be construed to make **LOCAL** a party to any contract between **CPRA** and its consultant(s), contractor(s), and/or subcontractor(s), or any third party(ies).

**ARTICLE XXIV**

**APPLICABLE LAW, VENUE, AND DISPUTES**

This **AGREEMENT** shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana without regard to application of choice of law principles. Before any **PARTY** to this **AGREEMENT** may bring suit in any court concerning any issue relating to this **AGREEMENT**, such **PARTY** must first seek in good faith to resolve the issue through negotiation or other forms of non-binding alternative dispute resolution mutually acceptable to the **PARTIES**. The exclusive venue for any suit arising out of this **AGREEMENT** shall be in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court for the Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**ARTICLE XXV**

**DELAY OR OMISSION**

No delay or omission in the exercise or enforcement of any right or remedy accruing to a **PARTY** under this **AGREEMENT** shall impair such right or remedy or be construed as a waiver of any breach theretofore or thereafter occurring. The waiver of any condition or the breach of any term, covenant, or condition herein or therein contained shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any other condition or of any subsequent breach of the same or any other term, covenant, or condition herein or therein contained.

**ARTICLE XXVI**

**REPORTING OF FRAUD, WASTE, ABUSE, OR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY**

In accordance with La. R.S. 24:523, any actual or suspected misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds shall be reported to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor Hotline via one of the following:

Online: <https://www.lla.la.gov/report-fraud>  
Toll-Free Phone: 1-844-50-FRAUD (1-844-503-7283)  
Fax: 1-844-40-FRAUD (1-844-403-7283)  
U.S. Mail: LLA Hotline  
P. O. Box 94397  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

**ARTICLE XXVII**

**SEVERABILITY**

The terms and provisions of this **AGREEMENT** are severable. Unless the primary purpose of this **AGREEMENT** would be frustrated, the invalidity or unenforceability of any term or condition of this **AGREEMENT** shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other term or provision of this **AGREEMENT**. The **PARTIES** intend and request that any judicial or administrative authority that may deem any provision invalid, reform the provision, if possible, consistent with the intent and purposes of this **AGREEMENT**, and if such a provision cannot be reformed, enforce this **AGREEMENT** as set forth herein in the absence of such provision.

**ARTICLE XXVIII**

**ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This **AGREEMENT** constitutes the entire understanding and reflects the entirety of the undertakings between the **PARTIES** with respect to the subject matter hereof, superseding all negotiations, prior discussions and preliminary agreements. There is no representation or warranty of any kind made in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby that is not expressly contained in this **AGREEMENT**.

This **AGREEMENT** may be executed in multiple counterpart copies. Each such counterpart copy shall be deemed an original for all purposes and all such counterpart copies together shall constitute one and the same **AGREEMENT**.

**ARTICLE XXIX**

**PROVISION REQUIRED BY LAW DEEMED INSERTED**

Each and every provision of law and clause required by law to be inserted in this **AGREEMENT** shall be deemed to be inserted herein and the contract shall be read and enforced as though it were included herein, and if through mistake or otherwise any such provision is not inserted, or is not correctly inserted, then upon the application of either **PARTY** the **AGREEMENT** shall forthwith be amended to make such insertion or correction.

## **ARTICLE XXX**

### **ANTI-LOBBYING**

**LOCAL** and its consultant(s), contractor(s), and/or subcontractor(s) agree not to use proceeds from this **AGREEMENT** to urge any elector to vote for or against any candidate or proposition on an election ballot nor shall such funds be used to lobby for or against any proposition or matter having the effect of law being considered by the Louisiana Legislature or any local governing authority. This provision shall not prevent the normal dissemination of factual information relative to a proposition on any election ballot or a proposition or matter having the effect of law being considered by the Louisiana Legislature or any local governing authority.

**LOCAL** and all of its consultant(s), contractor(s), and/or subcontractor(s) shall certify that they have complied with the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. § 1352) and that they will not and have not used federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee or a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. **LOCAL** and each of its consultant(s), contractor(s), and subcontractor(s) shall also disclose any lobbying with non-federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any federal award. **LOCAL** shall also complete a Certification Regarding Lobbying as provided in **ATTACHMENT D** to this **AGREEMENT**.

## **ARTICLE XXXI**

### **PROHIBITED ACTIVITY, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, AND CODE OF ETHICS**

**LOCAL** and its consultant(s), contractor(s), and subcontractor(s) are prohibited from using, and shall be responsible for its consultant(s), contractor(s), and subcontractor(s) being prohibited from using, the **PROJECT FUNDS** provided herein for political activities, inherently religious activities, lobbying, political patronage, nepotism activities, and supporting either directly or indirectly the enactment, repeal, modification, or adoption of any law, regulation, or policy at any level of government. **LOCAL** and its consultant(s), contractor(s), and subcontractor(s) shall comply with the provision of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. § 1501, *et seq.*), as applicable, which limits the political activity of employees.

**LOCAL** and any entity or individual performing work under this **AGREEMENT** subject to any form of legal agreement with **LOCAL**, including without limitation, consultants, contractors, and subcontractors, must comply with the conflicts of interest provisions referenced in **CPRA**'s Conflicts of Interest Policy as contained in **CPRA**'s Policy No. 4, entitled "Governmental Ethics Compliance and Dual Employment", effective April 1, 2009, as well as any additional agency conflicts of interest policies or procedures that **CPRA** may implement in the future.

**LOCAL** and any entity or individual performing work under this **AGREEMENT** subject to any form of legal agreement with **LOCAL**, including without limitation, consultants, contractors, and subcontractors, must also comply with La. R.S. 42:1101, *et seq.* (the Code of Governmental Ethics) in the performance of services called for in this **AGREEMENT**. **LOCAL** agrees to immediately notify **CPRA** if

potential violations of the Code of Governmental Ethics arise at any time during the term of this **AGREEMENT**.

## **ARTICLE XXXII**

### **COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES**

**LOCAL** shall warrant that no person or other organization has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this **AGREEMENT** upon contract or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee. For breach or violation of this warranty, **CPRA** shall have the right to annul this **AGREEMENT** without liability in accordance with **ARTICLE VIII** (“**TERMINATION FOR CAUSE**”) of this **AGREEMENT**, or, in its discretion, to deduct from this **AGREEMENT** or otherwise recover the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, or to seek such other remedies as legally may be available.

## **ARTICLE XXXIII**

### **COPYRIGHT**

**CPRA** reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the materials, including, but not limited to, reports, maps, or documents produced as a result of this **AGREEMENT**, in whole or in part, and to authorize others to do so. **LOCAL** also reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the materials, including, but not limited to, reports, maps, or documents produced as a result of this **AGREEMENT**, in whole or in part, and to authorize others to do so. The **PARTIES** also understand and agree that they will not interfere with any rights the federal government may have with respect to the right to reproduce, publish, distribute, exhibit, and/or otherwise use and exploit the work throughout the world in all media now known or hereafter devised, and to authorize others to do so for federal purposes.

## **ARTICLE XXXIV**

### **REMEDIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE**

**LOCAL** acknowledges that any of the **PROJECT FUNDS** not used in accordance with the terms and conditions of this **AGREEMENT**, federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations, or conditions of the **PROJECT FUNDS**, shall be reimbursed to **CPRA**, and that any cost and expense in excess of the total maximum **PROJECT** commitment, as agreed to by **CPRA** and set forth herein, shall be the sole responsibility of **LOCAL**. **CPRA** shall also be entitled to any other remedies for noncompliance as provided herein.

If **LOCAL** or its agent(s), consultant(s), contractor(s), and/or subcontractor(s) fail to comply with any applicable federal, state, or local laws, rules, or regulations pertaining to the **PROJECT FUNDS**, in addition to Termination for Cause or Termination for Convenience, **CPRA** may take one or more of the following actions, as appropriate in the circumstances: (a) temporarily withhold cash payments pending correction of the deficiency by **LOCAL** or its consultant(s), contractor(s), and/or subcontractor(s) or more severe enforcement action as necessary; (b) disallow (that is, deny both use of funds and any applicable matching credit for) all or part of the

cost of the activity or action not in compliance; (c) wholly or partly suspend or terminate payment of the **PROJECT FUNDS**; (d) recommend that suspension or debarment proceedings be initiated under 2 C.F.R. Part 180 and/or state law; (e) withhold further funding for the **PROJECT**; or (f) take other remedies that may be legally available under federal or state law, including under the provisions of La. R.S. 39:1672.2-1672.4, as applicable. **LOCAL** shall be given a reasonable time in which to cure noncompliance. Any dispute may be resolved in accordance with the procedure set forth in **ARTICLE XXIV** (“**APPLICABLE LAW, VENUE, AND DISPUTES**”) of this **AGREEMENT**.

**ARTICLE XXXV**

**NO AUTHORSHIP PRESUMPTIONS**

Each of the **PARTIES** has had an opportunity to negotiate the language of this **AGREEMENT** in consultation with legal counsel prior to its execution. No presumption shall arise or adverse inference be drawn by virtue of authorship. Each **PARTY** hereby waives the benefit of any rule of law that might otherwise be applicable in connection with the interpretation of this **AGREEMENT**, including, but not limited to, any rule of law to the effect that any provision of this **AGREEMENT** shall be interpreted or construed against the **PARTY** who (or whose counsel) drafted that provision. The rule of no authorship presumption set forth in this paragraph is equally applicable to any person that becomes a **PARTY** by reason of assignment and/or assumption of this **AGREEMENT** and any successor to a signatory **PARTY**.

**ARTICLE XXXVI**

**DESIGNATION OF POINTS OF CONTACT**

The **PARTIES** designate the following persons to be their official contacts in relation to this **AGREEMENT**. Any **PARTY** may change its contact person upon written notice to the other **PARTY**. 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 delivered personally or sent by registered or certified mail as follows:

If to SCPG:

**Matthew Jewell**  
Parish President  
St. Charles Parish Government  
P.O. Box 302  
Hahnville, LA 70057  
Telephone: (985) 783-5000

If to CPRA:

**Michael Hare**  
Executive Director  
Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority  
Post Office Box 44027  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4027  
Telephone: (225) 342-9900

**ARTICLE XXXVII**

**EFFECTIVE DATE / DURATION / MODIFICATION / TERMINATION**

This **AGREEMENT** shall be effective commencing on *May 1, 2026*, and terminating on *December 31, 2029*, unless otherwise terminated or amended by written mutual agreement of all **PARTIES** or in accordance with the terms herein.

Except as otherwise provided herein, the provisions, terms, and conditions contained in this **AGREEMENT** may not be amended, modified, superseded, terminated, or otherwise altered except by mutual written consent of all **PARTIES** hereto.

This **AGREEMENT** may be executed in multiple originals.

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*Signature page follows*

**THUS DONE, PASSED, AND SIGNED** on the dates indicated below.

**COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION AUTHORITY**

By:  Signed by:  
*Michael Hare*  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
**MICHAEL HARE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Date: 5/19/2026 | 12:05 PM CDT

**ST. CHARLES PARISH GOVERNMENT**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**MATTHEW JEWELL, PARISH PRESIDENT**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Identification Number (FIN)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Unique Entity Identification (UEI)

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING**

**CERTIFICATION FOR CONTRACTS, GRANTS, LOANS, AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS**

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 an 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.

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## ATTACHMENT A

### SCOPE OF WORK

#### Lake Salvador Shoreline Protection Project Project No.: BA-0292

The Scope of Work is as follows:

The engineering and design phase of the Lake Salvador Shoreline Protection Project will result in a shovel-ready, 15-mile shoreline protection project along three reaches of Lake Salvador shoreline bordering the Salvador Wildlife Management Area (WMA) and Timken WMA; all reaches were identified as priorities for restoration in the St. Charles Parish SHIELD Plan. The project team will develop a full engineering and design package suitable for the project to proceed to permitting and construction.

The three reaches of the Project include the western shoreline of Lake Salvador south of Bayou Couba, the shoreline of Bayou Couba and the south shore of Couba Island. These reaches have been degraded by daily vessel traffic, strong south winds, and storm events. The following approximate coordinates are the start and end points of the three project reaches. The Lake Salvador Shoreline Protection starts at 29°44'38.22"N, 90°18'36.53"W and ends at 29°44'12.99"N, 90°14'17.34"W; the Bayou Couba Shoreline Protection starts at 29°47'15.35"N, 90°14'18.17"W and ends at 29°48'41.55"N, 90°14'38.25"W, and; the Couba Island Shoreline Protection starts at 29°48'42.94"N, 90°13'40.36"W and ends at 29°48'29.61"N, 90°10'16.54"W (Figure 1).

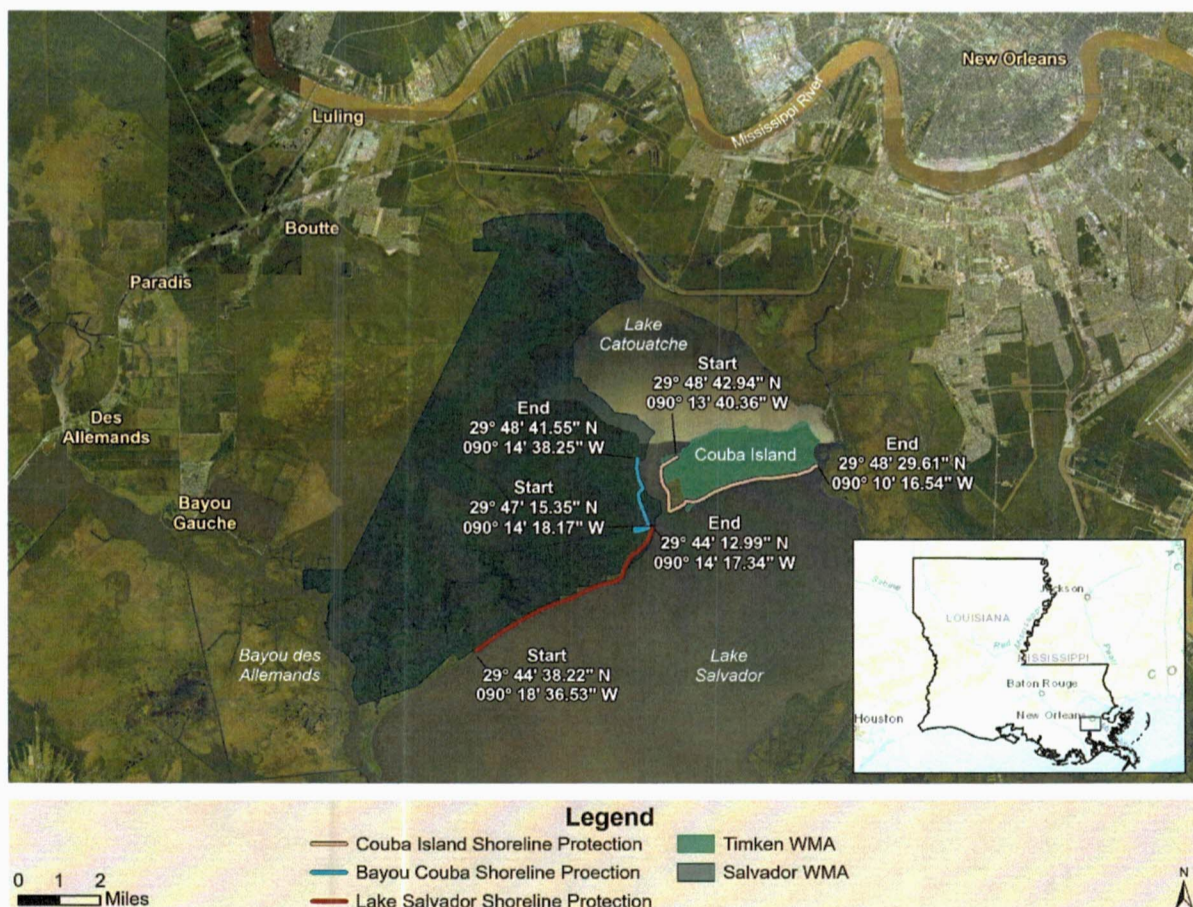


Figure 1. Proposed Lake Salvador Shoreline Protection Vicinity Map

**ATTACHMENT B**  
**PROJECT BUDGET ESTIMATE**

Preliminary Design Phase	\$1,107,570.50
Final Design Phase	\$329,173.50
Surveying	\$815,874.50
Geotechnical Investigation	\$856,891.75
Cultural Resources Survey and Reporting	\$214,084.00
Stakeholder Management	\$54,187.50
<b>Total*</b>	<b>\$3,377,781.75</b>

\*This total includes costs associated with management and oversight of work for the Project, as indicated in **Article V** ("PROJECT FUNDING AND PAYMENT") of the Agreement.

**ATTACHMENT C**  
**CERTIFIED MONTHLY MONITORING REPORT**

**CONTRACT NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Local: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

Invoice No. \_\_\_\_\_ Invoice Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

- I. **WORK COMPLETED TO DATE (ACCORDING TO TYPE CONTRACT):**
- A. Percentage of work completed [include percentage completed and/or milestones accomplished (give dates)].
  - B. Hourly (include services performed and number of hours worked).
  - C. Scope of Services Outlined by Tasks (include tasks completed or portion of task completed to date).
  - D. Actual Costs Incurred.
  - E. Fee Schedule.

- II. **FOR EACH PROJECT A NARRATIVE OF IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS INCLUDING:**
- A. Tasks and/or milestones accomplished (give dates).
  - B. Tasks and/or milestones not accomplished with explanation or assessment of:
    - 1. Nature of problems encountered.
    - 2. Remedial action taken or planned.
    - 3. Whether minimum criteria for measure can still be met.
    - 4. Likely impact upon achievement.

III. **RECORD OF INVOICES:**

Invoice Number	Vendor Name	Cost Code*	Amount
<b>Total:</b>			

III. **DELIVERABLES**

IV. **OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF SPECIAL NOTE**

VI. **CERTIFICATION**

I am a properly designated official representing the above identified Local, and I hereby certify that the work covered by the invoices and supporting documentation has been reviewed, performed, and completed in accordance with the contract(s) entered into between the Local and its consultant(s), contractor(s), subcontractor(s), and/or vendor(s). I hereby certify that all information contained in the invoices and supporting documentation, and in this Certified Monthly Monitoring Report is true and correct, and completed in accordance with the terms of the applicable contracts and agreements, and that the invoices meet all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations. I hereby certify compliance with the terms and conditions of the Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the State of Louisiana and the Local.

**CERTIFIED BY:**

Local Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name)

**FOR CPRA USE:**

Reviewed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
CPRA Project Manager (Optional) (Printed Name)

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
CPRA Contract Monitor (Printed Name)

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**MATTHEW JEWELL, PARISH PRESIDENT**  
**ST. CHARLES PARISH GOVERNMENT**