



## PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT FOR SCIENCE IN NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

### PURPOSE

To work together to provide information for science-based management of this Nation's water, geological, and biological resources through the collection, analysis, interpretation, modeling, information management and reporting of biological, hydrological, geologic, geographic and other natural resource information of mutual interest.

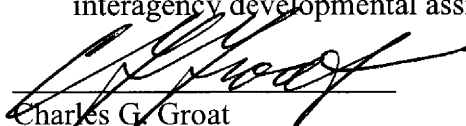
### OUR MISSIONS

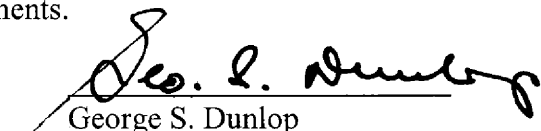
**U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY:** The U.S. Geological Survey's mission is to provide reliable scientific information to describe and understand the Earth; minimize loss of life and property from natural disasters; manage water, biological, energy, and mineral resources; and enhance and protect our quality of life.

**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS:** The U.S. Corps of Engineers' mission is to provide quality, responsive engineering and environmental services to the Nation.

### GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- To express our joint commitment to science as a necessary component of natural resource management in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.
- To improve the understanding of our nation's natural resources to better manage these resources for the benefit of the American people.
- To encourage a spirit of cooperation and synergy between our agencies at the national, regional, and field office levels.
- To foster the development of close partnerships through joint training and interagency developmental assignments.

  
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 Director, U. S. Geological Survey

  
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March 22, 2004  
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