

Moved by Mr. Rich

Seconded by Mr. White that,

WHEREAS, pursuant to 33.1-12(5) the Board may enter into contracts with the United States Government; and,

WHEREAS, it is proposed that an agreement be entered into between the Board, acting by and through the Virginia Department of Transportation, and U. S. Geological Survey, United States Department of the Interior, for the investigation of water resources in the Commonwealth to provide for the collection of flood information used in flood frequency determinations and to document flood data for future bridge sites; and,

WHEREAS, it is proposed that an agreement be entered into between the Board, acting by and through is the Virginia Department of Transportation, and U. S. Geological Survey, United States Department of the Interior, for the investigation of water resources in the Commonwealth to estimate flood hydrographs from small drainage basins and evaluation of the use of dimensionless hydrographs to estimate runoff volumes; and,

WHEREAS, subject to the availability and appropriation of funds the Board believes that it is appropriate to enter into these agreements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the Commissioner to enter into said agreements.

Motion Carried
8-21-97

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From: Long, Janice S. (VDOT)
Sent: Monday, October 06, 2014 4:11 PM
To: Matthews, John H., P.E. (VDOT)
Cc: Keen, Susan P.E. (VDOT); Bragdon, Jeffrey (VDOT)
Subject: RE: Fiscal Review: Cooperative Agreement - U.S. Geological Survey and VDOT

John,
I have no recommendations for changes to this agreement.

Janice S. Long, CIA, CPA

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From: Matthews, John H., P.E. (VDOT)
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Subject: Fiscal Review: Cooperative Agreement - U.S. Geological Survey and VDOT

Ms. Long,
I am submitting for your review a copy of a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey to maintain stream gages and collect data pertinent to the design of highway drainage structures. The agreement must be renewed annually. The cost to the Department is \$50,000 and will be funded from Location & Design's overhead budget. A copy of the agreement is attached.

This agreement is also being submitted to the Attorney General's office for review. In order to keep this program active we need comments from Fiscal Division back no later than Friday October 3, 2014.

If you have questions or additional information is needed please let me know. Thank you for your assistance.

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PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATION

TO: John H. Matthews, P.E., Assistant State Hydraulic Engineer
Virginia Department of Transportation, Location and Design Division

FROM: Lori L. Pound, Assistant Attorney General 
(804) 692-0549

DATE: October 7, 2014

RE: U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey
Joint Funding Agreement for Investigation of Water Resources

The following is not an official opinion of the Attorney General nor endorsement of the terms/conditions of the captioned agreement. Our review addresses your legal authority to agree to the terms/conditions contained in the subject document. The wisdom of the agreement's terms/conditions is by law singularly addressed to your discretion. Accordingly, before executing the agreement incorporating any recommended changes to all copies thereof, please be certain that: (1) the agreement has been read and accepted by all appropriate personnel of the agency; (2) any funds needed have been duly authorized and set aside; (3) the agreement will be signed by a person authorized; and (4) any required procurement/capital outlay procedure has been followed, including obtaining required approvals (e.g., General Services/Department of Information Technology). Once the agreement is signed, be certain that all appropriate officials/employees are notified of conditions/terms concerning contract performance. Any uncertainty as to the foregoing should be raised with counsel before executing. Please retain this document in your contract file.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM



United States Department of the Interior

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
1730 East Parham Road
Richmond, Virginia 23228

July 30, 2014

Mr. John Matthews
Virginia Department of Transportation
Location and Design Division
1401 East Broad Street, Room 609
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Mr. Matthews:

Attached are two original copies of Joint Funding Agreement for published urban runoff regression equations, peak flow monitoring network maintenance, and preliminary maximum likelihood probabilities of peak flow events. Please sign all copies; return one signed original and retain the other for your records. Work cannot be continued or started until we receive the signed agreement.

Work performed with funds from this agreement will be conducted on a fixed-price basis. The Virginia Department of Transportation will be billed one-fourth of the agreement at the end of each quarter. The results of all work under this agreement will be available for publication by the U.S. Geological Survey.

We look forward to continuing our successful relationship.

Sincerely,

George E. Harlow, Jr.
Acting Director, USGS Virginia
Water Science Center

Enclosure

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY**

Customer #: 6000001626
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Project #: GC14LM00001000...
TIN #: 54-6001730
Fixed Cost Agreement YES

JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT

FOR
INVESTIGATION OF WATER RESOURCES

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into as of the, 30th day of July, 2014 by the U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, party of the first part, and the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, party of the second part.

1. The parties hereto agree that subject to availability of appropriations and in accordance with their respective authorities there shall be maintained in cooperation for published urban runoff regression equations, peak flow monitoring network maintenance, and preliminary maximum likelihood probabilities of peak flow events, herein called the program. The USGS legal authority is 43 USC 36C; 43 USC 50; and 43 USC 50b.

2. The following amounts shall be contributed to cover all of the cost of the necessary field and analytical work directly related to this program. 2(b) includes In-Kind Services in the amount of \$0.00

(a) by the party of the first part during the period

Amount	Date	to	Date
\$48,225.00	July 1, 2014		June 30, 2015

(b) by the party of the second part during the period

Amount	Date	to	Date
\$50,000.00	July 1, 2014		June 30, 2015

USGS DUNS number 137784646, TAS number 144/50804

(c) Additional or reduced amounts by each party during the above period or succeeding periods as may be determined by mutual agreement and set forth in an exchange of letters between the parties.

(d) The performance period may be changed by mutual agreement and set forth in an exchange of letters between the parties.

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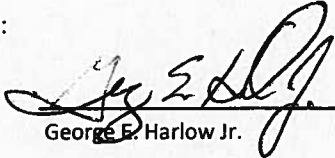
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Signatures and Date

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Title:	Acting Director, USGS Virginia Water Science Cen...	Title:		Title:		Title:	

Signature:	_____	Date:	_____	Signature:	_____	Date:	_____
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Joint Funding Agreement between USGS and VDOT

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Duration: 1 year. July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Funding: \$98,225 (VDOT: \$50,000; USGS: \$48,225).

Sources of Funding: Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), US Geological Survey(USGS).

This Joint Funding Agreement is intended to support hydrologic and hydraulic studies of interest to the USGS, and to further serve the mission of VDOT to efficiently design and maintain the Commonwealth's network of roadways. This agreement covers two (2) ongoing efforts by USGS, and includes continuation of a study to explore developing guidance regarding hydrologic methods necessary to apply a new technique for estimating Bridge Scour in the HEC-18 5th ed. 2012 that takes advantage of cohesive soil properties and weathered rock.

1. Bridge Scour Pilot Study

Statement of Need: The long-term sustainability of Virginia's road systems requires cost effective design and construction of safe highway bridges. The scour of bridge piers inherently affects bridge safety and design costs. The National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Report 516 states that scour at bridges founded in or on cohesive soil is a complex phenomenon that is not completely understood, and that conventional approaches to scour prediction, developed from laboratory experiments in cohesion-less materials, are generally regarded as overly conservative when applied to cohesive soils. Accurate and accepted methods for predicting scour depths in cohesive soils that account for the soil's greater scour resistance are needed, and are not yet available to practicing engineers. Lack of an accurate predictive method often results in an overly conservative and sometimes unnecessarily costly bridge foundation. Research investigating the relationship between properties of cohesive material and the erosive power of flowing water is needed to improve the prediction of scour in cohesive soils (NCHRP Report 516, 2004). As a step toward meeting this need, this pilot study seeks to (1) identify potential rates of streambed scour at bridge pier locations, and (2) estimate potential cumulative streambed scour over the design lifespan of a new bridge. This comprehensive projection of anticipated specific bridge pier scour rates and cumulative scour may provide significant bridge construction cost savings, while ensuring design and construction of a safe highway bridge.

Scope of Work: The US Geological Survey Virginia Water Science Center (USGS) will provide compilation, calculation, and summation of hydrologic properties necessary to determine potential rates of streambed scour. The USGS will also provide hydrologic statistics, statistical methods, and modeling methods to assist in estimating future cumulative streambed scour at bridge pier locations over the projected design lifespan of

a new bridge. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will help identify non-hydrologic elements needed to determine potential rates of streambed scour. These include bridge location and design specifications, attributes of cohesive soils associated with bridge piers, and preferred methods and specifications for estimating soil scour.

USGS Deliverables:

1. Daily period-of-record stream discharge time series from two USGS gaged study sites.
2. Trend analyses of two USGS gaged study site time series.
3. Flow frequency distribution and descriptive statistics of two USGS gaged study site time series.
4. A Design Unit Hydrograph for each of two USGS gaged study sites.
5. Estimates of hydraulic geometry coefficients for each of two USGS gaged study sites (Leopold and Maddock, 1953).
6. A draft Monte-Carlo simulation tool for probabilistic discharge–scour scenario analyses at each of the two USGS gaged study sites.
7. A draft simulation tool for deterministic analysis of discharge–scour scenarios at each of two USGS gaged study sites.
8. A draft fact sheet highlighting pilot study objectives and anticipated outcomes.
9. Draft text for later use in a published USGS Scientific Investigations Report (SIR).

USGS deliverables 1 through 3 will be available 4 months from the identification of each USGS gaged study site. Deliverables 4 and 5 will be available 6 months from the identification each USGS gaged study site. Deliverables 6 through 9 will be available 11 months from the identification of each USGS gaged study site.

VDOT will help identify:

1. Bridge design specifications.
2. Attributes of cohesive soils associated with bridge piers.
3. Preferred methods and specifications for estimating soil scour.

2. Gage Cost Sharing

Statement of Need: To facilitate the development of the urban regression equations and to provide data on smaller watersheds than USGS typically monitors, VDOT has provided cost sharing funds for the operation of seventeen (17) gages (List attached). VDOT will continue this effort under this JFA.

Scope of Work: The USGS will monitor and maintain seventeen (17) annual peak flow monitoring sites during 2014 as part of the VDOT-USGS Cooperative Program Annual Peak Flow Monitoring Network.

Deliverables:

- Data available upon request

Station Number	Station Name	Cooperator Cost	USGS Matching Funds	Annual Operating Cost
01629945	CHUB RUN NEAR STANLEY, VA	\$1,010	\$920	\$1,930
01632970	CROOKED RUN NEAR MOUNT JACKSON, VA	\$1,010	\$920	\$1,930
01633650	PUGHS RUN NEAR WOODSTOCK, VA	\$1,010	\$920	\$1,930
01661800	BUSH MILL STREAM NEAR HEATHSVILLE, VA	\$1,010	\$920	\$1,930
01667600	CEDAR RUN TRIB NEAR CULPEPER, VA	\$1,010	\$920	\$1,930
01668300	FARMERS HALL CREEK NEAR CHAMPLAIN, VA	\$1,010	\$920	\$1,930
01670300	CONTRARY CREEK NEAR MINERAL, VA	\$1,010	\$920	\$1,930
02017700	CRAIG CREEK TRIB NEAR NEW CASTLE, VA	\$1,010	\$920	\$1,930
02027700	BUFFALO RIVER TRIB NEAR AMHERST, VA	\$1,010	\$920	\$1,930
02030800	STOCKTON CREEK NEAR AFTON, VA	\$1,010	\$920	\$1,930
02038000	FALLING CREEK NEAR CHESTERFIELD, VA	\$1,010	\$920	\$1,930
02042250	BAILEY BRANCH TRIB AT SPRING GROVE, VA	\$1,010	\$920	\$1,930
02044200	FALLS CREEK TRIB NEAR VICTORIA, VA	\$1,010	\$920	\$1,930
02076200	BEARSKIN CREEK NEAR CHATHAM, VA	\$1,010	\$920	\$1,930
02076700	BLACKS CREEK NEAR MOUNT AIRY, VA	\$1,010	\$920	\$1,930
03167300	MIRA FORK TRIB NEAR DUGSPUR, VA	\$1,010	\$920	\$1,930
03473500	M F HOLSTON RIVER AT GROSECLOSE, VA	\$1,010	\$920	\$1,930
Total Cost		\$17,170	\$15,640	\$32,810

Project Funding:

	<u>VDOT</u>	<u>USGS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bridge Scour Pilot Study:	\$32,830	\$32,585	\$65,415
VDOT-USGS Monitoring Network:	\$17,170	\$15,640	\$32,810
Grand Total:	\$50,000	\$48,225	\$98,225

References:

NCHRP Report 516, 2004, Pier and Contraction Scour in Cohesive Soils, Transportation Research Board, 500 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20001, 118p.

Leopold, L.B. and Maddock, T., 1953, The hydraulic geometry of stream channels and some physiographic implications, US Geological Survey Professional Paper 252., 64p.