



# United States Department of the Interior

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY  
Caribbean-Florida Water Science Center  
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March 21, 2023

Robin Barnes  
Environmental Specialist II  
Division of Environmental Management  
Pinellas County Government  
22211 US 19, Building 10  
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Ms. Barnes:

Attached you will find one digital copy of our standard joint-funding agreement for the project(s) Caribbean-Florida Water Science Center Water Resources Investigations, during the period May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024 in the amount of \$228,374 from your agency. U.S. Geological Survey contributions for this agreement are \$71,726 for a combined total of \$300,100 Please sign and return one fully-executed original to Margaret A Fineagan at the address above.

Federal law requires that we have a signed agreement before we start or continue work. Please return the signed agreement by **May 1, 2023**. If, for any reason, the agreement cannot be signed and returned by the date shown above, please contact Kevin Grimsley by phone number (813) 498-5064 or email [kjgrims@usgs.gov](mailto:kjgrims@usgs.gov) to make alternative arrangements.

This is a fixed cost agreement to be billed quarterly via Down Payment Request (automated Form DI-1040). Please allow 30-days from the end of the billing period for issuance of the bill. If you experience any problems with your invoice(s), please contact Margaret Fineagan at phone number (813) 498-5009 or email at [mfineagan@usgs.gov](mailto:mfineagan@usgs.gov).

The results of all work performed under this agreement will be available for publication by the U.S. Geological Survey. We look forward to continuing this and future cooperative efforts in these mutually beneficial water resources studies.

Sincerely,

**DOROTHY  
SIFUENTES** Digitally signed by  
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Dorothy F. Sifuentes, Ph.D.  
Acting Center Director,  
Caribbean-Florida Water Science Center

Enclosure  
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U.S. Department of the Interior  
U.S. Geological Survey  
Joint Funding Agreement  
FOR  
Water Resource Investigations

Fixed Cost Agreement YES[ X ] NO[ ]

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into as of the May 1, 2023, by the **U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY**, Caribbean-Florida Water Science Center, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, party of the first part, and the **PINELLAS COUNTY** party of the second part.

1. The parties hereto agree that subject to the availability of appropriations and in accordance with their respective authorities there shall be maintained in cooperation Water Resource Investigations (per attachment), 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) include In-Kind-Services in the amount of \$0.00

- (a) \$71,726.00 by the party of the first part during the period  
May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024
- (b) \$228,374.00 by the party of the second part during the period  
May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024
- (c) Contributions are provided by the party of the first part through other USGS regional or national programs, in the amount of: \$0.00
- (d) 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.
- (e) The performance period may be changed by mutual agreement and set forth in an exchange of letters between the parties.

3. The costs of this program may be paid by either party in conformity with the laws and regulations respectively governing each party.

4. The field and analytical work pertaining to this program shall be under the direction of or subject to periodic review by an authorized representative of the party of the first part.

5. The areas to be included in the program shall be determined by mutual agreement between the parties hereto or their authorized representatives. The methods employed in the field and office shall be those adopted by the party of the first part to insure the required standards of accuracy subject to modification by mutual agreement.

6. During the course of this program, all field and analytical work of either party pertaining to this program shall be open to the inspection of the other party, and if the work is not being carried on in a mutually satisfactory manner, either party may terminate this agreement upon 60 days written notice to the other party.

7. The original records resulting from this program will be deposited in the office of origin of those records. Upon request, copies of the original records will be provided to the office of the other party.

8. The maps, records or reports resulting from this program shall be made available to the public as promptly as possible. The maps, records or reports normally will be published by the party of the first part. However, the party of the second part reserves the right to publish the results of this program, and if already published by the party of the first part shall, upon request, be furnished by the party of the first part, at cost, impressions suitable for purposes of reproduction similar to that for which the original copy was prepared. The maps, records or reports published by either party shall contain a statement of the cooperative relations between the parties. The Parties acknowledge that scientific information and data developed as a result of the Scope of Work (SOW) are subject to applicable USGS review, approval, and release requirements, which are available on the USGS Fundamental Science Practices website (<https://www2.usgs.gov/fsp/>).

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Water Resource Investigations

9. Billing for this agreement will be rendered quarterly. Invoices not paid within 60 days from the billing date will bear Interest, Penalties, and Administrative cost at the annual rate pursuant the Debt Collection Act of 1982, (codified at 31 U.S.C. § 3717) established by the U.S. Treasury.

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**Signature**  
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**DOROTHY SIFUENTES**  
Name: Dorothy F. Sifuentes, Ph.D.  
Title: Acting Center Director,  
Caribbean-Florida Water Science Center

Signatures

By Janet C. Long Date: 04/25/2023  
Name: Janet C. Long  
Title: Chair



ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By: Dorinda Keire

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

Name:

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

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APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Brendan Mackesey  
Office of the County Attorney