

Agreement No.: RF0002  
Amount: \$8,000

Local Government Planning and Support, University of Wisconsin River Falls  
St. Croix River Crossing Project  
MOU For the Implementation of Growth Management Mitigation Items,  
Section IIIB.2b.

Between  
State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources,  
And  
University of Wisconsin River Falls

- I. GENERAL INFORMATION:  
Grantee/Project Sponsor: University of Wisconsin River Falls  
Project Title: Supplement to budget of "Protecting the St. Croix" Conference, the Annual Educational Boat Trip and Scholarships  
Period Covered by This Agreement: June 2014 – May 2018
- II. AGREEMENT RECIPIENT: University of Wisconsin River Falls
- III. AUTHORITY: This agreement between the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (hereinafter referred to as WDNR) and the University of Wisconsin River Falls (hereinafter referred to as UWRF) is hereby entered into pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 29.037
- IV. PURPOSE: The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate the WDNR to review and concur with projects developed by UWRF to expend funds in accord with the St. Croix Crossing Project Mitigation Package: Local government Planning and Support MOU.
- V. BACKGROUND: The St. Croix Crossing project involves the construction of a new bridge across the St. Croix River in St. Croix County, Wisconsin. The Supplemental Final EIS (SFEIS) prepared for the project includes a section on bridge mitigation items. Included in this mitigation package is \$50,000 designated to UWRF. The purpose of this \$50,000 is for use to facilitate focused problem solving and dissemination of targeted and region-specific educational materials on water quality, natural resources, historic properties and other issues which involve local government planning and support. Once mitigation funds became available UWRF presented project proposals to decide how to allocate the \$50,000. One of the approved proposals is to secure supplemental funding for two annual events that are open to the public. Protecting the St. Croix conference and an educational boat tour on the St. Croix River as well as scholarships for non-governmental attendees. This is an agreement between the WDNR, and UWRF on how the mitigation dollars will be spent on this project.

- VI. SCOPE: Upon WDNR concurrence, UWRF will provide supplemental funding for four years to the budgets of two annual events being held through the duration of the MOU under section IIIB2b of the MOU. Protecting the St. Croix annual Conference and the annual Educational Boat Tour of the St. Croix River. UWRF will fund \$1,000 per event, per year, over the course of four years. This sponsorship would include \$500 per event to be used for the training/conference and an additional \$500 per event to offer as scholarships for non-governmental attendees to encourage more landowner and public participation.

In return UWRF will oversee the completion of the project as described in UWRFs St. Croix River Crossing Project – Implementation of Mitigation Activities Application Form and submit reports to WDNR upon completion of the objectives as outlined in the application.

- VII. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: This agreement shall remain in effect until May, 2018. The WDNR and UWRF may periodically evaluate this agreement and, if mutually agreed, will amend the agreement as necessary. Any modifications to this agreement shall become effective upon approval by all parties.

- VIII. PARTY REPRESENTATIVES: The representatives of the parties who shall serve as project coordinators and principal contacts for the purposes of this agreement are as follows:

UWRF: Blake Fry, Ed.D.  
Special Assistant to the Chancellor  
University of Wisconsin River Falls  
410 S 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
River Falls, WI 54022

WDNR: Dan Baumann, P.E., Regional Director  
1300 West Clairemont Avenue  
Eau Claire, WI 54701

IX. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

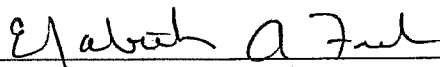
- A. UWRF agrees that information gathered as a result of the projects will be readily available, as needed, to other entities in St. Croix County operating within the context of Section IIIB.2.b of the MOU associated within the St. Croix Crossing Project SFEIS.
- B. UWRF agrees that failure on its part to abide by the project contract and its stipulations could require a repayment of the mitigation funds.
- C. This agreement does not impose any obligation, financial or otherwise, upon the WDNR in regards to the subsequent operation and/or maintenance of any facilities developed in this project.

X. LIABILITY: UWRF recognizes and understands that they may be responsible for the consequences of their own acts, errors, or omissions and those of its employees, agents, boards, commissions, agencies, officers and representatives, including providing its own defense. To the extent authorized by law, the WDNR shall be responsible for the consequences of their own acts, errors, or omissions and those of its employees, agents, contractors, officers, and representatives and shall be responsible for any losses, claims and liabilities which are attributable to such acts, errors or omissions. It is not the intent of the parties to impose liability beyond that imposed by Wisconsin Statutes. This clause applies only to actions of each party pursuant to this agreement, and does not apply to actions or events that occur outside the scope of this agreement.

By signature UWRF and the WDNR hereby accept all terms and conditions of this agreement without exception, deletion or alteration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be executed as of the date therein written.

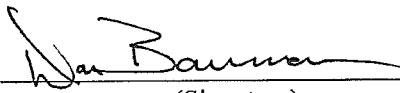
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Elizabeth Frueh  
Assistant Chancellor, Business Finance

6/16/14  
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(Date)

WDNR

  
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(Signature)

Dan Baumann, P.E.  
Regional Director

6/27/14  
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