

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ANNEX

between the

## UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS

and the

## UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ENGINEER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER TOPOGRAPHIC RESEARCH CENTER

### I. BACKGROUND

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Annex is between the United States Power Squadrons, a non-profit organization and hereinafter referred to as the "USPS", and the United States Army Corps of Engineers, an agency of the United States Government and hereinafter referred to as the "Corps". The Corps Engineer Research and Development Center Topographic Engineering Center (ERDC-TEC) has been designated as having lead responsibility for the execution of the Inland Electronic Navigation Chart (IENC) program within the Corps.

### II. REFERENCE AND AUTHORITY

The original MOU between USPS and the Corps was signed 10 May 2003. The provisions of the original MOU govern this Annex. The authority for this activity is found in PL 85-480, approved 2 July 1958, which authorizes the Commander, USACE, to publish maps and other informational materials on river and harbor, flood control, and other civil works activities, including related public park and recreation facilities, that may be of value to the general public. In the 2002 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act PL 107-66 Congress specifically directed the Corps of Engineers to make inland waterway navigation chart data available in electronic format. Electronic navigation chart data would enable towboats and other vessels to navigate more precisely, provide increased capability in poor visibility, and aid in the training of vessel operators.

### III. RESPONSIBILITIES

#### 1. United States Army Corps of Engineers agrees to:

- a. Provide, on request, current editions of nautical charts and related products to members in the USPS Districts whose operational areas lie within the coverage of Corps chart books. All requests for charts and related products will be processed through the designated USPS official.
- b. Provide guidelines for data collection and for improvement of data collected.
- c. Receive reports and forward to the appropriate District office as required.
- d. Maintain records of reports submitted and credit units awarded in the format established by mutual agreement of the parties.
- e. Periodically furnish designated USPS officials a report of activities in a format established by mutual agreement of the parties.
- f. Participate, as required, in Cooperative Charting (COCH) training activities to enhance quality and to promote interest and participation in this Program.

- g. Prepare articles for publication in USPS publications and develop training materials to be used in COCH training sessions.
  - h. Coordinate editorial review and provide reproduction of training materials developed jointly by Corps and USPS.
2. The United States Power Squadrons agrees to:
- a. Furnish information on Corps charts for related publications.
  - b. Establish and maintain the administrative procedures relative to COCH Program.
  - c. Stock and distribute publications and materials relating to the COCH Program through USPS headquarters.
  - d. Provide the names and addresses of the District COCH Chairmen at the beginning of each COCH season and report within 30 days any changes that take place during the season.
  - e. Promote further participation by USPS members and provide and maintain continuing educational programming support for the COCH program.
  - f. Prepare articles and service training materials relating to the COCH Program and submit for Corps review and approval.

**IV. PERIOD**

The terms of this MOU Annex will become effective upon the signatures of the approving officials entering into this MOU-Annex. This MOU-Annex will remain in effect for three years from the effective date as long as the governing MOU remains in effect. A termination of the governing MOU will automatically terminate this Annex. The MOU-Annex may be renewed upon mutual written agreement by the approving officials entering into this MOU-Annex or their successors in office as long as the governing MOU remains in effect.

**V. POINTS OF CONTACT**

The Technical Points of Contact for the execution of this Annex will be designated by both organizations annually and communicated to their counterparts.

**VI. SIGNATURES**

For the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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