

Cooperative Program in Highway-Related Sciences
between
The American Institute in Taiwan
and
The Coordination Council for North American Affairs

1. Background

Cooperation between scientists from the territory represented by the American Institute in Taiwan (hereinafter referred to as the "AIT") and the territory represented by the Coordination Council for North American Affairs (hereinafter referred to as the "CCNAA") is furthered pursuant to an Agreement between AIT and CCNAA on Scientific and Scholarly Cooperation dated September 4, 1980, extended by exchange of letters signed March 10, 1987.

The "Taiwan Relations Act" (Public Law 96-8, April 10, 1979) authorizes the continuation of commercial, cultural and other relations between the people of the territory represented by the AIT and the people in the territory represented by the CCNAA. Such relations are conducted by or through AIT, a non-profit corporation, incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia. CCNAA is the instrumentality which has been established to provide assurances and take actions on behalf of the people in the territory represented by the CCNAA.

AIT works in association with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in Washington, D.C., in administering the program. CCNAA performs a similar function in affiliation with the following agencies in Taipei: China Engineering Consultants, Inc., Institute of Transportation, Road Research Center, Taiwan Area National Expressway Engineering Bureau, and Taiwan Area National Freeway Bureau.

2. Purpose of Agreement/Program Goals

To increase the contacts and cooperation between highway engineers and professionals and institutions of scientific research and higher learning of both sides; to provide researchers and institutions with opportunities to exchange information, ideas, and techniques; to enhance opportunities to collaborate in solving highway - related transportation and engineering problems of common interest; and to utilize special facilities or research opportunities.

3. Scope of Work/Areas of Cooperation

Cooperation may be in the areas of traffic operations, highway operations, highway and bridge design, highway and bridge rehabilitation, management of construction, quality control of construction materials, maintenance, and other areas as may be mutually agreed.

The types of cooperative activities may include, but not be limited to, the exchange of scientific information, scientific visits, training, seminars and workshops, and cooperative research.

4. Implementation and Coordination

AIT and CCNAA will coordinate and implement the activities agreed to under this program with the offices and laboratories of FHWA and similar organizations allied to the agencies noted in section 1. Each side shall designate a program coordinator to be responsible under its auspices for the overall coordination of cooperative activities under these guidelines. For each topic identified as the subject of a formal cooperative activity, each side shall also name a topic coordinator.

5. Funding

Funding of cooperative activities under this program shall be carried out on the basis of mutuality, reciprocity, and flexibility. In general, each side will fund the cost of its participation in cooperative activities and may if it chooses, provide full or partial support for participation in these activities by scientists and engineers of the other side. Decisions on funding for joint activities will be made by mutual agreement.

6. Review Meetings

AIT and CCNAA program coordinators shall meet at least once a year at times and places of their choosing to review this program of cooperation and additions/modifications to same.

7. Amendment and Termination

This agreement shall remain in effect for five years from the date of the last signature hereafter and may be extended by mutual written agreement.

Either party may terminate this program before completion of the services provided herein, with the understanding that there will be advance consultation between the parties and that the termination date will be fixed sufficiently in advance to permit orderly withdrawal of personnel and other adjustments.

An amendment to any or all of the foregoing provisions may be made by mutual written agreement between the AIT and CCNAA.

For AIT:

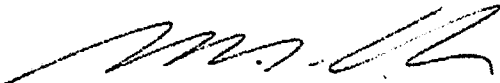


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