

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE PAYSON CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER OF TULANE UNIVERSITY (PAYSON CENTER)

AND

FUNDACION PARQUE TECNOLOGICO DEL SOFTWARE DE CALI (PARQUESOFT)

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (**MOU**) is made and entered into on to the date of its signing by and between the PAYSON CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER OF TULANE UNIVERSITY BASED IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA – UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (hereinafter **Payson Center**) represented by its Executive Director, Dr. William E. Bertrand, and the FUNDACION PARQUE TECNOLOGICO DEL SOFTWARE DE CALI (hereinafter **PARQUESOFT**) represented by Orlando Rincón Bonilla to strengthen and further develop interinstitutional collaboration in the design and development of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in the area of disaster preparedness, response, relief, impact evaluation for sustainable human development.

PURPOSE

This MOU delineates the areas in which **Payson Center** and **PARQUESOFT** will collaborate and the terms and conditions by which they will operate.

SCOPE

The **Payson Center** and the **PARQUESOFT** have demonstrated internationally recognized expertise to develop effective interinstitutional collaboration and are uniquely qualified to collaborate in the aforementioned areas. To this end, the **Payson Center** and **PARQUESOFT** enter into this MOU. This MOU replaces and revokes any and all previous agreements between the parties, whether oral or written, and may only be modified in writing signed by both parties.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Through formal agreements, the **Payson Center** and **PARQUESOFT** will collaborate in supporting on-going projects and/or initiatives in the following areas for inter-institutional cooperation include, but are not limited to:

- Collaboration in the design and implementation of ICTs in the areas of prevention, preparedness, mitigation, response, recovery and management of disasters as sustainable human development strategies, as well as risk management and impact assessment. This collaboration will be formalized by the signing of specific agreements.
- Continued development of ICT-based tools for all phases of disaster management, including the use of Technology Assisted Learning Modules (TALM), digital libraries and geospatial decision support systems for the development of just in time training modules and decision support libraries and tools. These technologies will also be used with a special emphasis on transparent management tools for following and measuring the impact of disaster projects.
- Design and development of joint projects of shared interest in the specified areas, and others that may be determined.
- Search for funding support for the MOU's activities.

WORK PLAN/PROJECT ADMINISTRATION

It is further understood that this MOU is made subject to the Terms and Conditions mentioned above and will be in compliance with all statutory requirements for each party and their policies.

Administration of any on-going projects will follow the terms and conditions set forth within each project agreement.

TERM

This MOU, which is effective upon date of signing by representatives of **Payson Center** and **PARQUESOFT**. This agreement can be terminated by either party with a written notice. It is understood that termination of this MOU will not jeopardize projects which are on-going at the time of termination.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: the parties hereto have caused this MOU to be executed by their undersigned officials as duly authorized.

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PARQUESOFT:

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