29 May 2013

Ron Croushorn Director, Food Assistance Division United States Department of Agriculture 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Stop 1034 Washington, D.C. 20250-1034

Subject: Request for Cooperative Agreement

Modification Dear Mr. Croushorn,

requests a modification to its Cooperative Agreement No. -----dated September 22, 2011,and amended on April 17, 2012 and December 17, 2012.

The requested modification if for the following:

a) Changes to the Progress Measures for the Activity Objectives.

•••••is requesting to reallocate grant fund outputs from the Activity Objective "Improve Manufacturing Links and Tools for CF" to all Activity Objectives as follows:

Activity Objective	Amount	Purpose
Improve Maize, Pulse,	\$100,000	grants dispersed to financial service
and Soybean Production		institutions serving DCs, POs,
		and/or participating farmers
Improve Maize, Pulse, and Soybean Marketing	\$125,000	grants dispersed to bulking centers within DCs, POs, and/or participating farmers
Improve Manufacturing Links and Tools for CF	\$75,000	grants dispersed to tool manufacturers, TSPs, lead farmers, or agro-input suppliers to conservation farming business practices

Reallocation of Output Grant Funds does not require a budget modification.

b) Extend the term of the agreement at no cost to June 2015. This will provide

•••••Ian opportunity to collect impact data for 1additional season, and allow 3 full years of

implementation from the date the monetization took place in June of 2012, increasing program impact.

The extension of the Agreement term will not require additional funding from the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Chief of Party

Contracts and Compliance

We look forward to your positive response. If you have any questions or comments regarding the requested modification, please feel free to contact myself, , Regional Director, Southern

and Eastern A		;e L	or
Director).	

Sincerely,

Chief Operating Officer

Attachments:

- 1 Proposed amendment language to the aforementioned Cooperative Agreement
- 2 Proposed amendment language to Attachment A of the aforementioned Cooperative Agreement

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