

# JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

STATE OF MINNESOTA

SWIFT Contract No.: 0000000000000000000077458

This agreement is between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Public Safety, State Patrol Division, ("State") and the City of St. Paul, Minnesota, Fire Department ("Governmental Unit").

## Recitals

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Under Minn. Stat. §§ 471.59, subd. 3 and 10, the State is authorized to enter into joint powers agreements with Governmental Units within the state of Minnesota, and may charge the Governmental Unit for services provided;

The Minnesota State Patrol (here within called MSP) will provide a helicopter and pilot(s) for the purposes of training and utilizing the City of St. Paul Fire Department personnel for airborne search and rescue operations, wildland firefighting and structural firefighting.

The City of St. Paul Fire Department (here within called SPFD) will provide rescue technicians and firefighters as needed for search and rescue operations, wildland firefighting and structural firefighting as needed.

## Agreement

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### 1 Term of Agreement

- 1.1 **Effective date: January 1, 2014** or the date the State obtains all required signatures under Minnesota Statutes Section 16C.05, subdivision 2, whichever is later.
- 1.2 **Expiration date: June 30, 2019**, or until all obligations have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever occurs first.

### 2 Agreement between the Parties

The purpose of this agreement is for MSP to provide helicopter and a pilot to and SPFD to provide firefighters for airborne search and rescue, and firefighting, when the parties are activated pursuant to Minnesota Statute sections 12.33, 12.331, 12.351, 192.89, or 192.91, or a separate, duly enacted JPA between the City of Saint Paul and the State.

The joint airborne unit will provide:

- a) The citizens of Minnesota a trained rescue unit capable of performing aerial rescues as training provides.
- b) The citizens of Minnesota a trained aerial firefighting unit for the purpose of firefighting as training allows.

MSP will provide a helicopter and pilot(s). The helicopters will be maintained by MSP as required by the FAA. The pilots will hold a valid airman certificate administered by the FAA, and hold a current and valid medical certificate. The pilots will maintain all required currency and training as it pertains to flying the helicopters.

The rescue equipment and firefighting equipment is owned by MSP and is used by the joint team will be maintained in top condition as required by the manufacturer or departmental standards. The equipment owned by MSP will be stored by MSP.

MSP shall be in charge of their personnel.

When activated pursuant to Minnesota Statute sections 12.33, 12.331, 12.351, 192.89, or 192.91, or a separate, duly enacted JPA between the Governmental Unit and the State, SPFD will provide rescue technicians and / or firefighters. The rescue equipment and firefighting equipment owned by SPFD and used by the joint team will be maintained in top condition as required by the manufacturer or departmental standards. The equipment owned by SPFD will be stored by SPFD.

SPFD shall be in charge of their personnel.

### **3 Payment**

Expenses incurred by each department will be the responsibility of each department, unless collection of fees is allowed under separate written agreements.

The total obligation of the State under this agreement will not exceed \$0.00.

### **4 Authorized Representatives**

The State's Authorized Representative is Lt. Matt Nelson, Chief Pilot, 515 Eaton St, St Paul, MN 55107, telephone 651-539-1301, or his/her successor.

The Governmental Unit's Authorized Representative is John Swanson, 645 Randolph Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55102, telephone 651-228-6256, or his/her successor.

### **5 Assignment, Amendments, Waiver, and Contract Complete**

5.1 **Assignment.** The Governmental Unit may neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this agreement without the prior consent of the State and a fully executed Assignment Agreement, executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved this agreement, or their successors in office.

5.2 **Amendments.** Any amendment to this agreement must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved the original agreement, or their successors in office.

5.3 **Waiver.** If the State fails to enforce any provision of this agreement, that failure does not waive the provision or its right to enforce it.

5.4 **Contract Complete.** This agreement contains all negotiations and agreements between the State and the Governmental Unit. No other understanding regarding this agreement, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party.

### **6 Liability**

- a) A governmental unit participating in a joint venture or joint enterprise, including participation in a cooperative activity undertaken pursuant to this section or other law, is not liable for the acts or omissions of another governmental unit participating in the joint venture or joint enterprise, unless the participating governmental unit has agreed in writing to be responsible for the acts or omissions of another participating governmental unit
- b) For purposes of determining total liability for damages, the participating governmental units and the joint board, if one is established, are considered a single governmental unit and the total liability for the participating governmental units and the joint board, if established, shall not exceed the limits on governmental liability for a single

governmental unit as specified in section 3.736 or 466.04, subdivision 1, or as waived or extended by the joint board or all participating governmental units under section 3.736, subdivision 8; 466.06; or 471.981. This paragraph does not protect a governmental unit from liability for its own independent acts or omissions not directly related to the joint activity

- c) If a participating governmental unit has procured or extended insurance coverage pursuant to section 3.736, subdivision 8; 466.06; or 471.981 in excess of the limits on governmental liability under section 3.736 or 466.04, subdivision 1, covering participation in the joint venture or joint enterprise, the procurement of that insurance constitutes a waiver of the limits of governmental liability for that governmental unit to the extent that valid and collectable insurance or self-insurance, including, where applicable, proceeds from the Minnesota Guarantee Fund, exceeds those limits and covers that governmental unit's liability for the claim, if any.

#### **7 State Audits**

Under Minnesota Statute § 16C.05, subdivision 5, the Governmental Unit's books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices relevant to this agreement are subject to examination by the State and/or the State Auditor or Legislative Auditor, as appropriate, for a minimum of six years from the end of this agreement.

#### **8 Government Data Practices**

The Governmental Unit and State must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statute Ch. 13, as it applies to all data provided by the State under this agreement, and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the Governmental Unit under this agreement. The civil remedies of Minnesota Statute § 13.08 apply to the release of the data referred to in this clause by either the Governmental Unit or the State.

If the Governmental Unit receives a request to release the data referred to in this Clause, the Governmental Unit must immediately notify the State. The State will give the Governmental Unit instructions concerning the release of the data to the requesting party before the data is released.

#### **9 Venue**

Venue for all legal proceedings out of this agreement, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

#### **10 Termination**

**10.1 Termination.** The State or the Governmental Unit may terminate this agreement at any time, with or without cause, upon 30 days' written notice to the other party.

**10.2 Termination for Insufficient Funding.** The State may immediately terminate this agreement if it does not obtain funding from the Minnesota Legislature, or other funding source; or if funding cannot be continued at a level sufficient to allow for the payment of the services covered here. Termination must be by written or fax notice to the Governmental Unit. The State is not obligated to pay for any services that are provided after notice and effective date of termination. However, the Governmental Unit will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed to the extent that funds are available. The State will not be assessed any penalty if the agreement is terminated because of the decision of the Minnesota Legislature, or other funding source, not to

appropriate funds. The State must provide the Governmental Unit notice of the lack of funding within a reasonable time of the State's receiving that notice.

**1. STATE ENCUMBRANCE VERIFICATION**

*Individual certifies that funds have been encumbered as required by Minnesota Statute §§ 16A.15 and 16C.05.*

Signed: Not Applicable

Date: February 1, 2014

**2. GOVERNMENTAL UNIT**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. STATE AGENCY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(with delegated authority)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION**

As delegated to Materials Management Division

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Distribution:  
Agency  
Governmental Unit  
State's Authorized Representative - Photo Copy