# INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY AND

# PORT OF WHITMAN COUNTY FOR INSTALLATION, LEASE AND SERVICE OF FIBER OPTIC STRANDS

**THIS** agreement is made and entered into by and between Washington State University, an institution of higher education of the State of Washington (WSU), and the Port of Whitman County, a local government entity (PORT). WSU and PORT enter into this agreement pursuant to RCW 39.34, the Inter-local Cooperation Act.

Whereas, PORT has the authority from RCW 53.08 and RCW 53.08.370 to acquire, construct and maintain telecommunications facilities;

Whereas, WSU has the authority to enter into contracts it deems essential to WSU purposes;

Whereas, pursuant to a Right of Access granted by WSU to PORT (WSU Contract #21025), PORT has commenced installation of six (6) fiber optic cable strands into the telecommunications closet of the WSU Visitor Center located at 150 E Spring Street in Pullman, WA; and

Whereas, the governing bodies of WSU and PORT or their authorized delegates have authorized their participation in this Inter-local Cooperation Agreement (AGREEMENT).

**NOW**, therefore, the parties enter into this AGREEMENT for the uses and purposes and for the consideration set forth below.

IT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS AGREEMENT for PORT to lease to WSU six (6) fiber optic cable strands and to provide the service and maintenance for the same, in exchange for funds as provided in this AGREEMENT. WSU shall use the fiber optic cable strands acquired hereunder for providing services to the WSU Visitor Center.

# I. STATEMENT OF WORK

Each party shall do all things necessary for or incidental to the performance of the duties set forth below. The routing of the fiber optic cable through the WSU Campus is as marked on the plan document that is attached to this AGREEMENT, marked Attachment A, and made apart hereof by reference.

- **A. Duties of PORT:** In addition to other duties as set forth herein, the PORT shall do the following:
  - 1. PORT will pull new armored fiber from Neill Hall to the WSU Visitor Center. The fiber from the PORT vault located NE of the Visitor Center commonly known as P-V35 will be through WSU contractor installed conduit into the communication closet at the new Visitor Center. PORT shall complete all elements in the Scope of Work set forth in the Right of Access granted by WSU to PORT (WSU Contract #21025).
  - 2. At all times, PORT will be responsible for the maintenance of the fiber optic cable.
  - 3. PORT shall notify WSU at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of any routine or scheduled maintenance that will affect the fiber optic cable by calling:

Information Service's (IS) Voice and Data Systems Manager at 335-0690 and the IS Network Operations that is staffed 24/7 at 335-4949.

- 3. PORT shall begin emergency maintenance of the fiber optic cable within twenty-four (24) hours of written or oral notice of any outage by WSU.
- 5. PORT shall retain the ability to subcontract for construction and maintenance of its fiber optic cable. PORT shall consult with WSU regarding any subcontractors the PORT intends to use on their respective property, and all subcontractors shall comply with the rules and regulations of WSU while on its property and the reasonable instructions of WSU personnel. Material failure of any subcontractors to comply with said rules, regulations and instructions shall entitle WSU to require PORT to remove the subcontractor from the property and reimburse WSU for the cost to repair any damages.

# B. Duties of WSU

- 1. WSU shall pay the PORT a Three Thousand Five Hundred dollar (\$3,500.00) non-reoccurring set-up and connection fee for this service. This fee shall be payable after the completion of the set-up and connection, within thirty (30) days of the date of invoice.
- 2. WSU shall pay the PORT annual lease payments, as provided below, for lease of six (6) strands of fiber optic cable.

3. WSU will be responsible for the routine maintenance of all fiber optic cable and electronics located before the demark at Neill Hall and after the demark in the telecommunications closet in the Visitor Center building.

#### II. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

Subject to its other provisions, the period of performance of this AGREEMENT shall commence on September 9th, 2013. This AGREEMENT shall extend for twenty (20) years from its commencement date unless terminated earlier as provided in this AGREEMENT. After the initial set-up is successfully completed, this contract shall be for the lease of the cable as provided in this AGREEMENT. This AGREEMENT can be renewed for additional five (5) year increments with written approval by both parties.

# III. LEASE

PORT hereby leases to WSU use of six (6) of the strands of its fiber optic cable, running from Neill Hall to the WSU Visitor Center for a total length for all six (6) strands of 3,557 lineal feet. The term of this lease shall coincide with the term of this AGREEMENT.

# IV. PAYMENT

# A. Set Up and Connection Fee

WSU shall pay the PORT a Three Thousand Five Hundred dollar (\$3,500.00) non-reoccurring set-up and connection fee. This fee shall be payable after the completion of the set-up and connection, within thirty (30) days of the date of invoice.

# B. Lease

WSU shall pay to the PORT for the lease of six (6) strands of fiber optic cable the sum of Two Thousand Thirty dollars (\$2,030.00) per year, payable once annually, by June 30th, with the first payment to be pro-rated and paid within 30 days of the execution date of this AGREEMENT.

# V. MAINTENANCE

Except as expressly provided herein, PORT shall perform all routine maintenance of the fiber optic cable, and PORT shall repair all damage to the fiber optic cable.

#### VI. BILLING PROCEDURE

Upon successful completion of the initial set-up and connection under this AGREEMENT, PORT shall send the invoice for the one-time, non-recurring fee of Three Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) to WSU as well as the annual invoice for the maintenance fee. These payments shall not be due and payable until thirty (30) days after the date of the invoice. WSU shall make payments to the PORT by check or wire transfer.

# VII. LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE

PORT shall defend all claims for damages to persons or property arising from PORT's maintenance or repair activities, and shall pay any resulting damages or costs or fees assessed.

In the event PORT's fiber optic cable, including the strands leased by WSU, is destroyed or otherwise rendered permanently inoperable by any cause beyond the reasonable control of the parties or any of them, or if extraordinary maintenance or capital improvements are needed to either cable, the parties shall confer in good faith on a mutually acceptable resolution for sharing the costs of the needed repair, replacement, or improvement based on a pro rata share of the number of strands in the fiber run. If the parties are unable to agree on a resolution, this AGREEMENT shall terminate thirty (30) days after the parties agree they have reached an impasse.

If any of the fiber optic cable covered by this AGREEMENT is damaged solely as a result of negligent or intentional acts of one of the parties to this AGREEMENT, or by its officers, employees, or agents, that party shall repair the damage at its sole cost and expense and within a reasonable time. This shall be the sole remedy for any such damage. In no event shall any party be responsible or liable to any other party or to any person or entity in privity with any party, for direct, indirect, or consequential damages, including interruption of services, suffered as a result of any damage to the fiber optic cables or their functionality. Notwithstanding anything in this AGREEMENT to the contrary, the parties expressly acknowledge and agree that WSU's liability and indemnification obligation hereunder shall not exceed WSU's coverage limits (as to type and amount) as described in the State of Washington Self-Insurance Liability Program and the Tort Claims Act (RCW 4.92 et seq.)

# VIII. INSURANCE AND HOLD HARMLESS

Except as otherwise provided in Paragraph VII above, each party shall indemnify, and hold harmless the other party or parties from any damages to persons or property resulting from its own negligent acts or omissions, or those of its officers, employees, or agents. Should any injury or damage be found to result from the negligence of both parties, each party shall be liable to the extent of and in the proportion to its own negligence.

A. WSU and its officers, employees, agents, and registered volunteers, while acting in good faith within the scope of their official WSU duties, are covered by the State of Washington Self-Insurance Liability Program (RCW 43.19.766 et seq.) and the Tort Claims Act (RCW 4.92.060 et seq.). Successful claims to pay legal liabilities and defense costs of the state resulting from tortious conduct of WSU

and its employees, officers, agents, and registered volunteers in the performance of their official WSU duties in good faith under this AGREEMENT will be paid from the tort claims liability account as provided in RCW 4.92.130.

B. The PORT maintains a ten million dollar (\$10,000,000) commercial general liability policy and an automobile policy in the amount of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000). WSU shall be named as an additional insured on the PORT's policies.

# IX. INDEPENDENT CAPACITY

The employees or agents of each party who are engaged in the performance of this AGREEMENT shall continue to be employees or agents of that party and shall not be considered for any purpose to be employees or agents of the other party.

# X. NONDISCRIMINATION

The parties agree not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment in the performance of this AGREEEMENT with respect to tenure, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment or any matter directly or indirectly related to employment on the basis of race, religion, creed, color, national origin, families with children, sex, marital status, sexual orientation (including gender identity), age, genetic history, honorably discharged veteran or military status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability, in compliance with (a) Presidential Executive Order 11246, as amended, including the Equal Opportunity Clause contained therein; (b) Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Act of 1974, as amended, and the Affirmative Action Clauses contained therein; (c) the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended; and (d) applicable non-discrimination laws of the state of Washington. Breach of this covenant may be regarded as a material breach.

# XI. MODIFICATION

This AGREEMENT may be modified or amended by mutual agreement of the parties. Such amendments shall not be binding unless they are in writing and signed by personnel authorized to bind each of the parties and attached to this AGREEMENT.

# XII. TERMINATION

This AGREEMENT may be terminated early for the convenience of the parties upon a one (1) year notice by either party. Any unearned lease payments shall be refunded by the PORT to WSU.

# XIII. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

If for any cause, any party does not fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this AGREEMENT, or if any party violates any of these terms and conditions, the aggrieved party will give the other party written notice of such failure or violation. The responsible party will be given the opportunity to correct the violation or failure within fifteen (15) working days; provided, however, that where such failure cannot reasonably be cured within such fifteen (15) day period, if the party failing to perform shall proceed promptly to cure the same and prosecute such cure with due diligence, the time for curing such breach shall be extended for such period of time as may be necessary to complete such cure; and provided further that if the responsible party certifies in good faith to the complaining party in writing that the breach has been cured, such breach shall be deemed to be cured unless the complaining party notifies the responsible party in writing within fifteen (15) days of receipt of such notice that such breach has not been cured. If the responsible party denies responsibility or fails to diligently proceed in good faith to cure said breach, the matter shall be submitted to mediation. If mediation is unsuccessful, the matter shall be submitted to final and binding arbitration through an arbitrator selected by all for the parties. If the parties are unable to agree to an arbitrator, the matter shall be submitted to arbitration through the American Arbitration Association. This dispute resolution process shall not apply to matters that are covered by the Insurance Clause of this AGREEMENT unless otherwise agreed by the parties.

#### XIV. GOVERNANCE

This AGREEMENT is entered into pursuant to and under the authority granted by the laws of the State of Washington and any applicable federal laws. The provisions of this AGREEMENT shall be construed to conform to those laws.

# XV. ASSIGNMENT

The rights and responsibilities of any party under this AGREEMENT may not be assigned without the express written consent of the other party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

#### XVI. WAIVER

A failure by any party to exercise its rights under this AGREEMENT shall not preclude that party from subsequent exercise of such rights and shall not constitute a waiver of any other rights under this AGREEMENT unless stated to be such in a writing signed by an authorized representative of the party and attached to the original AGREEMENT.

# XVII. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this AGREEMENT or any provision of any document incorporated by reference shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this

AGREEMENT which can be given effect without the invalid provision, if such remainder conforms to the requirements of applicable law and the fundamental purpose of this AGREEMENT, and to this end the provisions of this AGREEMENT are declared to be severable.

# XVIII. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This AGREEMENT and Attachment A contain all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties. No other understandings, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this AGREEMENT shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the parties hereto.

# XIX. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

The program manager for each of the parties shall administer this AGREEMENT and be responsible for and shall be the contact person for all communications and billings regarding the performance of this AGREEMENT.

The Contract Administrator for Washington State University is:

Name:

College or Department: Real Estate Office

Address: PO Box 641045, Pullman, WA 99164-1045

Mel Taylor

Telephone: (509) 335-2447 Fax: (509) 335-4050 Email: mhtaylor@wsu.edu

The Contract Administrator for the Port of Whitman is:

Name Joseph R. Poire

Address: 302 N Mill Street, Colfax, WA 99111

Telephone: (509) 397-3791 Fax: (509) 397-4758

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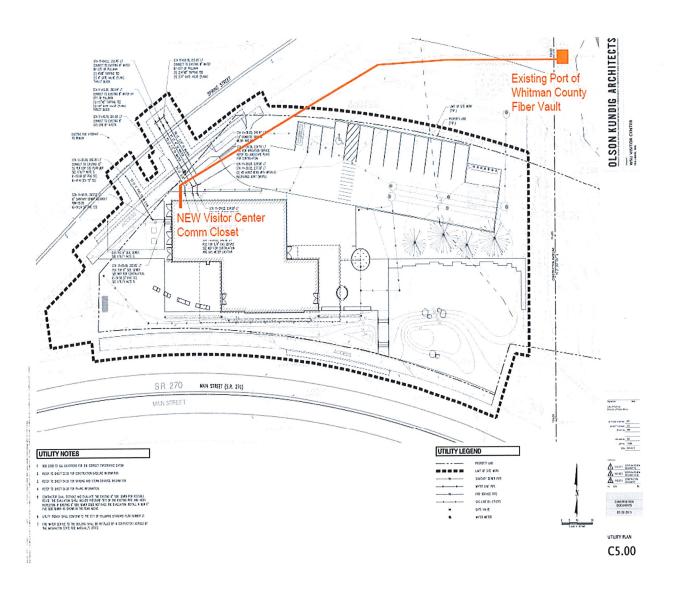
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# XX. SIGNATURES

The parties affirm they have designated the persons below to have signature authority for the parties. By their signatures on this AGREEMENT the parties agree to all of its terms and conditions.

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY	PORT OF WHITMAN COUNTY
Recommended by:	Approved by:
Name: Mel Taylor Title: Exe Director of Real Estate Date: // Jg-14	Name: Joseph R. Poire Title: Executive Director Date: 01-28-14
Approved by:	Approved as to form:
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Name: Amanda Owen	Name: BRUCE, FASCRY
Title: Contracts Manager	Title: Port, ATTORNEY
Date:	Date: 01/28/2014

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Map Exhibit: Pullman Vault 35 to Pullman Vault 69 (Neill Hall) - Segment of Neill Hall to WSU Visitor Center

Pullman Vault 35

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Pullman Vault 69 Fiber Optic Line