# MODEL ECONOMY ACT APPENDIX FOR FS FORM 7600A, GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS (GT&C) AGREEMENTS, THAT ARE NOT ACCOMPANIED BY A MOA (for use with non-DoD agencies)

This appendix template is intended to serve as a model for developing Economy Act agreements for support provided by USACE to non-DoD federal agencies using only a FS Form 7600A, or “GT&C Agreement,” rather than a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) accompanied by corresponding FS Forms 7600A and 7600B.

This appendix template documents specific terms and responsibilities, in addition to those set forth in a FS Form 7600A, to which the requesting and servicing agencies expressly agree. A completed version of this appendix template, containing all of the substantive information and verbiage herein, must be referenced in any FS Form 7600A under which USACE provides support to a non-DoD entity without an overarching Economy Act MOA. However, the model may be amended to include supplemental provisions necessary to reflect details specific to the parties or projects involved so long as the amendments do not conflict with any substantive provisions in the model and otherwise comply with existing statutory and regulatory requirements.

All final draft FS Forms 7600A and appendices must be reviewed by the appropriate Office of Counsel prior to execution. Changes made after review by the Office of Counsel, must be submitted to Office of Counsel for review prior to execution.

This model is intended for use with Economy Act and/or Project Order authority agreements, but may also be used as the initial drafting document for other authorized reimbursable transactions, so long as it is tailored to fit the specific authority relied upon and follows the DoD FMR provisions for Non-Economy Act transactions and any other applicable guidance. For agreements under authorities other than the Economy Act, the Office of Counsel should be engaged early and can assist in identifying the requirements for specific Non-Economy Act transactions.

**APPENDIX A**

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS AGREEMENT, FS FORM 7600A,

BETWEEN

THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

AND

THE [ORDERING ACTIVITY],

AGREEMENT NUMBER [**Insert agreement number from FS Form 7600A**].

ARTICLE I – AUTHORITY.

 This General Terms and Conditions Agreement (GT&C) and any orders executed hereunder are entered into pursuant to the Economy Act (31 U.S.C. § 1535).

ARTICLE II – SCOPE.

Services and any goods related thereto that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) may provide under this GT&C are limited to those described in block 11 and within amounts specified in block 9. The provision of services and any goods related thereto beyond such description or amounts shall require the modification of this GT&C or execution of a new GT&C by appropriate officials of each Party.

Nothing in this GT&C shall be construed to require the [ORDERING ACTIVITY] to use USACE or to require USACE to provide any services to the [ORDERING ACTIVITY], except as may be set forth in orders executed pursuant to Article IV of this Appendix.

ARTICLE III – INTERAGENCY COMMUNICATIONS.

To provide for consistent and effective communication between USACE and the [ORDERING ACTIVITY], each Party shall appoint a Principal Representative to serve as its central point of contact on matters relating to this GT&C. Additional representatives may also be appointed to serve as points of contact on individual orders. The Principal Representatives are as follows:

* + 1. [**Insert the name, position, address, phone, e-mail, of each Principal Representative from each organization**]

ARTICLE IV – ORDERS.

In response to requests from the [ORDERING ACTIVITY] for USACE assistance under this GT&C, USACE and the [ORDERING ACTIVITY] shall conclude mutually agreed upon written orders. Services and any goods related thereto shall be provided under this GT&C only after an appropriate order has been signed by an authorized representative of each Party. Prior to full implementation of G-Invoicing by both agencies, orders will be executed on FS Form 7600B (or another format acceptable to both Parties that contains the same substantive information as a FS Form 7600B). Once fully implemented, orders will be developed using the FS Form 7600B format in G-Invoicing.

By executing an order both Parties certify that the following Economy Act requirements have been met:

1. The [ORDERING ACTIVITY] has determined that funds are available;
2. The [ORDERING ACTIVITY] has determined that the order is in the best interest of the United States Government;
3. USACE has determined that it is able to provide or get by contract the ordered services and any goods related thereto; and
4. The [ORDERING ACTIVITY] has determined that the ordered services and any goods related thereto cannot be provided by contract as conveniently or economically by a commercial enterprise.

In addition to the above, when the provision of the ordered services or any goods related thereto under an order requires USACE to perform a contract action on behalf of the [ORDERING ACTIVITY], the [ORDERING ACTIVITY] must include the required Economy Act Determinations and Findings under FAR subpart 17.502-2 on each FS Form 7600B (or similar document) or provide separate written Determinations and Findings documents for each FS Form 7600B (or similar document).

Orders must include:

-a detailed scope of work statement;

-schedules;

-funding arrangements, including whether payment shall be in advance or by reimbursement;

-the amount of funds required and available to accomplish the scope of work;

-the [ORDERING ACTIVITY]'s fund citation and the date upon which the cited funds expire for obligation purposes;

-procedures for amending or modifying the order; and

-such other particulars as are necessary to describe clearly the obligations of the Parties with respect to the requested services and any goods related thereto.

In the event of a conflict between this GT&C and an order, this GT&C shall control.

ARTICLE V – RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES.

USACE shall:

1. Provide the [ORDERING ACTIVITY] with services and any goods related thereto in accordance with the purpose, terms, and conditions of this GT&C and any specific requirements set forth in orders and implementing arrangements.
2. Ensure that only authorized USACE representatives sign orders.
3. Provide detailed periodic progress, financial and other reports to the [ORDERING ACTIVITY] as agreed to in an order. Financial reports shall include information on all funds received, obligated, and expended, and any forecasted obligations and expenditures.
4. Inform the [ORDERING ACTIVITY] of all contracts entered into under each order.

 The [ORDERING ACTIVITY] shall:

1. Certify, prior to the execution of each order under this GT&C that the order complies with the requirements of the Economy Act and that any required written Economy Act Determinations and Findings have been completed in accordance with Article IV of this Appendix. **[NOTE: the Corps office involved should obtain a copy of any required written D&F prior to executing an order.]**
2. Pay all costs associated with USACE's provisions of services and any goods related thereto under this GT&C and certify, at the time of signature of an order, the availability of funds necessary to accomplish that order.
3. Ensure that only authorized [ORDERING ACTIVITY] representativessign orders.
4. Develop draft orders to include scope of work statements.
5. Obtain for USACE all necessary real estate interests and access to all work sites and support facilities, and perform all coordination with and obtain any permits from state and local agencies, as necessary during the execution of each order.

ARTICLE VI – FUNDING

This GT&C does not document the obligation of funds between the Parties. Any obligation of funds in support of this GT&C will be accomplished by executing an order on a FS Form 7600B (or similar document) in accordance with Article IV of this Appendix.

The [ORDERING ACTIVITY] shall pay all costs associated with USACE's provision of services and any goods related thereto under this GT&C. USACE shall bill the [ORDERING ACTIVITY] monthly for costs incurred using Standard Form (SF) 1080, Voucher for Transfers Between Appropriations and/or Funds. The [ORDERING ACTIVITY] will use the Intra-Governmental Payment and Collection System (IPAC) to automatically reimburse USACE. Upon request by USACE, the [ORDERING ACTIVITY] shall provide funds in advance of any obligation. Bills rendered will not be subject to audit in advance of payment.

If USACE forecasts its actual costs under an order to exceed the amount of funds available under that order, it shall promptly notify the [ORDERING ACTIVITY] of the amount of additional funds necessary to complete the work under that order. The [ORDERING ACTIVITY] shall either provide the additional funds to USACE, require that the scope of work be limited to that which can be paid for by the then-available funds, or direct termination of the work under that order.

Within 90 days of completing the work under an order, USACE shall conduct an accounting to determine the actual costs of the work. Within 30 days of completion of this accounting, USACE shall return to the [ORDERING ACTIVITY] any funds advanced in excess of the actual costs as then known, or the [ORDERING ACTIVITY] shall provide any additional funds necessary to cover the actual costs as then known. Such an accounting shall in no way limit the [ORDERING ACTIVITY]'s duty in accordance with Article X to pay for any costs, such as contract claims or other liability, which may become known after the final accounting.

ARTICLE VII – APPLICABLE LAWS.

This GT&C and all documents and actions pursuant to it shall be governed by the applicable statutes, regulations, directives, and procedures of the United States. Unless otherwise required by law, all contract work undertaken by USACE shall be governed by USACE policies and procedures.

ARTICLE VIII – CONTRACT CLAIMS AND DISPUTES

All claims and disputes by contractors arising under or relating to contracts awarded by USACE shall be resolved in accordance with Federal law and the terms of the individual contract. USACE shall have dispute resolution authority for these claims. Any contracting officer's final decision may be appealed by the contractor pursuant to the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 (41 U.S.C. §§ 7101-7109). The Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals (ASBCA) is designated as the appropriate board of contract appeals. In lieu of appealing to the ASBCA or its successor, the contractor may bring an action directly to the United States Court of Federal Claims.

USACE shall be responsible for handling all disputes arising under or relating to the contracts, including litigation involving disputes and appeals, and for coordinating with the Department of Justice as appropriate. USACE shall notify the [ORDERING ACTIVITY] of any such disputes and litigation and afford the [ORDERING ACTIVITY] an opportunity to review and comment on the proceedings and any resulting settlement negotiations, however, as provided above, USACE shall be the dispute resolution authority and will make all decisions regarding contractor claims and disputes, including whether to accept or propose any settlement. The [ORDERING ACTIVITY] shall be responsible for all such costs in accordance with Article X.

ARTICLE IX – DISPUTE RESOLUTION

For disputes that fall outside the purview of the Treasury Financial Manual referenced in block 16, or as otherwise mutually agreed by the Parties, the Parties shall use their best efforts to resolve any such disputes between themselves in an informal fashion through consultation and communication, or other forms of non-binding alternative dispute resolution mutually acceptable to the Parties. In the event such measures fail to resolve the dispute, the Parties shall elevate the issue through their respective chains of command and, if needed, refer the matter to the respective executive agency of each Party for resolution.

ARTICLE X — RESPONSIBILITY FOR COSTS

If liability of any kind is imposed on the United States relating to USACE's provision of services and any goods related thereto under this GT&C, USACE will accept accountability for its actions, but the [ORDERING ACTIVITY] shall remain responsible as the program proponent for providing such funds as are necessary to discharge the liability and all related costs, to include any litigation expenses incurred by USACE in defending a claim or dispute associated with the work. This obligation extends to all funds legally available to discharge this liability, including funds that may be made legally available through transfer, reprogramming or other means. Should the [ORDERING ACTIVITY] have insufficient funds legally available, including funds that may be made legally available through transfer, reprogramming or other means, the [ORDERING ACTIVITY] remains responsible for seeking additional funds from Congress for such purposes, subject to OMB approval. Nothing in this GT&C shall be construed to imply that Congress will, at a later date, appropriate funds sufficient to meet any such deficiencies.

Notwithstanding the above, this GT&C does not confer any liability upon the [ORDERING ACTIVITY] for claims payable by USACE under the Federal Torts Claims Act. Provided further that nothing in this GT&C is intended or will be construed to create any rights or remedies for any third party and no third party is intended to be a beneficiary of this GT&C.

ARTICLE XI – PUBLIC INFORMATION

Justification and explanation of the [ORDERING ACTIVITY]'s programs before Congress and other agencies, departments, and offices of the Federal Executive Branch shall be the responsibility of the [ORDERING ACTIVITY]. USACE may provide, upon request, any assistance necessary to support the [ORDERING ACTIVITY]'s justification or explanations of the [ORDERING ACTIVITY]'s programs conducted under this GT&C. In general, the [ORDERING ACTIVITY] is responsible for all public information. USACE may make public announcements and respond to all inquiries relating to the ordinary procurement and contract award and administration process. The [ORDERING ACTIVITY] or USACE shall make its best efforts to give the other Party advance notice before making any public statement regarding work contemplated, undertaken, or completed pursuant to orders under this GT&C.

ARTICLE XII - MISCELLANEOUS

1. Other Relationships or Obligations: This GT&C shall not affect any pre-existing or independent relationships or obligations between the [ORDERING ACTIVITY] and USACE.
2. Survival: The provisions of this GT&C that require performance after the expiration or termination of this GT&C shall remain in force notwithstanding the expiration or termination of this GT&C.
3. Severability: If any provision of this GT&C is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in force and unaffected to the fullest extent permitted by law and regulation.
4. Transferability: This GT&C is not transferable except with the written consent of the Parties.

ARTICLE XIII – REQUIRED REVIEWS

The Parties will review this GT&C annually on or around the anniversary of its effective date for financial impacts and triennially in its entirety.

ARTICLE XIV – AMENDMENT, MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION

This GT&C may be modified or amended only by written, mutual agreement of the Parties. Either Party may unilaterally terminate this GT&C by providing at least 180 days written notice to the other Party. In the event of termination, the [ORDERING ACTIVITY] shall continue to be responsible for all costs incurred by USACE under this GT&C and for the costs of closing out or transferring any on-going contracts.

ARTICLE XV – EFFECTIVE DATE

This GT&C takes effect beginning on the day after the last Party signs or the start date specified in block 4, whichever is later.

ARTICLE XVI – EXPIRATION DATE

This GT&C expires on end date specified in block 4.

ARTICLE XVII – CANCELATION OF PREVIOUS AGREEMENT **[use only as needed]**

This GT&C cancels and supersedes the previously signed agreement between the same Parties with the title **[insert title and number of the previous Agreement (should coincide with block 2]** executed on **[insert execution date of previous agreement]**.