MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
U.S.A.

AND

CENTRO INTERNACIONAL PARA DESARROLLO SOSTENIBLE (CIDES)
INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

FUNDACIÓN CIUDAD DEL SABER/CITY OF KNOWLEDGE FOUNDATION
Republic of Panama

This Memorandum of Understanding is hereby entered into by and between Iowa State University College of Agriculture and International Center for Sustainable Development (CIDES) and the City of Knowledge Foundation.

WHEREAS Iowa State University College of Agriculture and International Center for Sustainable Development (CIDES) and the City of Knowledge Foundation are seeking an affiliation arrangement that would allow for future mutually beneficial programs and activities, it is agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

A. Iowa State University College of Agriculture and International Center for Sustainable Development (CIDES) and the City of Knowledge Foundation agree to collaborate and develop the program Sustainable Development In The Tropics: International Academic Program For Arts And Sciences in Panama and the Central American Region. Courses and topics taught in this program will be conducted under the guidance and approval of the program director and will include the following thematic areas of sustainable development:

1) Historical and Modern Dimensions in Sustainable Development in the Tropics
2) Role of Agricultural Systems and Integrating Social, Economic, and Environmental Dimensions in Sustainable Development at Local, Regional and Global Levels.
3) Developing and Using Ecosystemic Approaches in Sustainable Development Problems
4) Utilizing and Integrating the Arts and Sciences for Sustainable Development
5) Academically credited Internships in Sustainable Development in Panama
6) Credited or non-credited courses in Spanish for students interested in Sustainable Development
B. Iowa State University College of Agriculture will provide faculty leadership, project coordination and supervision, and academic credit for students enrolled in Sustainable Development In The Tropics: International Academic Program For Arts And Sciences. Academic credits for this program may be awarded through approved agreements with other accredited institutions if students successfully meet the standards set forth for this program. The content and delivery of program topics and subject matter will be jointly developed and approved by all parties of this agreement in a manner that supports the instructional goals of Iowa State University and International Center for Sustainable Development (CIDES) and the City of Knowledge Foundation. Iowa State University, in cooperation with the acting parties of this agreement, will appoint a program director for the Sustainable Development In The Tropics: International Academic Program For Arts And Sciences. The program director will provide oversight to all decisions associated with the program.

C. It is the intention of all parties to offer this program on an annual basis. This academic program will be conducted and maintained on a student-fee basis; thus, final numbers of student participants will determine program viability. The annual date of program confirmation will be January 15th. Student fees for this program may vary depending on tuition agreements, program costs, or participation agreements with other institutions associated with this program.

D. International Center for Sustainable Development (CIDES) and the City of Knowledge Foundation will be the host site for the academic program and will provide on-site coordination of facilities, tours, and program participants including local lecturers in cooperation with faculty leaders at Iowa State University. The location of this academic program may be hosted at other international sites if warranted or deemed desirable.

ARTICLE II

Any expenses incurred by representatives of the respective parties to this Memorandum of Understanding shall be paid by the respective institutions unless set forth in writing and agreed upon mutually.

ARTICLE III

Iowa State University College of Agriculture, International Center for Sustainable Development (CIDES) and the City of Knowledge Foundation shall evaluate progress and achievement relative to the performance of this Memorandum of Understanding on an annual basis.

ARTICLE IV

This Memorandum of Understanding shall become effective from the date of the last signature. This agreement is initially for a five-year period, extendible by mutual agreement. Either party may cancel this Memorandum of Understanding by providing the other party written notice to this effect 30 days in advance of the intended termination. Such cancellation will not impact programs already underway or in the final stages of preparation.
ARTICLE V

Amendments to this Memorandum of Understanding may only be effected by mutual consent of the parties and set forth in written form.

ARTICLE VI

Each institution shall be responsible for providing necessary insurance (workers' compensation or health insurance as is its usual custom) for its representatives participating in the performance of this Memorandum of Understanding.

In the spirit of mutual collaboration and cooperation and with the intention of furthering the exchange of knowledge and the creation of mutually beneficial programs and activities, the Memorandum of Understanding is formalized with the signatures below.

APPROVED:

David Acker, Associate Dean
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Date: December 20, 2006

Rodrigo Tarte, Executive Director
International Center for Sustainable Development (CIDES), Republic of Panama

Date: December 27, 2006

Jorge R. Arosemena, Executive Director
City of Knowledge Foundation
Republic of Panama

Date: December 28, 2006