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**DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE,
NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, FARGO, USA
AND
DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE
MALAVIYA NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, JAIPUR, INDIA**

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

I. PREAMBLE

In accordance with a mutual objective to promote further cooperation between India and the United States of America, the Department of Architecture, Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT), and the Department of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, North Dakota State University (NDSU) hereby jointly enter into a bilateral linkage, focusing on the development of their departments' programs. They will jointly develop and implement activities to improve their capacities to serve their respective clientele in India and in the United States of America. This linkage is developed based upon the departments' commonality of interests and their belief that a linkage between them would strengthen their joint and individual capacities.

II. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this linkage are to develop long-term cooperative activities. The activities may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Under the supervision of a faculty member from NDSU, approximately 15 students from the Department of Architecture and Landscape Architecture at NDSU will from January 2010 until April 2010 complete courses which are:

- a. conducted at MNIT;
- b. equivalent to NDSU courses required as part of the relevant NDSU curriculum;
- c. jointly taught by the NDSU faculty member and faculty members from MNIT;
- d. open to enrollment by students of MNIT.

III. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

The Department of Architecture and Landscape Architecture (North Dakota State University) and the Department of Architecture, Malaviya National Institute of Technology jointly agree to develop and establish provisions for program implementation that will serve the mutual interest of both institutions.

It is understood that the details of joint activities, conditions for utilization of results achieved, and arrangements for specific visits, exchanges and other forms of cooperation will be negotiated for each specific type of activity.

Specific areas of cooperation include:

- a) NDSU will provide payment to MNIT to cover the expenses for NDSU's students' accommodation, food and other service expenses.
- b) MNIT will provide NDSU students with access to its facilities (including studio, classroom space, library, internet facilities and computer center) appropriate for completion of coursework.

- c) MNIT will provide support to arrange tours.
- d) MNIT will provide living accommodations with amenities, including air conditioning, 24-hour running hot and cold water, laundry facilities, Internet connection (wireless is acceptable), TV lounge, basic furnishings including bed, linen, cutlery, microwave oven and fridge.
- e) MNIT will ensure access to quality medical care in a hospital with outpatient, emergency and inpatient services.
- f) MNIT will provide a local host program, where students connect with local families, preferably families associated with MNIT (families of faculty, staff, etc.).

It is also understood that financial arrangements will be negotiated in each specific type of activity and will depend upon the availability of funds. Each party agrees to seek financial resources for supporting the exchange and collaboration. The contact and exchanges between the two parties shall be on the basis of friendship, equality, and mutual assistance.

The linkage program at North Dakota State University will be directly under the Associate Vice President of Equity, Diversity, & Global Outreach. The program at the Malaviya National Institute of Technology will be under the jurisdiction of the Head of the Department of Architecture.

IV. TERMS OF AGREEMENT

This agreement is effective on the date of the last signature hereto and will remain in effect for an initial period of three years and may be extended for a period as mutually agreed by both the parties. The agreement can be terminated at any time by either party by giving three months notice. In the event of termination by either party, any students and/or faculty of NDSU which are currently on-site at MNIT shall be allowed to complete the current semester or prearranged amount of time they are currently participating in.

The activities under this agreement will be reviewed on an annual basis as mutually agreed and plans for future activities will be developed each year immediately following the review.

