The University of Puerto Rico – Mayagüez Campus, hereby represented by its Chancellor, and the Institution (DESS PATRONAL), hereby represented by (_______________), are interested in an initiative to improve the scientific, technological, and managerial aspects of the Geographical Information Systems and Remote Sensing as specified in the following guidelines:

1. The initiative, identified as “PaSCoR Alliance”, will receive active cooperation from the University of Puerto Rico – Mayagüez Campus, hereinafter called “Campus”, and from (_________________________), hereinafter called “Alliance Institution”, as well as from other institutions that could contribute to successfully achieve the Alliance objectives.

2. The PaSCoR Alliance main objectives are to:

   2.1 Contribute to the technological development of institutions and universities improving its technological and managerial capacity in the areas of Geographic Information Systems and Remote Sensing (GIS/RS).

   2.2 Raise awareness of students of the universities participating in the Alliance of the diverse research problems related to GIS/RS technology, so that they can contribute to their solution.

   2.3 Increase the number and quality of GIS/RS professionals in Puerto Rico.

3 In order to achieve these objectives, the Campus will support the PaSCoR Alliance in the following manner:

   3.1 It will provide the students the opportunity to participate in undergraduate research in the Alliance Institution.

   3.2 It will promote scholarships financed with external research funds to those undergraduate students that perform research work for Alliance projects.
3.3 It will provide researchers and students working in Alliance projects access to its research facilities.

3.4 It will facilitate institutional and professional relations among university or Alliance institution professors and students and the Campus, as well as other universities and institutions that are PaSCoR Alliance members.

3.5 It will provide university professor or professionals of institutions that are PaSCoR Alliance members the opportunity to conduct research that can be of interest in the Campus in collaboration with Campus and/or other Alliance institutions researchers and students, through short and periodic visits.

3.6 It will collaborate in the transmission of information meant to support science and technology research and education in the university or institution, and the identification of specialized human resources in the Campus and other Alliance institutions.

4 The PaSCoR Alliance institution or university will provide support to the Alliance in the following manner:

4.1 It will provide PaSCoR undergraduate students the opportunity to participate in internships.

4.2 It will provide its professors the opportunity to use their sabbatical years to participate in teaching and research activities, or provide its professionals the opportunity to participate in Alliance projects.

4.3 It will participate, if possible in Alliance conferences and workshops held at the UPR – Mayagüez Campus. If possible, will co-sponsor conferences, research or other PaSCoR Alliance activities.

4.4 It will provide researchers, students, and professionals of other Alliance institutions performing PaSCoR projects access to their research facilities, and will facilitate PaSCoR research work meant to be conducted by other Alliance institutions.

4.5 It will collaborate in the dissemination of information to support research work, science education and technology in other Alliance institution, and identify GIS/RS specialized human resources among its personnel or in other institutions.

4.6 It will provide Alliance university professors the opportunity to conduct research of interest in the Campus or in other Alliance institutions through short and periodic visits.

4.7 It will collaborate with PaSCoR in the review of technical information, as well as in the evaluation of research proposals.

5 The Campus, university, or other Alliance – member institution will look for the following:

5.1 Maintain a continuous exchange of information on projects and relevant results.
5.2 Identify GIS/RS related areas in which professors or professionals and facilities of both institutions will complement each other in possible joint research projects or GIS/RS technology implementation.

5.3 Develop joint programs for professors, undergraduate students, or professionals' exchange for human resources training in the fields of education, research, and GIS/RS technology implementation.

6 General policy:

6.1 This memorandum of understanding shall not be interpreted as a document that creates a legal or financial bidding relation between the parties. This memorandum of understanding constitutes a declaration of the intention to promote joint research and undergraduate education, and professional training in the GIS/RS field. Nothing herein expressed will affect the rights of both parties to reach similar agreements with other institutions.

6.2 Upon the start of any joint research project, both parties will reach agreements related to intellectual property that could result out of the project.

6.3 This agreement may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of both parties.

6.4 This constitutes the full understanding between the Campus and the institution as PaSCoR Alliance sponsors. Either party upon (30) thirty days written notice to the other party may terminate this agreement.

6.5 The Alliance - member institution designates _____________________________ to serve as liaison among the initiatives that could arise out of this agreement.

In testimony thereof, the Campus, university, or Alliance - member institution authorized representatives hereby sign the Memorandum of Understanding and accept all its parts.

This day _______ of ______________________, 20__.

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