Purpose: The Chesapeake Science and Security Corridor (CSSC) was initiated in December 2005 as a coordinated, multijurisdictional marketing effort. Its purpose, to foster regionally coordinated communication, information, and planning strategies within the Central and Northeastern Maryland Region, is unprecedented and has been embraced by the member jurisdictions. Additionally, there are opportunities to increase this regional cooperation among the members as well as their Strategic Partners as the CSSC moves forward to meet the challenges and opportunities presented by Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC). It is clear that the citizens of this region are best served by the multijurisdictional cooperation of all governmental entities.

Policy Statement: The CSSC Members and Strategic Partners will strive to serve the public's health, safety, and welfare through cooperation and coordination of plans and programs that accommodate economic growth, and residential and commercial development.

Parties: The parties to this Memorandum of Understanding consist of the jurisdictions that comprise the CSSC as follows: Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Harford County and Cecil County, hereby known as the Member Jurisdictions. Aberdeen Proving Ground will participate in an advisory capacity to the CSSC. Additionally, other regional organizations hereby known as Strategic Partners include: Lancaster County, PA; York County, PA; New Castle County, DE; the Baltimore Metropolitan Council; the Greater Baltimore Committee; the Economic Alliance of Greater Baltimore; and the Wilmington Area Planning Council.

Fundamental Guiding Principle and Goals

Principle: The Member Jurisdictions and Strategic Partners mutually agree that coordinated regional efforts will serve as the key ingredient to successfully meeting the following goals:

Goals:

1. Support rational growth and redevelopment patterns that lead to an improved environment, a better business climate, and a higher quality of life in and around the CSSC.
2. Review infrastructure requirements and constraints including water and wastewater, solid waste, transportation and higher education opportunities.
3. Coordinate compatible multijurisdictional goals, objectives and policies to guide development and resource protection.
4. Establish formal and informal forums to ensure continuing communication for information sharing.
5. Promote collaboration and coordination of economic development actions and strategies.
6. Share information resources to affect common objectives.
Each jurisdiction recognizes the ability of the members and partners to develop or implement solutions to growth management concerns and to develop plans for land uses located within or adjacent to their respective jurisdictions in a manner consistent with all respective Comprehensive Master plans.

Therefore, the Member Jurisdictions and the Strategic Partners agree to:

1. Work cooperatively on planning, marketing, environmental and infrastructure issues having multijurisdictional implications and solutions;

2. Convene quarterly with representatives of the Member Jurisdictions and Strategic Partners to facilitate the flow of information and develop strategies to support the CSSC goals as outlined herein;

3. Develop common approaches to data collection, analysis, mapping efforts, and infrastructure capacities to insure a coordinated regional response to enhanced activities occurring within the CSSC;

4. Share data and information regarding population projections, employment opportunities, contractor activities, and economic development strategies affecting the CSSC; and

5. Utilize the CSSC Funding Committee to expedite regional funding requests through the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) as well as explore other funding opportunities to address regional priorities, and abide by OEA policies and procedures with Harford County Economic Development's Regional BRAC Office as the CSSC Fund Administrator.
The terms of this Memorandum of Understanding shall expire, but be eligible for renewal based upon consent of Member Jurisdictions, on September 15, 2011.

Signed this 25 day of April in the year 2007

Member Jurisdictions

David R. Craig
Harford County Executive

Sheila Dixon
Mayor, Baltimore City

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AMENDMENT TO THE CHESAPEAKE SCIENCE AND SECURITY CORRIDOR CONSORTIUM
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Purpose: To amend The Chesapeake Science and Security Corridor Consortium Memorandum of Understanding to include Chester County, PA as a Strategic Partner.

The CSSC was formed on April 25th by way of the signing of the main document of the Memorandum of Understanding. Participating jurisdictions are Harford County, Cecil County, Baltimore County, Baltimore City, New Castle County, DE, Lancaster County, PA, and York County, PA, as well as the Wilmington Area Metropolitan Planning Council, Baltimore Metropolitan Council, Greater Baltimore Committee, Aberdeen Proving Ground and the Economic Alliance of Greater Baltimore. Chester County, PA is well within the region, and a mutual decision was made to include Chester County as a Strategic Partner of the Consortium by way of this amendment.

Chester County, PA agrees to the terms of the CSSC Memorandum of Understanding and joins the regional effort of the CSSC.

The terms of this Memorandum of Understanding shall expire, but be eligible for renewal based upon consent of Member Jurisdictions, on September 15, 2011.

Signed this 25 day of September in the year 2007.

Carole Aichele
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Chester County, PA

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